



Red Cross office closed

The Georgetown and District Red Cross office will be closed starting July 26 until August 13. In an emergency please call the Distress Centre, 877-1211.

Big Brothers balloons

Big Brothers will be handing out balloons and information to all the kids attending the Summer Festival at the Acton Community Centre, July 17, 7-9 p.m.

Pioneer Day fest

Come out and have your face painted like a clown by a Big Brother volunteer at the face painting booth at Kelso Conservation Area on Sunday, August 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Georgetown car wash

Big Brothers of Halton will be holding a car wash at Blake Leavitt and Sons PetroCanada, 374 Guelph St., Georgetown, on Saturday, August 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. So come out and have your vehicle cleaned by Big and Little Brothers.

St. John's anniversary

St. John's Anglican Church, Nassagaweya, is anxious to communicate with all former members of the congregation regarding its 150th anniversary celebrations in 1992. Those wishing to know more about the special events planned for the Sesquicentennial are invited to contact: Dr. John Dougan, R.R.1 Acton Ont. L7J 2L7.

School Reunion

A reunion for former students of SS11 Chinguacousy Township Peel County is being planned for spring 1992. The committee is seeking names and addresses of former students and teachers. School registers are not available from 1909-1934. Please send the information to Margaret Dowson 14 Hillcrest, Brampton, Ont. L7G 1Y8

Chess club meets

Halton Hills Community Chess Club meets every Wednesday, 7-10:30 p.m. in the library of the Georgetown District High School. Casual and tournament play available. For more information contact the school.

Art classes for kids

Summer art classes for kids and teens will be held July and August, by the Art Gallery of Peel. Call Joanne Bishop, Special Programs Assistant, 451-9896 (Tuesday - Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m.).

School for Teen Moms

Teen Education and Motherhood (TEAM) enables pregnant teenagers and young mothers to finish their education. Child care is provided, on site, for both infants and preschoolers. In September, TEAM will be running from the Cedarvale Community Centre and Maple Nursery School in Georgetown, and Acton from the Acton Parent Child Resource Centre. Classes will be offered Monday-Friday 1-4 p.m. Registration for the program is underway. For further information, contact Anne Day at 878-1240.

Little Sisters

Girls, you can have your own special adult friend to share your excitement in good times and to help you get over the sadness of disappointment. That is what a Big Sister is for. If you are age 7 to 15, call us and ask for a visit with a case-worker. Call the Big Sisters Association at 878-7772.

Manor facelift to begin soon

By ROB KELLY

When Halton Centennial Manor's make-over is complete, the people who planned it hope they will have created something that is much less of an institution and much more of a home for area senior citizens.

They'll have the opportunity to judge how successful they've been in about three years time, when the \$21 million reconstruction, slated to start in August, is finished. Meanwhile, councillors on Halton Region's health and social services committee had a chance to see sketches of the future property for the first time Monday.

The intent of the reconstruction is to move away from the boxy, block-like setting of today and to what is seen as a warmer, more intimate environment. Gone are the flat-roofed and multi-level buildings of the postwar period. In their place are sloped roofs, a common area awash in natural light, a series of interconnected buildings that look like town-

houses.

In keeping with the move away from large-scale institutions, the facility will house fewer residents. At present approximately 325 senior citizens live at the Manor. When the reconstruction is complete, only 200 will call it home. A new smaller senior residence is being proposed for Burlington, to house between 80 and 100 people.

Although the existing facility occupies roughly 190,000 square feet and the new one will be a smaller 160,000 sq. ft., because of the reduction in residents there will actually be more space per person, architect Mel Mekinda pointed out Monday. Rather than the current 500 sq. ft. per individual, the buildings will yield 800 sq. ft.

There will be four wings around a central hub. Each wing will be two storeys, with the floors divided into 25-unit "houses" that will be mostly self-sufficient dormitory type settings, according to Mekinda's descrip-

tion. That's also part of the move away from larger, institutional settings.

In the -hub, a kind of airy, glassy foyer, there will be a common area, a cafe, a hairdressing boutique, a tuck shop and a chapel. The idea is to create a "town square atmosphere," according to Manor administrator Margaret Strecker.

All is not exactly as councillors might have wished, however. In the current Manor setting there are group bathrooms, something widely viewed as archaic and demeaning. In the new Manor there will be no private bathrooms, but the facilities will only be shared among two rooms.

Oakville councillor Kevin Flynn expressed some disappointment with that. Mekinda said there had been "lots of discussion" on the issue but because of cost "there were some compromises that had to be made and that was one of them." It would have meant at least another \$750,000, he indicated, to provide private

washrooms.

In order to minimize disruptions in the daily routine of the seniors, little of the existing structures will be demolished until the new building is complete. When residents move in to their new homes, much of the current facility will be levelled, although parts of both Martin House and Pettit House will be retained.

There are other, long-term plans for revamping the Manor site. They include the possibility of building some subsidized housing, constructing a seniors' activity centre, and putting some regional social services buildings on the 20-acre property.

But for now, Margaret Strecker says, Manor staff still can't quite believe they'll be getting their own new complex. "When I came two and a half years ago we had been working on this for some time," Strecker remembered. "I don't think staff believed it was going to happen. I don't think they'll believe me until they see a bulldozer. I need that bulldozer."



