

News at a Glance



Friends in Concert

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller puts a 'Friends in Concert' bumper sticker on Gene Hancock's (left) car as she and Doris Lindsay (right) of the Georgetown Choral Society Band look on. The band

will be part of a special event May 29 at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto to celebrate Canada's 125th anniversary. (Herald Photo)

Incineration on back burner

While Halton Region has decided to place incineration, as a waste diversion option on the back burner, it has no plans to abandon the technology.

Halton Planning and Public Works Committee members learned Wednesday, staff will focus its attention on developing a central composting facility to service the entire Region, instead of working towards the establishment of an Energy from Waste, (EFW), plant.

Halton Public Works Commissioner, Art Leitch, told committee members a central compost facility will have capacity to divert a sufficient amount of waste from Halton's landfill. Allowing the dump to remain open for 20 years as planned.

Halton's landfill is located in Milton and is scheduled to open later this year.

Composting is a process in which organic waste material is converted into fertilizer.

Comparatively, incinerators burn garbage and convert it into energy.

Critics of incineration say the process results in the emission of

poisonous toxins into the air.

This is the position local environmental group, Incineration Counteracts the Environment, (ICE), takes in its opposition to EFW plants.

Incineration supporters say technology has advanced to the stage that EFW plants no longer emit toxins into the air.

Burlington Regional councillor Bob Brechin took this view saying, "It's premature to eliminate EFW; the technology is becoming better."

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said the Region's continued support of St. Lawrence Cement's plan to build an EFW plant in Mississauga is proof that Halton remains behind incineration technology.

Committee members, however, decided composting should be the Region's first priority because the province opposes the construction of new municipal incineration facilities.

Halton lawyer Mark Meneray pointed out the Region is legally allowed to pursue incineration because the province has never

passed legislation banning the construction of new incinerators.

Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy stressed, however, there's no point pursuing incineration without provincial support.

In supporting composting over incineration, committee members decided Halton should no longer host a symposium on EFW.

Committee members made this decision after learning the symposium would cost Halton \$80,000 to host.

Tender care

Serving the Halton and Peel regions in the field of in-home care service since 1979, Trafalgar Personnel Limited (Oakville) recently expanded their temporary care service - "Tender Loving Caregivers", to provide communities with a much needed service.

This expanded service includes: emergency and sick children and infant care; temporary nannies; day and evening sitting; 24-hour childcare for parents who travel; group childcare for special occasions; hotel sitting; and for the elderly and physically challenged - homemaker and health care aide services.

"We have always provided temporary as well as permanent child and elder care on both a live-in and live-out basis, but there has been a recent growth in temporary care," says President Marna Martin, "our expanded service", named appropriately, "Tender Loving Caregivers, has been designed to meet the needs of today's active society. Whether an individual's situation is planned or unexpected, there seems to be a rise in the number of occasions for people seeking qualified child care, nursing, health aide, and homemakers on a short-term basis, or on very short notice."

Martin adds, "Besides going through a very thorough screening process, our caregivers have a valid first-aid certificate, are bonded and insured through us, and all have excellent formal training or two-years of full-time experience in their particular field." The service is also available 24-hours a day and seven days a week.

Martin plans to recruit more caregivers to fill the temporary care demand. For more information about Trafalgar Personnel's Tender Loving Caregivers, call: (416)849-6520, or fax: (416)849-6921.

POLICE BEAT



Numbers To Note EMERGENCY

Police, Fire or Ambulance Dial 911
 Fire (Information) 877-1133
 Police (Non-Emergency) .. 878-5511
 Hospital 873-0111
 Distress Centre 877-1211

Inmate dies

Halton Regional Police report an inmate at Maplehurst Correctional Institute in Milton died in Hamilton hospital Tuesday after undergoing neurosurgery.

Police say the 36-year-old Toronto man had been arrested for shoplifting Jan. 23 and had visible head injuries.

He was lodged at Maplehurst Jan. 24, attended a bail hearing in Brampton and returned to Maplehurst the same day. He was found on the floor in a shower facility in a semi-conscious state by another inmate.

