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"Endo" the road

Georgetown resident Jason Payne, 19, shows off the "endo," one of two bicycle tricks he discovered while riding home from Kelso Conservation Area on Thursday. The other trick was sitting on the bicycle's handlebars facing towards the saddle and pedaling backwards. These tricks came about when his rear tire went flat that day. He realized the only way to ride without damaging the rear tire was to have all of his weight at the front of the bicycle. The "endo" was unsuccessful because he was unable to pedal forward. The pedaling backwards act was little better but since he couldn't have eyes in the back of his head, he wouldn't recommend it. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

AIDS victim refused service in restaurant

By VIRGINIA WILSON
Herald Special

An Acton restaurant Monday agreed to a tentative settlement with a Guelph woman, who complained to the Human Rights Commission she was refused service because she has the AIDS virus.

The settlement could include "public education" through local newspapers that the AIDS virus cannot be spread through casual contact, a commission lawyer, Tony Griffin, indicated.

The board of inquiry held in Guelph is believed to be the first in Ontario dealing with denial of services on the basis of AIDS, said hearing chairman Peter Mercer.

Mr. Mercer, dean of law at University of Western Ontario, issued what he called a "highly extraordinary" ban on publication of the woman's name.

(The Herald's legal adviser has determined the ruling has no validity. The newspaper, however, has decided to abide by the ruling for compassionate reasons.)

The thrust of the commission is to hold public inquiry into complaints about discrimination, Mr. Mercer said.

Mr. Mercer denied a motion by lawyer Gord Chapman to ban publication of his clients' names, George and Georgia Halis, owners of the Acton Restaurant.

"Justice was done in the proper way," the woman said after the hearing.

The Guelph mother of three said she was refused service in

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There have to be extraordinary reasons for a ban, such as medical circumstances, Mr. Mercer said.

The owners at first wanted the entire hearing public so all the facts would come out, Mr. Chapman said, but later wanted the same privilege as the complainant.

Mr. Mercer agreed with Mr. Chapman that "on the surface there is an appearance of unfairness," but added the restaurant's situation could not be compared to that of the woman.

Mr. Mercer said the adverse effect publicity would have on the woman outweighed the value of publicizing human rights inquiries.

"The issue of AIDS and AIDS transmission led me to make an extraordinary ruling... because of the personal repercussions she might suffer and her family might suffer."

In the case of the restaurant, he said, "all we have at this point is an allegation of discrimination of services."

Goodlet's is making history

The 110-year-old Goodlet's building in downtown Georgetown is making history.

Halton Hills town councillors voted Monday night to designate the former hardware store under the Ontario Heritage Act. If there are no objections to this proposal in 30 days, the town can enact a bylaw to give the Main Street South building protection.

The building was originally constructed in 1879 by Dougal Reid, who first used the building as a hardware store.

Mr. Reid was a Scottish immigrant who worked for hardware store owner James Young before opening his own shop in 1861. In 1878, he bought a piece of property from Mr. Young for \$1,050. This is where he built the present three-storey structure, according to LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee).

When Dougal died, his sons took over the business until their deaths. Jack Reid died in 1945, and James Goodlet purchased the store.

James Goodlet was also from Scotland. He moved to Georgetown in 1937 and purchased the Budget Groceteria on Main Street South.

When he opened Goodlet's store, it carried a full line of electrical and hardware supplies.

Jim Goodlet Sr. retired in 1981 and the business was purchased by his sons Jim and Brian, who were later joined by their brother, Doug.

The business now deals mainly with appliances and furniture, but there is still a supply of hardware.