

Stop lawsuit, store owner asks town

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The town is still scratching its head about what to do about Country Lane Video. Dave Tarzwell's rural business has operated for a number of years without official sanction from the municipality.

In an emotional plea to councillors Monday, Tarzwell asked that further legal action by the town be stopped until his rezoning application is dealt with.

Tarzwell has recently re-applied to legalize his video rental store, driving range, batting cages, mini

putt and gift store. Last year, council turned down his bid to operate the Tenth Line/17 Sideroad businesses.

Tarzwell argued Monday that by the time the matter reaches the courts, his rezoning application would have long been approved, or denied, by councillors, so charges against him would be a waste of time and money.

Last July, the courts ordered Tarzwell to stop operating a snack bar, or obtain the necessary license for it. Without the zoning, however, the license was impossible. According to building code director

Henry Tse, Tarzwell is no longer running the snack bar.

"I am a victim of the system and circumstances," Tarzwell said.

However, neighboring residents are objecting to the rezoning, arguing that the property has been used illegally for three years, and the various recreation uses are not compatible with their residential neighborhood.

However, council refused to take a stand on the matter, leaving staff to decide which way it should be settled.

Tse told councillors that he has received a number of complaints about Tarzwell's operations, urging him to enforce the fact that Country Video has no license to operate.

In an interview, Tse stressed that there is a difference between zoning and licensing, noting the two are separate issues.

He strongly urged council in vain to take the reins and decide if Tarzwell should be charged, or have the licensing and re-zoning dealt with simultaneously.

Tse also expressed concern that if Tarzwell continues unchecked, then the town may be breaking its own laws by not enforcing the bylaws governing the Country Video Lane property.

Looking for a home

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Bev McKee's quest to establish a "one-stop shopping" centre for social services in Georgetown received a pat on the back from councillors last week, but she is still no closer to finding a home for it.

McKee approached council last week in the hope of using the former recreation and parks building on James St. for a social services information centre, similar to the one in Acton. However, the property was later sold for \$155,000.

All was not lost, for although the building is no longer available, councillors supported the proposal and promised to include it if and when it establishes a seniors' centre in downtown Georgetown.

"We're investigating the possibility of a seniors' location there, but we want to make it as cost effective as possible," Mayor Russ Miller said. "We have tough budget

constraints, but this may be a way around it...The province is looking for one-stop shopping, so it may be very high on this project."

McKee argued that Georgetown does not have adequate facilities to meet the growing needs of its residents. She claimed that there are over 50,000 incest survivors in Halton, as well as a marked increase in battered women and family breakdowns.



BEV MCKEE

She noted that a "strong steering committee" was established to set up a multiservice social resource centre, and so far has received support from the police, school boards and the Children's Aid Society.

The problem is that McKee cannot qualify for provincial funding until she finds an address for the centre, and lobbied council to help establish the facility.

"We need to get a foothold in the community — we need an address before we can get funding," she said. "Once we have that, then we can go from there and help those in need."

Acton service still a GO

GO Transit service to Acton may not be cut this year after all.

According to Halton chairman Pete Pomeroy, a member of the GO board, the Ministry of Transportation will likely grant the rail company enough funds to continue operating regular service on its Milton and Guelph lines, as well as full service to Burlington.

"I don't have the final details yet, but the ministry has said it is prepared to commit the necessary funds for all of Halton's (GO) services in 1992," Pomeroy said.

He noted that final negotiations are to be worked out next Friday (April 10).

Last week, Pomeroy told Halton Hills councillor Rick Bonnette that cuts to rail service within the region was possible if the province didn't kick in its share of GO Transit's operating budget.

