

BIA defends core of Georgetown

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and make them aware of the goods and services available in the downtown area.

"We're putting together a professional package to target areas like Georgetown South," Stephens said. The brochure, which will list services and downtown stores, is expected to be ready for distribution early in 1993 and will be available at the library, the town hall and realtors' offices. It'll also be mailed to Georgetown South residents.

Principal's Corner

**Bryne Davies, Principal
Georgetown District
High School**

Last Thursday's tragic death of Jeremiah Fendley during a gym class will continue to be felt by our students and staff for a long time to come.

Jeremiah was struck by a heart disease that could not have been detected in advance without thorough medical testing. He collapsed during a volleyball match and never regained consciousness.

While school carried on, as we must, priority was given to supporting students and staff in their grief and time of need.

The Board's Tragic Events Response Team was called in to assist staff and students, and their support was most helpful.

Friends of Jeremiah came in early Friday morning to write a eulogy and to plan a memorial display in Jeremiah's memory. The memorial will be in the library foyer display case until Friday. It contains photographs and some of Jeremiah's hockey equipment.

The expressions of support from students, staff and the community have been overwhelming, and are a measure of the "love of life" by which Jeremiah will always be remembered.

The following poem was written last week as part of the eulogy in memory of Jeremiah Fendley:

It's raining outside, or is it the tears running down our faces?

We'll always remember certain words

and special places.

The love and the bonding was in the air,

every time you were there.

Away you go through that special door.

We'd give anything to see you just once more.

We hope your dreams and wishes come true

even though we won't be there to see them through.

All we seem to do is cry

All we wish for is to say good-bye.

The BIA also plans to put together another pamphlet which will contain current information about retail properties in the downtown and the benefits of locating there. To accomplish this and other downtown promotion projects, the BIA recently voted to increase its advertising budget for 1993 by \$1,500. The promotions budget is expected to total somewhere between \$13,000 and \$15,000 next year.

Stephens said the BIA favors "more residential redevelopment in the downtown core." At the same time, however, the local business organization wants to see development "in keeping with the character of the downtown."

"We don't want a 20-storey building in the downtown," Vint remarked, hinting that the BIA probably has a lot of common areas of an agreement with a local ratepayers' group known as (RAIDD) Residents Active in Development Decisions. The group wants the downtown area's small-town character maintained and the BIA has no argument with that, Stephens added.

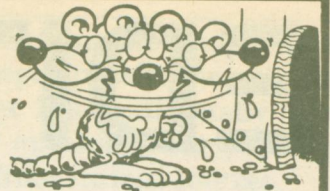
There does, however, appear to

be a difference of opinion as to how the downtown's "character" is to be maintained. RAIDD's president Ken Thorn recently asked Halton Hills Town Council to endorse the extension of Market Street from Wesleyan to James. If the extension is approved, it'll quash plans for a Market Street development proposal for an 86-unit condominium complex consisting of four apartments ranging from four to six storeys in height.

The BIA has gone on record as opposed to the Market Street extension and in favor of the condo development. Nevertheless, Stephens maintains, "If the BIA board and members of RAIDD were to sit down around a table, we would probably find that we have a lot of ideas in common."

Town council is expected to make a decision on the street extension early in the 1993. At the same time, they'll be looking at the pros and cons of low and medium residential density in the downtown core.

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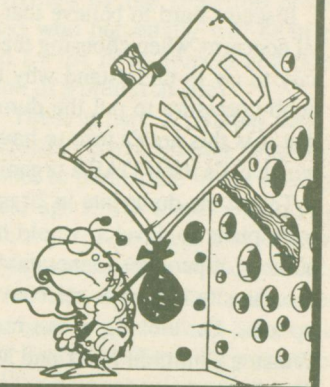
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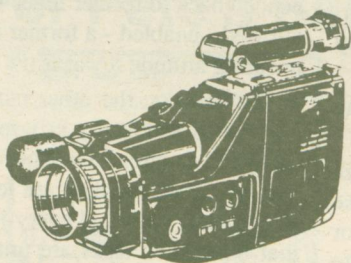
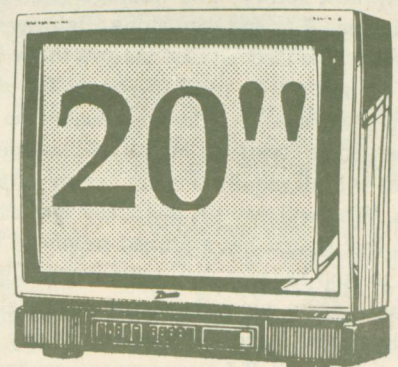
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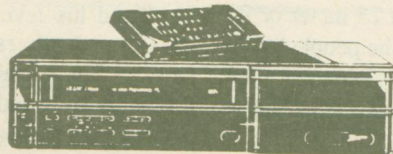


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