

Off to Venezuela

'Eagerness to learn' pays off for Grade 13 co-op student

When Georgetown District High School student Corinna Stephens goes to work for Goliger's Travel this Monday, she won't be going to the travel agency's Georgetown office. Instead she'll be taking off to Margarita Islands - a group of islands off the coast of Venezuela.

The Grade 13 co-op student will be one of 40 travel agents spending three days and four nights touring the islands' hotels, and sites, listening to presentations, meeting with the tourist board and learning about anything else a tourist would need to know before embarking on a trip to the Margaritas.

The "familiarization trip" as it is referred to in the business, gives travel agents the opportunity to check out a destination to ensure everything advertised about the vacation spot is accurate, says Mari Anne Laitar, a Goliger Travel agent and Corinna's supervisor.

The trip is being arranged by Regent Holidays.

Ms. Laitar said Corinna will be expected to write a report that will be distributed to the 72 Goliger's travel agencies across Canada. It will be used as a reference when informing clients about the area. The report will also be counted towards Corinna's co-op mark.

Ms. Laitar said she decided to give Corinna this opportunity because of her "eagerness to learn" and strong work ethic.

Corinna is the first co-op student at Goliger's to participate on a familiarization trip. The company has had eight students, some of whom were community college students, Ms. Laitar said.

She said Corinna has been in-

involved in all aspects of the Goliger operation ranging from keeping the travel magazines in order to using the computer to giving out travel information to making travel bookings.

Corinna said the only thing that makes her nervous about the trip is making a good impression. "I'm going there as a representative of Goliger's," she said.

Corinna said she wanted to do

her co-op at Goliger's because she loves travel and people. Those are must qualities for any successful travel agent, she adds.

"The main thing about this job is personality because you are always dealing with people," Ms. Laitar said.

After completing high school Corinna plans to study travel and tourism at a community college and travel.



Georgetown District High School student Corinna Stephens receives some helpful hints from her supervisor at the Goliger's Travel, Mari Anne Laitar, about making a travel booking. Mari Anne Laitar has been so impressed with the work of the 17-year-old co-op student that Goliger's is sending Corinna on a "familiarization trip" to the Margarita Islands off the coast of Venezuela. (Herald photo)

Sunday shopping

Police will watch supermarkets

Halton Regional Police can handle the burden of patrolling supermarkets that open illegally this Sunday, Deputy Chief John Barratt said Thursday.

"It doesn't take any special enforcement. It's something we've done regularly," Dep. Chief Barratt said of the police's role in charging supermarkets that illegally open Sunday.

"We'll just handle it as we always do."

The four national supermarket giants - A and P, Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd., Miracle Food Mart and the Oshawa Group Ltd. - will open in Halton Hills this Sunday, Committee for Fair Shopping spokesman and A and P and Dominion executive vice president Wayne Luedtke said Thursday.

Mr. Luedtke said the super-

markets are not being treated "fairly" by the Regions of Halton, Peel, York and Niagara who rejected the committee's bid to open Sunday. Under the Retail Business Holidays Act amended last February, Regions can grant Sunday opening exemptions.

Halton Regional council Wednesday voted to ask Halton police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott, to investigate harsh penalties for those who open illegally Sunday.

Halton's legal department will apply to the Ontario Supreme Court to close the supermarkets who announce their intention to illegally open Sunday.

The Region will also ask Halton police to enforce the maximum \$50,000 fine or penalty of Sunday's

gross sales for stores violating the provincial shopping law, Halton's legal commissioner, Mark Meneray, said.

Halton police will confer with other departments to determine if the supermarket chains can be charged with counselling to commit an offence under the Provincial Offences Act.

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said Wednesday, Sunday openings are being treated as a crime.

"It's a flagrant abuse of the law and we're not going to tolerate it. It has nothing to do with Sunday opening. It has to do with lawbreakers.

"They've abused their privilege to use this forum (Halton council) to apply for Sunday shopping exemptions," he said.

Town wants quicker action on speed limit

The town of Halton Hills will send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation to speed up delivery of a traffic sign to slow cars down west of Acton.

Cars travelling "80 or 90 kilometres an hour around that curve" on Highway 7 at Highway 25 prompted Acton Councillor Norm Elliott to ask for an immediate reduction to 50 kilometres an hour.

"It was my impression that the speed limit sign had been agreed upon for a reduction," Coun. Elliott said.

Town engineers said the ministry of transportation investigated the site in April and agreed that the 60-km-h speed limit should be extended further west to where houses are located.

Town engineer Ted Drewlo said it could be three to six months before the speed reduction sign is posted.

Coun. Elliott asked town staff what was "a reasonable time to wait." He said he is "very concerned" about a nearby crosswalk where school children cross the street. Town staff should communicate with the ministry, of transportation to speed up the process of getting the speed reduction, Mr. Elliott said.

"People complain about bureaucratic red tape and how long it takes to get things done," he said.

"It just seems you could do something to expedite the process," he told town staff.



Graduate

Mr. Lynn Ferguson and daughters Jan and Krista are pleased to announce the graduation from Humber College of Karen Ferguson as a Licensed Funeral Director. Karen was named to the Dean's Honor List as well as receiving The President's Letter, the Board of Governor's Academic Award of Excellence, Ontario Funeral Service Association Past Presidents' Award, Metropolitan Toronto Funeral Directors' Association Award, Funeral Service Technical Ability Award (McKinnon and Bows) and the Canadian School of Embalming Medical Science Award. Also, following her first year in the Funeral Service Education Program, Karen was the recipient of the Turner and Porter Academic Award, H.S. Eckels and Company (Canada) Award, Bioscience Award, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Volunteer Award as well as being named to the Dean's Honor List. Karen is employed with Brown Bros. Funeral Home "Mississauga Chapel."

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