

## Students can get emotional help

Students with emotional problems and their families can get treatment at the children's assessment and treatment centre soon to open at E.C. Drury High School in Milton.

The Milton centre will offer "confidential" meetings with a

social worker or psychologist and the trouble child, program director Heather Cooks said.

"It's for children who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, learning or social difficulties."

"If you can help them, in the long

run they are going to achieve more academically."

Mrs. Cook said it was "hard to answer" how many people would come to the Milton facility when it opens Oct. 10, but she said a program in Burlington has been successful since it opened in 1975.

The ministry of community and social services gave a grant of \$335,300 to expand the health centre services in 1988. The Milton centre will serve all of North Halton, Mrs. Cook said.

Families will visit the health centre for three to four months on the average. "We really try to work on a short-term intervention," Mrs. Cook said. "What you want to do is relieve some of the pressure" attached to emotional problems.

Often pre-teen boys and teenage girls undergo difficulties, she said. Girls aged 13 and 14 "could be experiencing some depression, issues around autonomy and parent-child conflicts," Mrs. Cook said.

Boys at ages nine to 11 tend to "act out" when they have problems. They can get involved in fights, begin to steal or show "defiant" behavior.

The Milton centre will staff a family therapist, a social worker, a child and youth worker, and a psychologist. The staff is small but "multi-disciplinary," Mrs. Cook said.

Children will meet with the professional staff either as individuals or with family members. "The first thing we want to do is figure out what's troubling them," Mrs. Cook said.

"We tend to do a lot of family work because children, a lot of the problems they experience have to do with how they see themselves fitting into the family."

## Opening of Fiddler will be a gala event

By BARB DUNLEAVY

Opening night of Fiddler on the Roof will be a bit different from past opening nights for Globe Productions. The evening of Nov. 16 is going to be a gala evening and the audience is invited for dessert and coffee in the Gallery after the show.

Globe will also be making a donation to the Ralph Ursel Memorial Fund out of the proceeds of the gala evening.

This fund was started in 1986 by friends of Ralph Ursel in the art community.

Ralph was a co-founder of the Georgetown Choral Society; founder of the original Globe Productions; founder of Halton Hills Arts Council; Georgetown Citizen of the Year in 1983; valued member of the Rotary Club for many years; teacher of music at Georgetown District High School;

and was instrumental in getting the Cultural Centre project started.

Interest on the funds donated to the Ralph Ursel Memorial Fund provides the entertainment at the annual brunch held in Ralph's memory.

Tickets for Fiddler's opening night gala are the same price as all other performances, \$10.

The show dates are Nov. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2. Curtain time is 8 p.m. for the evening performances. Matinees will be on Sunday, Nov. 17 and 26 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at Royal LePage Real Estate, 160 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

## Public meeting process won't be changed

A Halton Hills planning staff suggestion to pare down the public meeting process for condominium and subdivision projects was rejected.

Town councillors responded to a recommendation made by deputy planning director Bruce MacLean. Mr. MacLean explained that a provincial law reduced the 35-day public notice of meeting to 20 days. He also suggested that the town could save time by "streamlining" a process that could sometimes mean two public meetings are held on the same application.

"Should you wish to save time, we are suggesting that you no longer hold public meetings for all applications," he said.

But councillors say they want to keep the system as it is. All applications will undergo the public meeting process.

Coun. Joe Hewitt said he does not want to "cut out" the public process. "The public's right to know and right to be involved is crucially important."

Acton Coun. Rick Bonnette said he would like to keep the public meeting a "standard procedure."

Councillors heard that developers could be slowed down by all the public meetings. But Ac-

ton Coun. Norm Elliott said public meetings are a small part of a time-consuming process.

"If it was only public meetings that were to delay developers, they wouldn't have any grey hairs on their heads."

"But if there was any one (meeting) that was not posted as a public meeting, it would probably cause (councillors) more grief than going through the process."

Georgetown Coun. Ann Currie said the public meeting process may slow things down, but "in this case, I'll sacrifice efficiency for... the good of the public."

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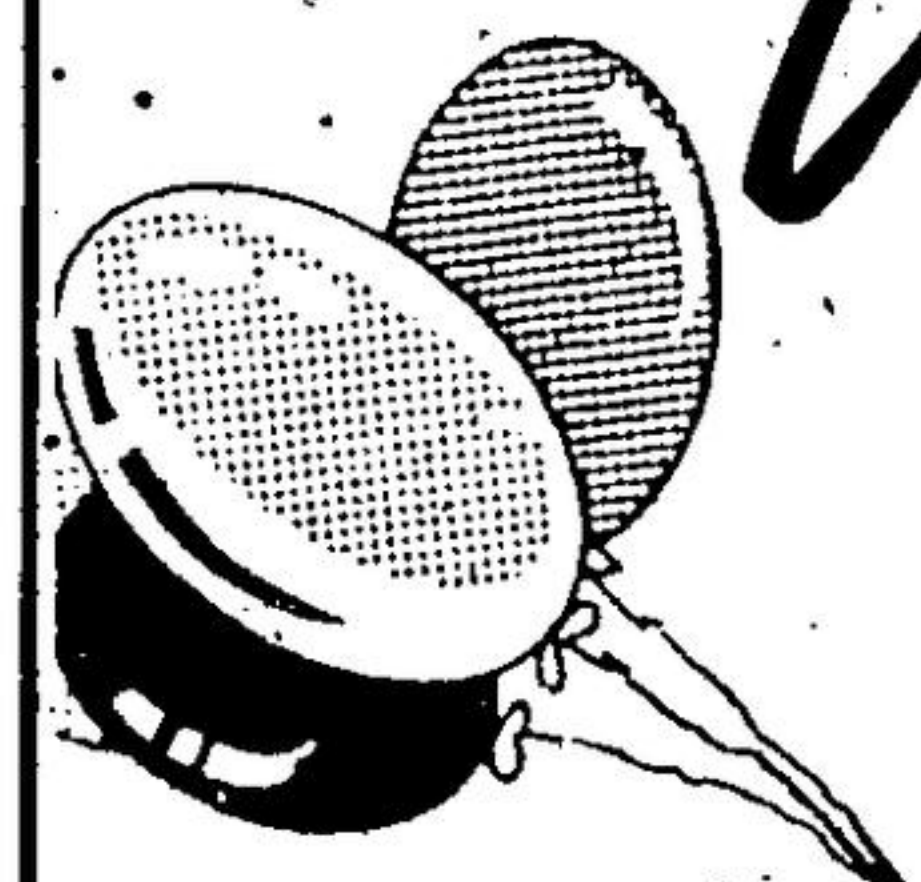
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