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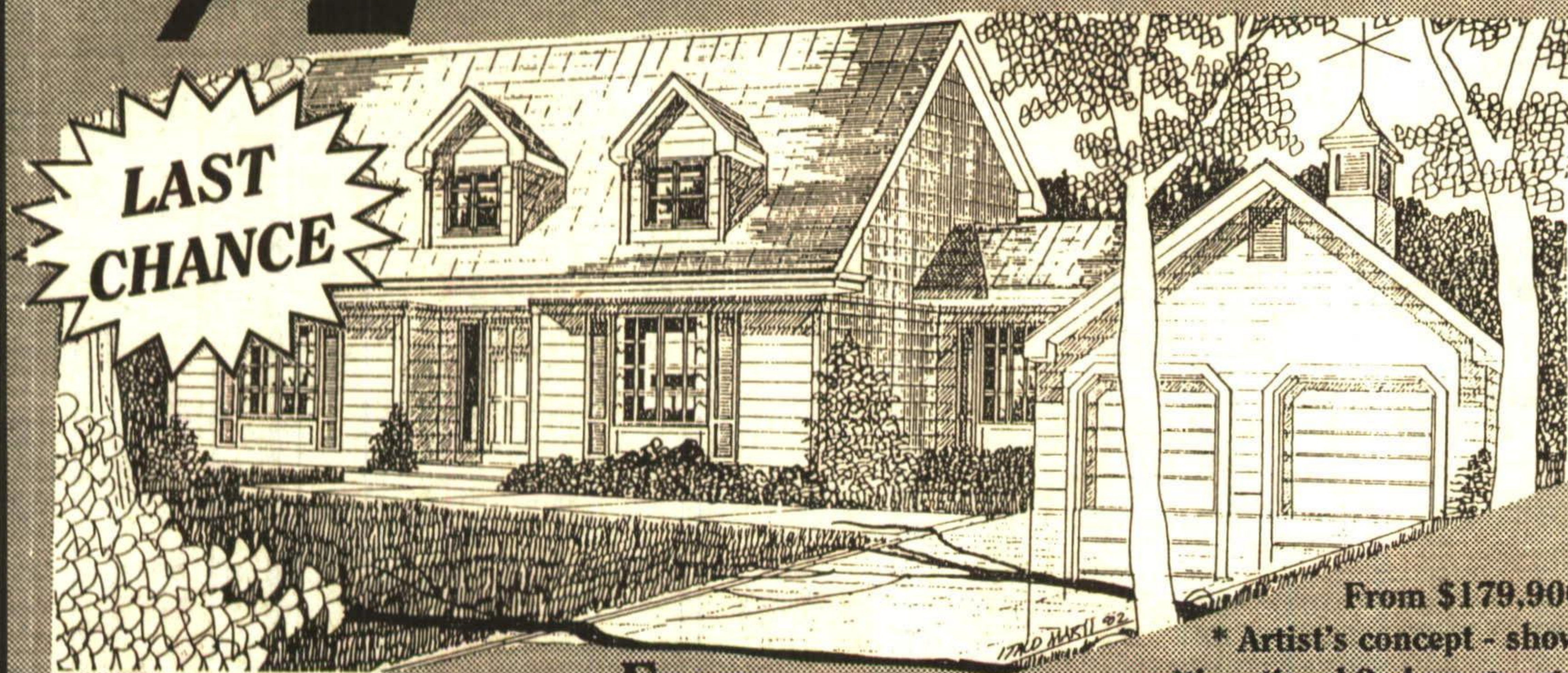
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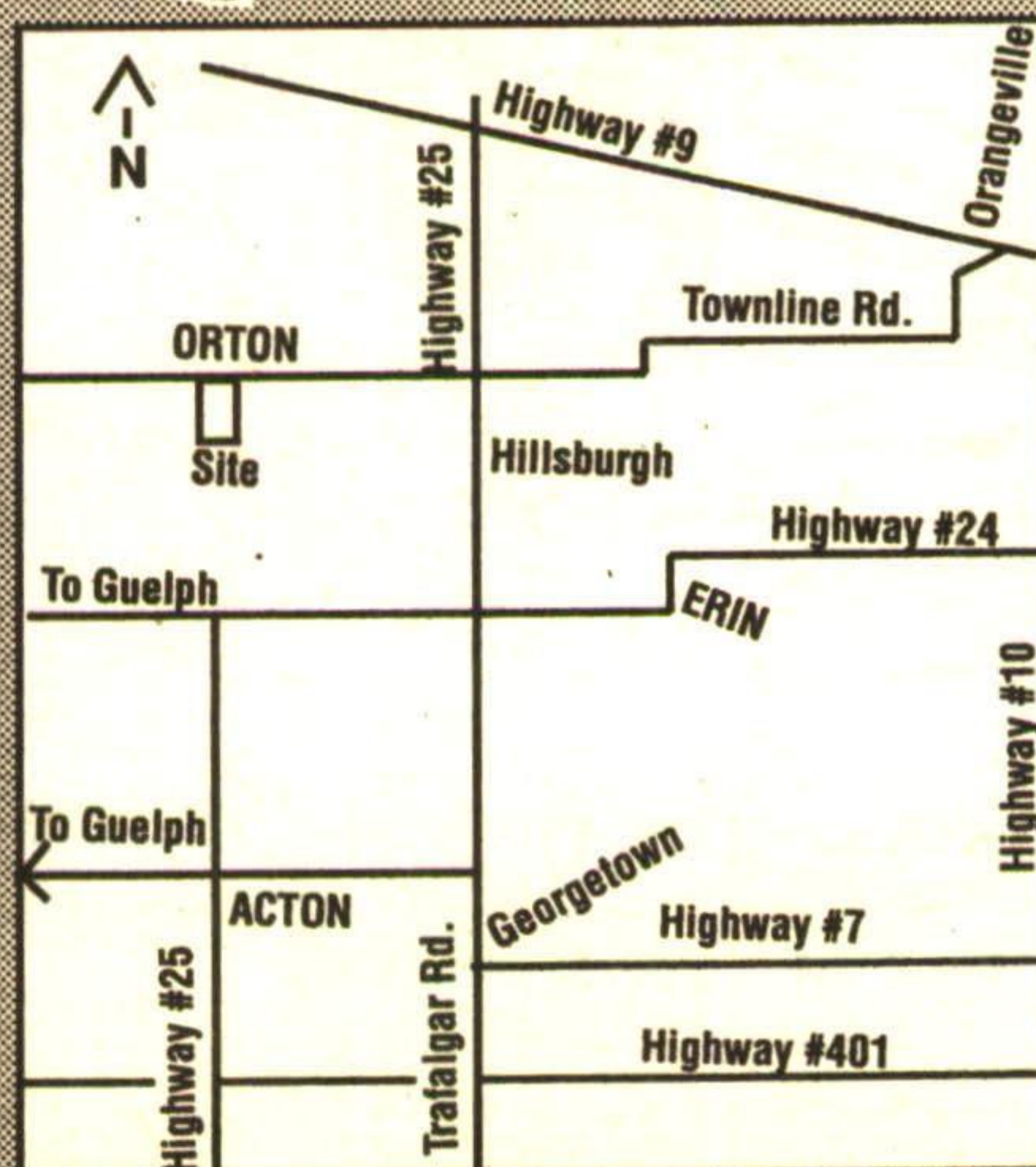
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