

Food drive nets 5 tons

Saturday's Scout, Guide and Calvinist Cadet food drive saw 10,150 pounds of food collected from homes in Acton and Rockwood. Some 275 boxes of food was handed over to Acton FoodShare.

A lunch of hot dogs, donuts and lemonade was donated by Mr. Mugs, Al & Al's Meats and Freezer Frenzy to feed the 100-plus volun-

teers in Acton.

According to organizer Gerry Rivers, "hundred of kids went door-to-door to help stock the shelves of our food bank as a community service project."

The total area food drive, which included Georgetown volunteers collecting for that community's food bank, netted 32,000 pounds.

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FACT: The National Energy Board predicts that gas prices will exceed fuel prices within the next few years.

FACT: In 1993, Union Gas increased the price of gas by 12% AND billed the increase retroactively.

FACT: Union Gas has applied for additional increases which may be billed retroactively.

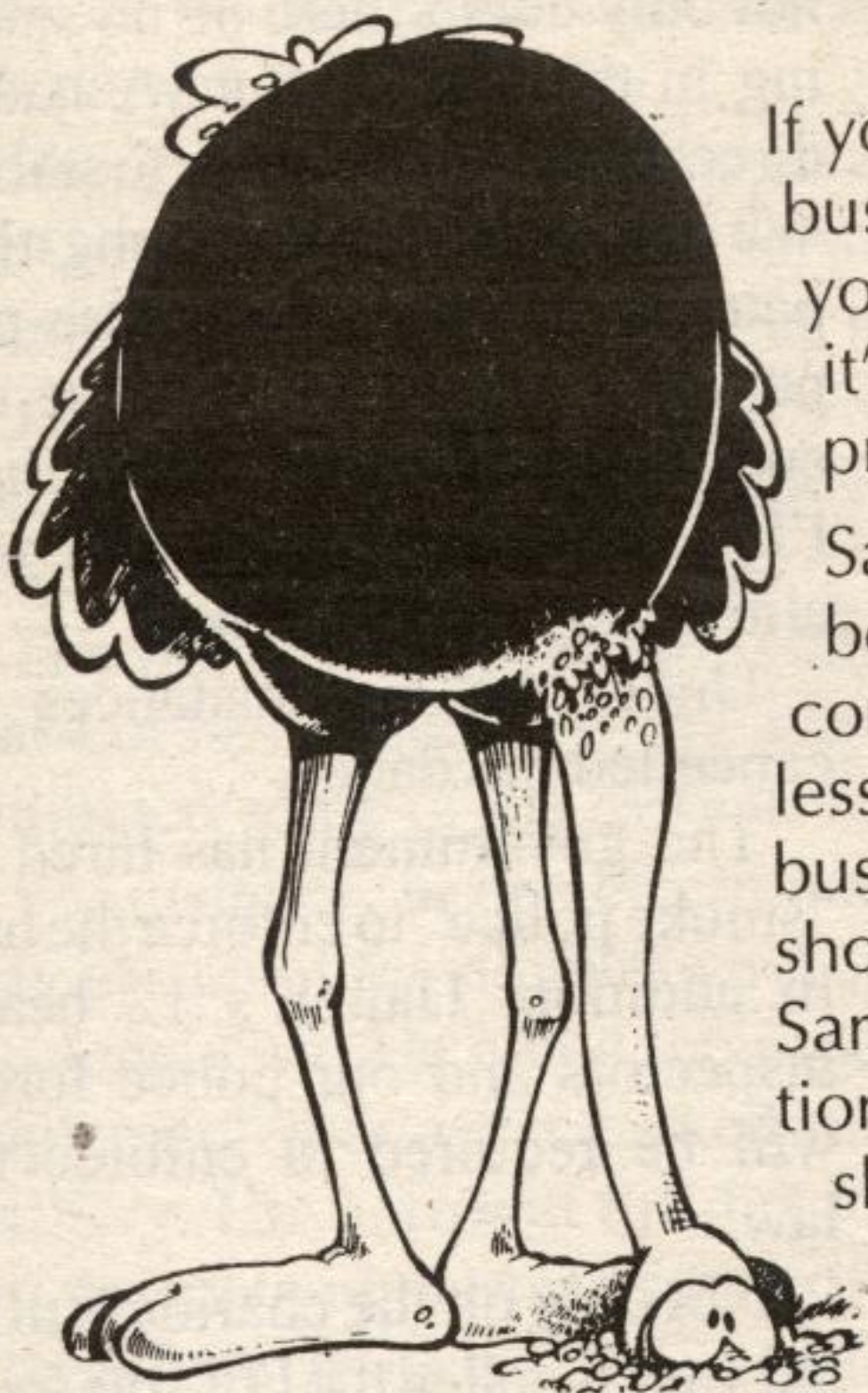
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DAYS OR EVENINGS



NOW THAT'S A COCKROACH! McKenzie-Smith students Jason McConnell and Brook Farnsworth (right), both 13, spent part of Thursday's science class letting a Giant Madagascar hissing cockroach walk on their hands. Looking on is Margaret Pickles, who runs the independent company *Sciences Alive*. Pickles does hands-on workshops for schools and other groups. (Doug Harrison photo)

Good odds for Acton growth

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

A Halton Region official is optimistic development will occur early next year based on preliminary results revealed at a recent meeting with the Ministry of Energy and Environment concerning the Acton Water-Quarry baseline study of Black Creek.

The eight-month study, which began in January, determined what the effects of future growth and additional water pumping from Prospect Park will have on brook trout in Black Creek and on other fish and marine life in Fairy Lake.

"There was positive feedback from the various government agencies at the federal and provincial levels," Benson Leung, manager of special studies at Halton Re-

gion, confirmed on Monday. "They signed off a letter indicating they had accepted everything to date."