Maplehurst nurses treated the man before he was taken to Milton Hospital and transferred to Hamilton General Hospital. After surgery, he was placed on life-support and died when the life-support system was discontinued, say police.

Police say the man appeared to be suffering injuries before being arrested by Peel Regional Police and being placed in Maplehurst. However, he never once asked for medical assistance, they claim.

The incident is being investigated by Halton Regional Police and the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Leathertown's loss

Police report unknown thieves made off with an estimated 100-180 sheets of plywood from Leathertown Lumber on Main St. in Acton overnight Jan. 25. Police say the thieves, in two separate trucks, used bolt cutters to cut through a chain fence surrounding the property. When they left, they tied the gates with rope. Police are continuing their investigation.

Siphoned fuel

Unknown thieves siphoned 200 litres of unleaded fuel, valued at \$400, from a Wildwood Rd. business in Georgetown between Jan. 24 and 27 police say. The suspects broke into a tool shed and removed a hose

and then broke the lock on a fuel tank to siphon the gas. Police say the suspects then removed fuel caps from three buses at the site and siphoned gas from them.

Visa violation

A 20-year-old Glen Williams man is being held in custody by police after he allegedly used a stolen credit card to buy beverages at the McGibbon Hotel in Georgetown Jan. 29. When police were called to the scene, the suspect wasn't there. They left and returned with a photocopy of a possible suspect who was clearly identified by a bartender at the hotel. Police took him into custody and expect charges will be laid.

Cigarette thieves

Two suspects who were charged with a break and enter at a variety store in Campbellville have been charged with break, enter and theft for a break-in at Acton Variety Jan. 22. Police say the Livery Variety store in Campbellville was broken into Jan. 28 by three suspects who used a length of board to smash in a window to gain entry. While in the process of stealing 50 packages of cigarettes, they were apprehended by police. A 31 year-old Toronto man, a 16-year-old young offender from Toronto and a 26-year-old man, also from Toronto, were all charged with break, enter and theft. As police investigated, they also determined two of the suspects, the 31-year-old and 16-year-old were responsible for the Acton Variety break-in where suspects had entered the premises by throwing a piece of board through a window. Both were charged with break, enter and theft in relation to this break-in. Police suspect the accused may also be responsible for numerous break-ins at variety stores in Caledon, York, and Peel.

Tutor training

The North Halton Literacy Guild is offering orientation tutor training at the Milton Community and Information Centre on the following dates at 7:30 p.m.: Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 20.

Attendance at all three workshops is preferred before you are matched with a student.

The North Halton Literacy Guild offers help to adults who are experiencing difficulties in reading, writing, spelling or numeracy skills. Our tutors meet one on one with a student or are involved with small group learning situations.

For more information please call Ave Edington 873-2200 or 976-4756.

Groundhog Day

Each year at this time Gary the Groundhog makes his much anticipated appearance at Kortright. Gary's prediction on Groundhog Day, today, February 2, takes place at 12 noon. If he sees his shadow, winter will drag on for another six weeks. If he doesn't see his shadow, spring could be just around the corner.

Gary is much more scientific than his well know associates Warton Willy and Punxsutawney Phil because at 12 noon Gary has a more accurate picture of the true weather of the day.

K.C. the Groundhog, the Kortright mascot, will frolic about during the Groundhog Winter Carnival, a fun day of activities today. The Carnival is a great op-

portunity for a winter family outing. It features unique and fun things to do like making finger puppets and playing native winter games.

Enjoy a special slide presentation on groundhogs at 1:30 p.m. Visitors can join the K.C. Ski Challenge at 1 p.m., snow or no snow. Depending on the weather conditions, the race takes place on cross-country or land skis.

The Kortright Centre is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow the signs: Take Highway 400 to Major Mackenzie Drive (at Canada's Wonderland), go west three km to Pine Valley Drive, then south one km.

For more information call (416)661-6600.



A Scottish tradition

Piper Don McEachern pipes in the Haggis carried by Fred Shortill at the Ballinac Community Centre's 5th Annual Robert Burns Night last Saturday.