Mr. Gibson: A Custodian's View

Why We Need a New Back Field

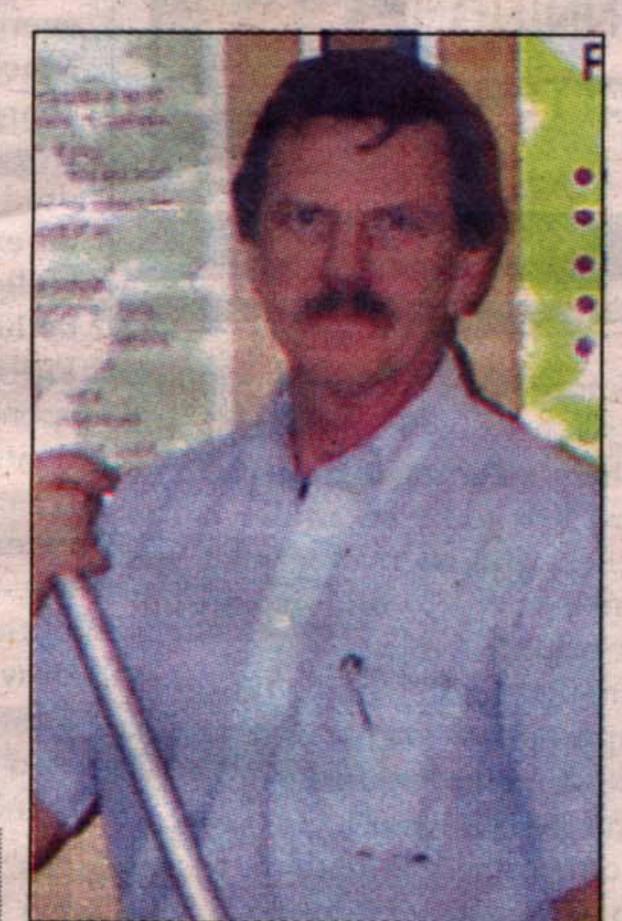
BY KAREN LECKIE & LAURA GRIFFERTY

In Tr. Gibson has been the Head Custodian at Centennial School for nine years. Previously he worked as Custodian at Glen Williams Public School for one and a half years, McKenzie-Smith Bennett for eight years and Robert Little for two years.

Gibson believes that we need a new field desperately.

"Nothing has been done to the field in 33 years."

That was when the school opened in 1966. He believes that the field is unsafe. If the field is made safer it will be used more by the students and the surrounding community. "Even if we only get a new field it would be a big improvement. The field is the



Mr. Gibson Photo by Mike Brown

first step."

Gibson will not work on restoring the field but will help to maintain it. If underground sprinklers are installed he will operate them.

We thank Mr. Gibson for sharing his views with us. He is a very busy man, the school is always immaculate.

Silent Auction Speaks Out!

BY CAITLIN SAUNDERS AND LISA CAPSTICK

Why does Centennial need to raise money? Centennial students need a new field because the current field is in really bad shape! Our gym teachers, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Walker, think that our school deserves an upgraded field and a track after all these years.

A dinner and auction, both silent and live, will be held on Friday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Georgetown District High School.

Laurie Burns, who is the Chairperson on the Silent Auction Committee, and her husband, Mike Francis, have been actively involved in organizing this event. They have donated many of the items for auction. We thought it would be a good idea to interview Laurie

and ask her about her involvement.

We met with Laurie after school and discovered that she has been able to persuade a number of people to donate many of the items in the auction. For example, a signed #99 Wayne Gretzky Team Canada Sweater, a patio and umbrella set, a mini stereo system, a year's membership to Work That Body and much more. There are over 180 items for auction and the list is growing by the minute.

Laurie has become involved in the legacy project since she has an interest in physical fitness. She owns Work That Body, and sees a need for our school to provide a track for its students, even though her daughter in Grade Eight, will not have the chance to use the facility during her Centennial days. Laurie Burns



Laurie Burns
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thinks that the silent auction will raise the \$50,000 needed to complete this project.

Together the future of this project lies in all of our hands.

