

## Council Briefs

# Council shows support of Canadian Gulf forces

At the urging of Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, Halton Hills Council decided Monday to tie a yellow ribbon around one of the trees on the Civic Centre grounds in recognition of the local residents and other Canadians engaged in the Persian Gulf conflict. It's a way of showing the community's support to the armed forces and their families and the hope that all return safely, said Coun. Rennie.

### Environmentalist protests

Local environmentalist Rita

Landry, urged Town council Monday not to support an application by Georgetown's Leferink Transfer Limited to extend the area in the province from which the company can accept garbage.

Ms. Landry argued an extension of the transfer company's area to include all of Ontario would discourage communities from developing recycling, reduction and reuse programs. As well, more garbage coming to Halton Hills could encourage the development of waste disposal sites in the area, she said.

Leferink currently serves about 100,000 people.

Council directed Town staff to carry out a study on Leferink's proposal and as part of it to consider comments made by Ms. Landry.

The Town is only acting as a commenting agency with respect to this application. The province's Ministry of Environment is the final arbitrator.

### White Cane Week

At the request of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Canadian Council of the

Blind, Town council voted Monday to recognize the week of Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 as White Cane Week in Halton Hills.

The week is meant to heighten public awareness about blindness

and visual impairment, according to a letter from the Halton Peel branch of the CNIB. The week also promotes eye care and the wearing of protective devices at work and during certain sports activities.

# Water quality concerns raised at CVCA meeting

Those Halton Hills residents and others living along the Credit River fear the river could become as polluted as the Metro Toronto area Don and Humber rivers.

This was the chief concern people raised during a Credit Valley Conservation Authority sponsored public meeting in Mississauga last week, said authority Manager of Water Resources Chris Wort.

The authority is currently conducting a \$150,000 water quality study of the river which runs from Orangeville through Halton Hills to Port Credit.

Mr. Wort explained that, during the meeting, the public expressed some concern the water quality had become poorer over the past few years.

But most of their concern focused on development along the river. If development goes unchecked along the river, the water quality could end up like the Humber or Don, both of which are in urban settings, he said.

Those who attended the meeting learned concern over water quality centres around sediment and bacterium levels and nutrient content.

Mr. Wort said, downwards from Georgetown, sediment (dirt) build-up on the river bed caused mainly by construction is

one problem that must be corrected. Along the same area of the river nutrient levels are too high resulting in an overabundance of algae growth and the development of high levels of toxicity in the river, said Mr. Wort.

There also appears to be a problem of high bacterial level counts, especially during the summer months, said Mr. Wort.

It's too early in the study - it was started in November to offer

an alternative on how the river water quality can be protected. Mr. Wort said there would be another public meeting in April to provide people with the chance to offer their ideas about protective water quality solutions, he said. The date and location has yet to be set.

Meanwhile, the CVCA will carry out its own surveys to find out the best way to protect the river, said Mr. Wort.

## Youth terrorized

Halton Regional Police report an 11-year-old Georgetown boy was held in a full-nelson by a juvenile while another youth pointed a pellet gun at his head and fired the unloaded weapon six times.

The incident occurred on Sunday, police say, when the victim was approached by three youths all around 13 to 14 years of age behind Memorial Arena on Mill Street. Police report the victim was held by one male suspect in the wrestling grip while another female suspect pointed the pellet gun at the victim's shoulder and then his head before shooting. The third suspect was present but took no action.

Police say the suspect then pretended to reload. The victim

managed to free himself and ran home hearing blank shots as he ran, police say.

Two adults from the victim's residence then confronted the suspects and were verbally abused by the suspects who also threatened the adults before fleeing the scene, police say.

"We're unclear at this time what the motive was for the incident," said Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett, "but obviously the three suspects were attempting to frighten the victim."

The victim was able to tell police that two of the suspects went to the same public school he attends and police visited the school Monday in their continuing investigation into the incident.



### Acton Agricultural Society

The Acton Agricultural Society held its annual meeting last Saturday where officers for the year were elected. This year's executive includes (back row, left to right) John Miller, Linda Robson, Ron White, Jim Warrington, Charlie Plouffe and Hank Walsma; (middle row, left to right) Russ Murray, Brian Nelles, Susan Kuechler, Janis Fread, Cherrill

MacPherson and Hans Kuechler; (front row, left to right) John Bouclair (all the above are directors) Joan Griffith, secretary-treasurer; Don Swackhammer, president; Linda Inglis, president of home and craft division and George Henderson, first vice-president. (Herald photo)

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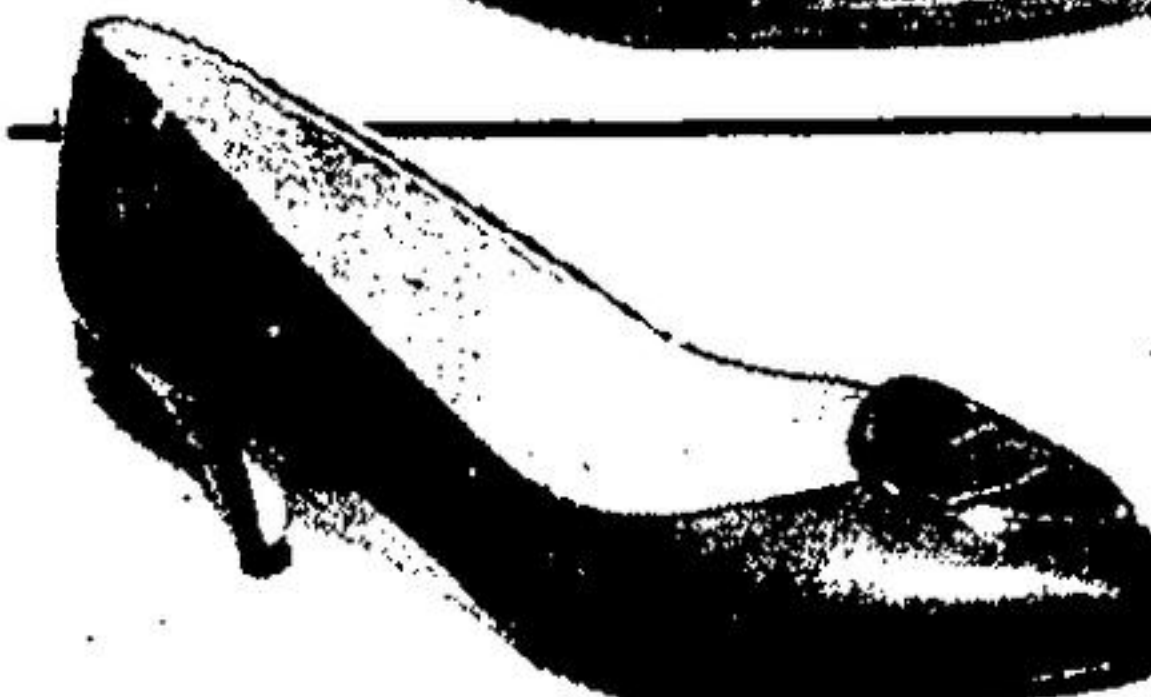
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