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Vito's takes over Post Office

A month of speculation on how Canada Post planned to service the postal needs of residents in the Limehouse area was ended when an offer was put forward to Vito's Fruit Market. Rural post office representative Janessa Hawke arrived unannounced at Vito's, situated two kilometres from the former Limehouse facilities, offering the Vitos a contract to receive several hundred dollars to provide postal services, said Marion Vito.

POWER members are not pleased with a new transportation study which would bring trucks destined for the proposed Acton landfill from the north, straight through downtown Acton. The study, prepared by Marshall Macklin Monaghan Ltd. for dump proponents Reclamation Systems Inc., reroutes all proposed truck traffic going north or south on Highway 25, then east on Regional

Road 43 to the landfill site at the Acton quarry on the Third Line.

A Steeles Avenue barn fire killed over 800 animals and caused over \$500,000 damage on Jan. 7. Fire officials from both Milton and Halton Hills responded to the 3:20 p.m. blaze that charred a 125-year-old barn killing the animals inside, at a six-acre livestock farm on Steeles Avenue West, near the James Snow Parkway. Farm owner Umberto Giangrande said the fire killed 700 to 1,000 chickens, 75 lambs and goats, an undetermined number of rabbits, three horses and one cow.

The Halton Board of Education considered closing McKenzie-Smith Pool in Acton and all other pools in Halton to reduce the \$1 million spent annually on maintaining the pools.

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The Hope Women's Place Treatment Centre was given the green light to serve the Regions of Halton and Peel. The centre received \$400,000 in funding from Queen's Park.

A faulty hydro tower at Guelph Street near Mountainview Road left part of the town in darkness as hydro officials worked on repairs for almost five hours on Jan. 26.

Town council voted to ask the Niagara Escarpment Commission to turn down a pair of Georgetown residents' attempts to open an "adventure/war games" operation. The decision came after a 22-name petition asking for the war games operation to be stopped was submitted to the council.

A recommendation to effectively impose mandatory recycling was passed by Halton's planning and public works committee by a 4-3 vote. The motion was later approved by town council. Under the proposal, recyclable glass jars and bottles, metal cans and clear plastic pop bottles will not be accepted at Halton's waste disposal facilities.

Residents of Halton Hills rallied around Matthew Fleet, a championship athlete from Acton High School who underwent a fourth spinal operation in Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital. Matthew, who won every event in the Halton junior boys swimming championships last year, sustained serious back injuries while swimming in the ocean during a family vacation to the Dominican Republic.

After 30 years of involvement with every level of hockey in Georgetown, Robert "Bob" Tost will be honored for his outstanding contributions to the local puck scene.

Tom Ramautarsingh Citizen of the Year

Former Georgetown District High School teacher Tom Ramautarsingh has been chosen Georgetown's 1988 Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club.

"I was very surprised and astounded to learn of their decision," Mr. Ramautarsingh said of the honor Monday.

"I had no knowledge of being nominated, or much less being chosen for this signal honor."

Halton taxpayers face a \$35 increase in their tax bill for 1989. The tax-supported budget presented to Halton Region in February contained a 7.16 per cent increase. Halton taxpayers will pay \$535 for all Regional services this year.

Halton Hills councillors voted to "muzzle" themselves Feb. 6 from talking publicly about the Halton Board of Education's proposal to close all six school pools in Halton. Councillors voted 7-6 not to discuss the pools issue in an open session on the advice of their lawyer, because legal action could be involved.

Halton's Land Division Committee decisions "have become the best lottery game in town" in which winners can end up with a possible "jackpot" of \$150,000 and up, a Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee member said. Murray Harris added applicants to the LDC are abusing a clause in Halton's official plan which allows farmers to sever land from their farms for retirement purposes.

After officially "closing down" in late January, the United Way of Halton Hills has met its 1988 campaign goal of \$130,000. The success of the campaign was mostly due to the unprecedented success of their special-events fundraising. The United Way set their special-events target at \$8,000 after 1987's collection of \$6,400. They not only reached their target but surpassed

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it by almost three times the amount, tallying in at \$22,500.

The proposal to build a landfill site in the Acton quarry by Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) has been officially designated under the Environmental Assessment Act by the province. The designation means RSI submitted all the necessary documents to formalize its application.

Fernbrook Homes has submitted a re-drafted subdivision plan to the town of Halton Hills in an attempt to save the homes of 108 people in Halton Hills Village. Halton Hills deputy planner Bruce Maclean said Fernbrook has submitted a plan of a subdivision which proposes three clusters of houses on the west side of Mountainview Road totalling 101 houses.

The Consolidated Hearings Board has approved the Milton site for Halton's next Regional landfill site. The approved Milton site, located on Highway 25 just below Britannia Road, is a surprise to many people. The Hearings Board did not approve Halton's "preferred" site at Aldershot in Burlington.


Don't be surprised if marathon swimmer Vicki Keith takes on an even bigger challenge in the future, Drew McGowen, coordinator of Keith's Great Lakes Swims said. Mr. McGowen, a resident of Georgetown, talked to a full house at the Halton Hills Municipal Awards Night Feb. 8.



Justin Ray Monckton was the first baby born at the Georgetown hospital after midnight, Jan. 1. He was born at 1:22 a.m. Jan. 2, earning him New Year's Baby honors. Here proud parents, Steve Monckton and Tara Conway, are greeted by Welcome Wagon co-ordinator Debbie Buttler. (Herald photo)

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