The Halton Region Museum presented awards to its 1991 Catherine T. Hainer McMartin Bursary winners last month. Back row, from left, Rachel Kumar, Centennial School; Lee-Ann Cooper, M.M. Robinson; Jamie Smith, E.C. Drury School; Terrence Tong, T.A. Blakelock High School; Erika Kubota, Milton High School; Shona Livingstone, L.B. Pearson High School. Front row: Stephanie Libby, Centennial School; Sara MacDonald,

Brookdale School; Caroline Lock, Centennial School; Lisa Shoebridge, Limehouse School; Asha Sharma, Abbey Lane School; Alisha Patterson, Abbey Lane School; Aron Pekar, John T. Tuck School. Absent: Christy Michalak, Ben Appgar, Rachel Bodig, Tom Cibic, Paul Graham, Brendan McCallum, Jeff Manzar, Erin Scudder, Erin Smith, Adam Titus, Maureen Tse, all from Centennial School.

Waste reduction efforts stymied

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"It will be increasingly difficult to get us over the 25 per cent mark — it is a very difficult target to achieve," Leitch told councillors. "It is feasible, but there has been no tentative actions taken by the Province on this matter...I believe the Ministry of Environment is looking to Halton Region for advice and input for a definitive (solid waste) action plan."

Leitch explained Halton's landfill, scheduled to open November 1992, will last only 20 years, but its longevity depends on reaching the 50 per cent goal, whether through EFW or not. But, Halton was counting on utilizing EFW facilities to achieve that goal, he added.

The Ministry's "rhetoric" and its unclear directives to municipalities are clearly frustrating Chairman Pete Pomeroy, who commented that "smoke comes out of his ears everytime (he) thinks about it."

"The Region's solid waste advisory committee is wrestling with that very fact," Pomeroy said. "If we lose years on our landfill site, and the Province's policy this week is to not consider EFW, then we have to deal with it, and put our

recommendations on the table."

Halton Hills regional councillor Joe Hewitt responded that it seems there is "a lot of talk" from the Ministry of Environment (MOE), but very little action.

Burlington councillor Rob Forbes agreed, but added he believes the Provincial government "seems to be dealing with solid waste problems on an absolute basis, rather than on a degree basis."

"There are no absolutes when it comes to solid waste and its problems," he added.

Leitch commented that, "presumably, the Minister thinks (municipalities) can achieve (50 per cent) diversion without EFW," but "they haven't come out and said how that objective is to be achieved."

Several councillors expressed concern that Grier may force Halton to let other municipalities dump their garbage in its landfill site on an interim basis, as she has done for the Britannia Rd. and Keele Valley sites for Metro's waste, but Leitch assured them there has been "absolutely no discussion" in that regard.

"The MOE has indicated that Halton will be left on its own, free to develop a site for its own use,

only," he added.

Pomeroy noted that "none of us have done a good job" if the only solution to Metro and area's garbage crisis is to expand existing sites.

"The fact remains the problem is not going to go away in three or four years, and the volume of garbage is not going to change," he said. "That will take us beyond the existing government, but we must deal with our own citizens' waste, and deal with it cost effectively... (Extending the Keele and Britannia) sites doesn't say much for our real care for the environment."

Pomeroy suggested Halton pursue commercial composting as a "viable alternative" to reduce landfilling, adding that the municipality should hurry it up before the idea catches on.

"I hope we get rolling on that quickly, or someone's going to pass us," he said. "I'm pleased we're already using (Milton's) Scott Farms in the interim, but it's a small operation. I think there's a bigger market out there. The first municipality to capture that, may be the only one in Ontario. I honestly think that's the way we should be going."

Police Beat Radios stolen

Six two-way radios were stolen from vans owned by Laidlaw Transit in Georgetown. The radios, valued at \$1,200 each, were taken sometime between June 27 and July 8. The vans were forcibly entered through the passenger door, Halton Regional Police said. Total damage to the vehicles was \$2,500.

Man charged

A Georgetown man was charged Monday with causing mischief under \$1,000. In September he and other suspects had an argument over driving, and suddenly began kicking a man's truck, police said. The repair bill was \$726.80 for the damage, police said. The man will appear in court at the end of the month.

Room-mate dents jeep

A Georgetown woman has been charged with mischief under \$1,000. On Sunday afternoon the suspect became enraged and threw some beer bottles at her room-mate's jeep, causing three dents on the passenger door, Halton Regional Police said. Damage is estimated to be \$300.

250 skids stolen

Skids valued at \$6,250 were stolen from an Armstrong St. business last weekend. The 250 skids were stacked on the loading dock at 5 p.m. Friday and were shielded from view by a metal wall, police said. The skids, made by the Canadian Pallet Council, have CPC stamped on them. Police say they may be used for firewood, but are more likely to be sold to other businesses. A similar incident occurred at the same company in January of this year.

Correction

In Wednesday's paper an accident was reported incorrectly. A Georgetown resident was charged with careless driving following an accident last Friday afternoon, not a Limehouse resident, as was previously reported. Both cars were driving west on Guelph St. when the Limehouse resident slowed down at the intersection of Mountainview Rd. The Georgetown man rear-ended his car, and both cars were moderately damaged. Both drivers and two passengers were treated at the accident scene. We regret the error.