



TED BROWN/Halton Hills Weekend

As the start of a pilot program to increase motorist visibility of school crossing guards, a pair of brightly colored plywood cutouts were 'on duty' recently at Harrison Public School crossing on Rexway Drive in Georgetown. The cutouts, built by the Georgetown District High School woodworking and art classes, were made from materials donated from Beaver Lumber and Canadian Tire. The concept was introduced by Halton Hills Ward Three councillor Pam Johnston who saw similar cutouts while on a trip to

British Columbia. Joining in the photo were, kneeling, from left, Harrison students Brad Savage and Thomas Allen, and in front, Josh Oliver, Danny Cowton, Lindsay Laplante and Chelsey Oliver. In back, Crossing guard John Sevenster, Harrison principal Max Jackson, Bob Butrym, Senior Traffic Analyst for the Town of Halton Hills, School Resource Officer Const. Ken Hannah of Halton Regional Police and Halton Hills Councillor Pam Johnston.

# Elliott concerned by unsafe balconies

Councillor Norm Elliott expressed concern with the balconies on Law Development's property on Mountainview Rd.

He complained that the sliding doors, usually on the second floor, have only been secured by a single piece of wood across the opening, with no balcony or deck built yet. He expressed concern for the safety of the occupants, particularly young

children if they venture through the unsecured opening.

Building director Henry Tse suggested that the town contact the developer, instructing him to notify the occupants of the potential dangers. In the meantime, Tse added, construction on the balconies and decks has already begun, and is expected to be completed within a short period of time.

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### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Don't take criticism lying down. You do not deserve so harsh a reprimand. Come to your own defence.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
Your business will slow down a tad. Use the extra time wisely. Do not overspend.
- GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
You could benefit from financial advice from a family member. The moral support you receive will be valuable.
- CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Be fair when dealing with co-workers and show more consideration at home. Give your spouse a break.
- LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
Your worst enemy is in the mirror. You are turning into an over-achiever with nothing to show for it.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
A promise may be broken. Don't be disappointed or angry. There will be plenty of time to make up for it.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
A long time disagreement can be settled if you give in just a little. Romance will reap the benefits.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Long-range goals begin to shape up. You begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Celebrate carefully.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Love is not all that is needed for a healthy relationship. Honesty and communication are just as important.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Use your common sense in decision making. Be shrewd when agreeing to an alliance and you will strike the best bargain.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
A good friend calls for help. He was there for you when you needed him, now it is your turn. Listen, carefully.
- PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Avoid signing any contracts or making any promises, now. Concentrate on commitments already made.

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## Turf Tips

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### THEY'RE COMING!

Chinchbugs are coming, and unfortunately they can destroy your lawn with little warning (in 3 weeks or less). Quite often this will happen while you are on your summer holiday. It almost seems like they know when you are away!

To control chinchbugs we must understand their life cycle. Adult chinchbugs are black with a white cross on their backs. They spend the winter under shrubs, leaves and hedges. In the spring, they emerge to lay their eggs. The eggs hatch 3-4 weeks later, and the red nymphs begin feeding on the grass. By piercing the grass blades, they inject digestive juices into the blades, and suck out the plant liquids (creating that dry appearance in your lawn).

Depending on weather conditions, chinchbug damage can occur from late June through to August. It quite often resembles drought like conditions.

Chinchbug damage begins with a small brown spot, typically near shrubs or hedges, on southern facing slopes, or in hot dry areas. If plenty of watering does not rejuvenate an area like this in 3-5 days, chinchbugs may be present.

To help minimize chinchbug damage, keep your lawn well watered, fertilized, and mowed regularly. In other words, a healthy lawn has a much better chance of recovery than an unhealthy lawn.

If treatment is needed, treat as soon as the little red nymphs hatch.

More about chinchbugs in a future column.

NEXT WEEK: Turf Tip Recap

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