Namely data from the study, which involved a tremendous amount of field work and a lot of analysis of water samples.

The Region will take its findings to Toronto today (Wednesday), where the Ontario Municipal Board will hold a pre-hearing, to monitor progress of this project.

Leung doesn't expect a formal announcement to come from this hearing and added one will likely come in January when the final report, including the Region's implementation strategy, will be presented.

"I'm optimistic development will occur because I've been in-

involved with this project for a long time and the best chance we have is with the various agencies.

"They've been reactive to what we proposed," Leung revealed. "We brought them into our team and have worked as one with them on a monthly basis. They've had no problem agreeing with our methodology and I hope they won't disagree in where we go from here."

For now, Leung just hopes the cost for improvements, with regard to key components in the study, are not too costly.

He warned the Region can't spend a lot of money on the sewage treatment plant. He suggested using some money from lot levies to improve the facility, enabling growth without adding further burden to existing taxpayers.

Leung also mentioned a representative for the developers will sit in on future meetings, so "we (the Region) aren't over-committing them on developing costs."

After today's meeting, the Region will work with a consultant to design an implementation plan, that will consist of discussions as to what improvements are required, when they will be dealt with, and at what cost.

Leung says this should be completed by the end of January. At that time, Leung hopes to be in a position to apply for the necessary approvals and then for development to commence.

Town reps still aiming for zero tax increase

Heading into budget talks, Town staff and Council are aiming for a tax increase no greater than 1.5 per cent — the estimated 1995 rate of inflation.

Staff have also been directed to prepare options that would reduce the potential tax impact to zero per cent.

In the past few years there have been no tax increases for general municipal purposes but staff said it is getting difficult to continue to hold the line without reducing existing service.

One of the first major jobs the new Council will tackle will be the Town's \$64 million operating budget.

RE-ELECT NORM ELLIOTT

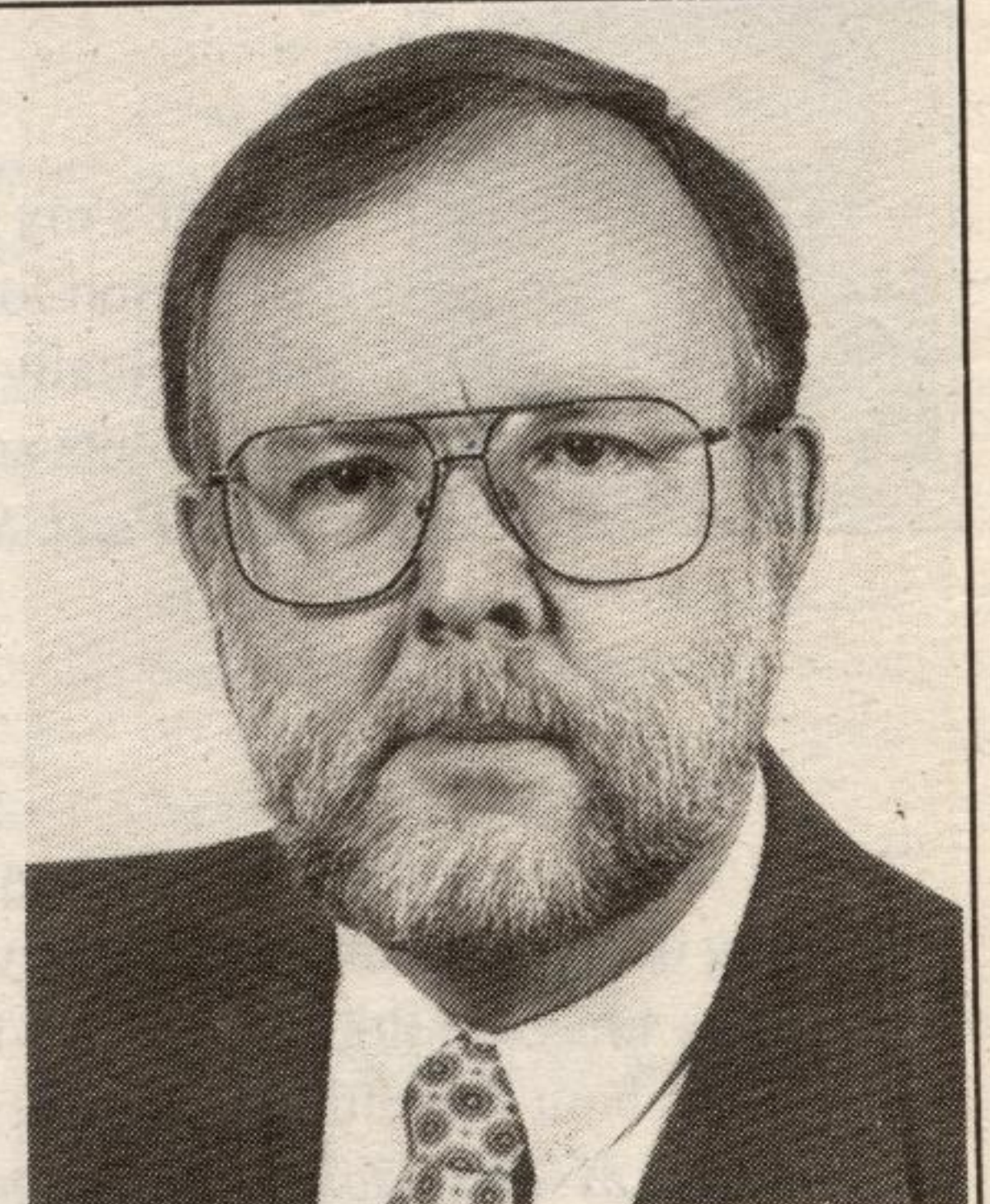
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