Your Child's Safety!

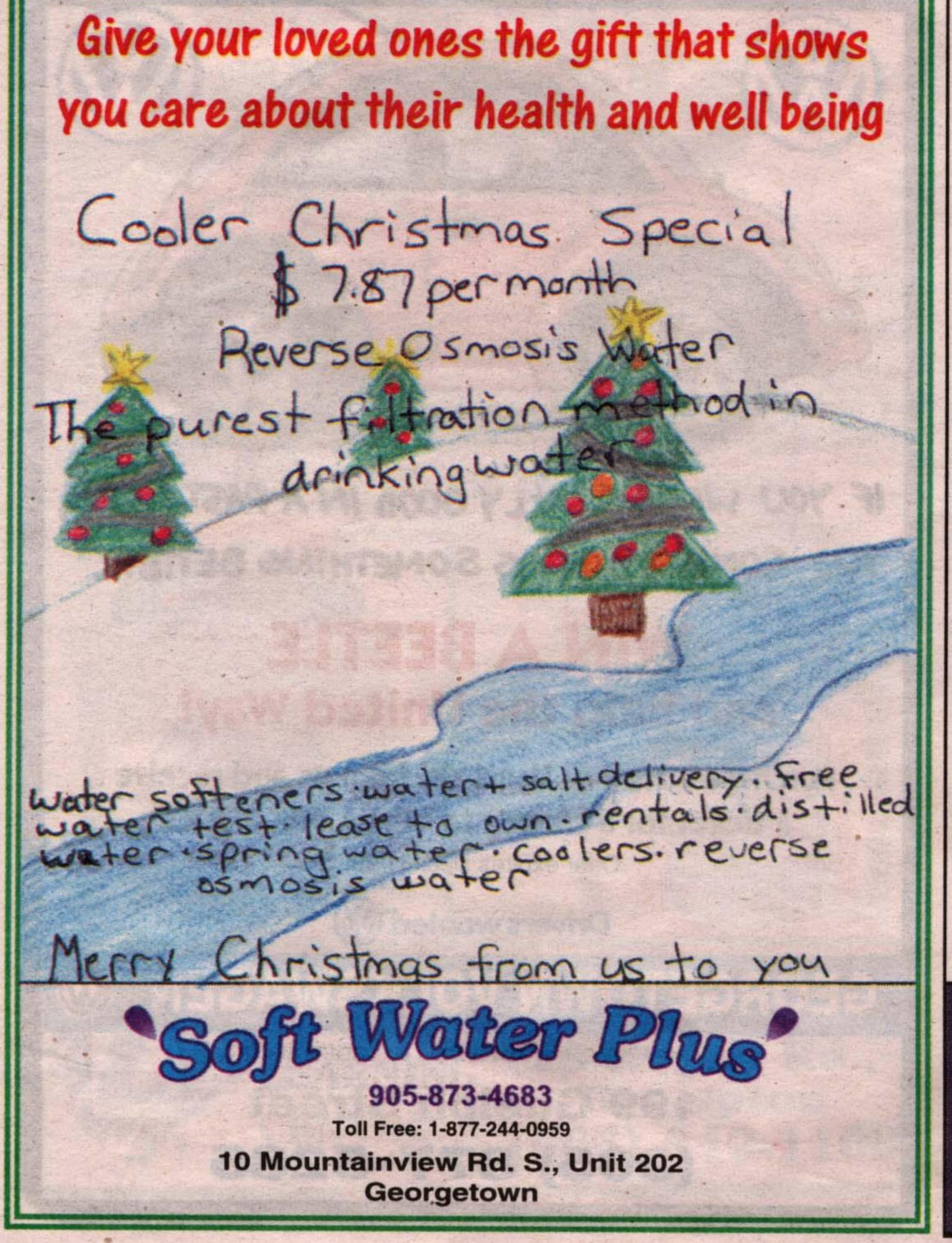
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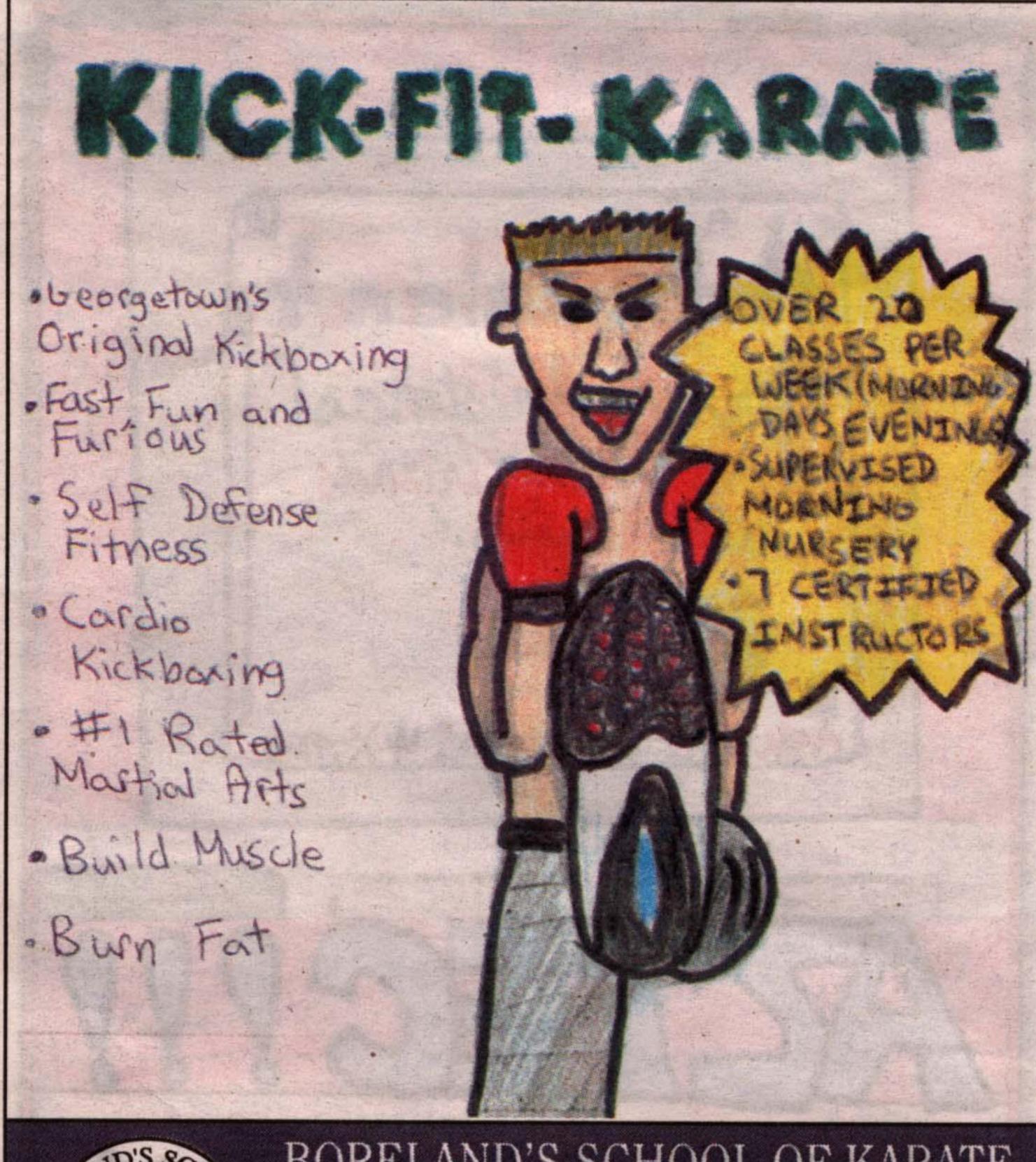
Have you noticed your children are getting hurt at school lately? One of the main reasons for this is the field, and we quote from Mr. Logan, Centennial's principal, "The back field is very poor."

The field is very uneven, their are many areas where the grass does not grow. Should you fall onto the field you would discover that it is very hard. During lunch there are often student's sitting with bags of ice on their ankles due to falling on the field!

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