



**CLUBDANCE!** From left, line dancing teacher Barb Smith, Kendra Kellas and Karen Haddon move to the country beat during a recent lesson at St. Alban's Church. In their third year, the popular dance classes began as a church activity, but have since expanded. (Eve Martin photo)



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## J.K. worries some

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program is also worried about what J.K. may do to their enrollment.

"I'm actually concerned when I see the numbers," said Stacey Green on Thursday.

"We have 84 kids this year and half of them are 4-year-olds who will be eligible for J.K.

"We will have to look at our programs because of J.K. and we may have a new format or even new programs," Green explained.

The Town's pre-schooler program operates at the Park Boat House with morning and afternoon programs, four days a week. A 10-week session costs \$60.

Although the program has had full enrollment with 75 kids for the past few years, low attendance this year forced the Town to can-

cel one of the half-day programs.

For the Acton YMCA Day Care, J.K. could mean job losses and reduced programs.

"We have 38 pre-schoolers in full-time day care this year," said program director Caroline Browning in an interview on Thursday.

"Five of those kids will go to Senior Kindergarten in the fall and 10 will be eligible for J.K., so between those two groups we will lose a lot of kids and will definitely have to look at reduced staff," Browning said.

The Y Day Care operates in M.Z. Bennett School, across from the co-op, and offers full-day care for \$560 a month.

Browning said one option to keeping enrollments up might be to offer a half-day program to kids who will spend the other half of the day in J.K.

Browning also questioned how young kids in J.K. will cope in a much larger class size.

"I can't imagine a class of 24 kids with only one teacher. Some of those kids will need help going to the bathroom and getting their coats on and off.

"Kids at that age need a lot of care and we are their substitute mothers in some cases."

## NEWS SHORTS

### Patriotic gesture?

Two men stole four Canadian flags from the olde Hide House on Friday night around 11 pm.

An employee observed two males drive up in a large, gold-coloured car, remove the flags from the west side of the building and drive away.

The flags are valued at approximately \$400.

### Laundry blues

The laundromat on Main Street South was entered last Monday at 4 pm by two youths who did not have ring around the collar on their minds.

The youths damaged a video camera and the faucet on a sink, causing \$60 damage.

They will appear in court on April 7.

### Fire destroys Acton home

Firefighters were called to a house fire on the Third Line at 5:58 am last Wednesday. Residents Ken Hurren and his two sons, Ryan and Luke, escaped the early morning blaze, but their dog was killed in the fire.

According to the Halton Hills Fire Department the blaze started in the garage and spread through the rest of the house, leaving little for the family to salvage.

Early estimates put the damage at \$200,000. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

### Vandals bust picket fence

Police were called last Friday when a Church Street East resident noticed his picket fence had been vandalized.

Sometime between 5:30 and 9 pm the posts and fence pickets were broken, totalling \$50 in damages.

Police have no suspects at present.

### Computer stolen

A break-in at Acton High School at 6 am on Saturday brought police and the school's custodian to the school.

The custodian observed an older model grey van leaving the area as he arrived.

The window of a rear door at the school had been broken, several rooms were entered and a computer worth \$2,200 was taken.

There are no suspects, but police are investigating.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"After a night of dancing and drinking in a bar people want to talk, so they go to a donut shop. Plus, there are already 50 restaurants in town and I don't want to be No. 51."

— Peter Zadikian, downtown building owner, Page 4

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