



Another round, please

At the Ultimate Mix Championship Mix-Off in Georgetown Market Place Thursday afternoon, Georgetown District High School team members (from left) Hayley Humenick, Liz Little and Victoria Reynolds, displayed their drink concoction entitled Tropical Enigma, which was voted second out of 11 teams. Bishop Reding High School team won first, while Acton High School took third-place honours. The competition, sponsored by Halton Hills Injury Prevention Committee, Halton Region Health Department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Halton/Peel, and Milton Safety Committee, challenges students to create non-alcoholic drinks, as well as present a safety message of having fun without alcohol.

Photo by Ted Brown

Acton Trunk Sale group to get free use of town land

The Town of Halton Hills will allow the Acton Trunk Sale organization use town-owned lands near the olde Hide House for its annual Trunk Sale, rent-free.

Council gave its approval at last week's meeting.

The Acton Trunk Sale is held on Saturdays mornings, from May to Oct. Proceeds are redirected to community organizations such as the Acton Citizens Band, Acton Horticultural Society, scouts, high school reunion committee and others.

For the past several years, the Trunk Sale had used vacant land at the corner of Queen and Young Sts. But town approval was given earlier this year to build a mini plaza, which will include a Shoppers Drug Mart.

The Trunk Sale organizers requested the use of the town-owned lands, bought from CN in 1997. While the town gave the olde Hide House a 10-year lease

on the property for parking, a clause was included to give the town the right to use the lands for community events.

John Brison, president of the olde Hide House, expressed concern at Monday's meeting about Trunk Sale's impact on his business and wanted assurances on insurance, safety, cleanliness and timing.

Director of Engineering Rick Henry said the town will be placing trash receptacles and is considering screening the Sale from the olde Hide House.

The Trunk Sale organizers must provide the town with a certificate of insurance for \$2 million, naming the town as co-insured.

"I feel very strongly that the organizers of the Acton Trunk Sale will provide an event that is safe and is clean," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Mayor, MPP express concerns over obstetrics ward closure

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the health centre's first steps in trying to achieve a balanced budget while facing a \$27 million operating deficit.

"This decision to me is very detrimental to the community," said Bonnette, who has received calls from the public upset about the removal of the services.

He stressed there is a real need for an obstetrics unit at the hospital, "close at hand, not a considerable distance away in the next town," especially in light of the town's growing population, largely of young families.

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said when provincial and federal governments "are

preaching about improved access to health care, it is disturbing that expectant mothers in Halton Hills have to travel further to get the care necessary for their babies."

"I want to know if this reduction in service in Georgetown is due to funding shortfalls in Georgetown or among the Peel hospitals that make up the lion's share of this hospital group."

He said he would be "very distressed" if a lack of funding in William Osler's Peel campuses, resulted in closed programs and departments in Georgetown.

"That wouldn't be right. Reducing service in Halton Hills to cover funding shortfalls in Peel is not a fair solution."

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



A stroke of generosity

Peter Gorski, owner and operator of the local Student Works Painting franchise, primes the garage door of the rectory at St. Stephen's Anglican Church on Steeles Avenue at the Ninth Line. The first year Queen's University student donated both the paint and his crew of 10 local students, to touch up the rectory garage door, the railings on the porch, and the trim around some windows and doors, using the opportunity to train his crew. In addition, he is planning to donate his time and materials to paint his own church, St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown.

Photo by Ted Brown

Parking ban in effect during road repairs

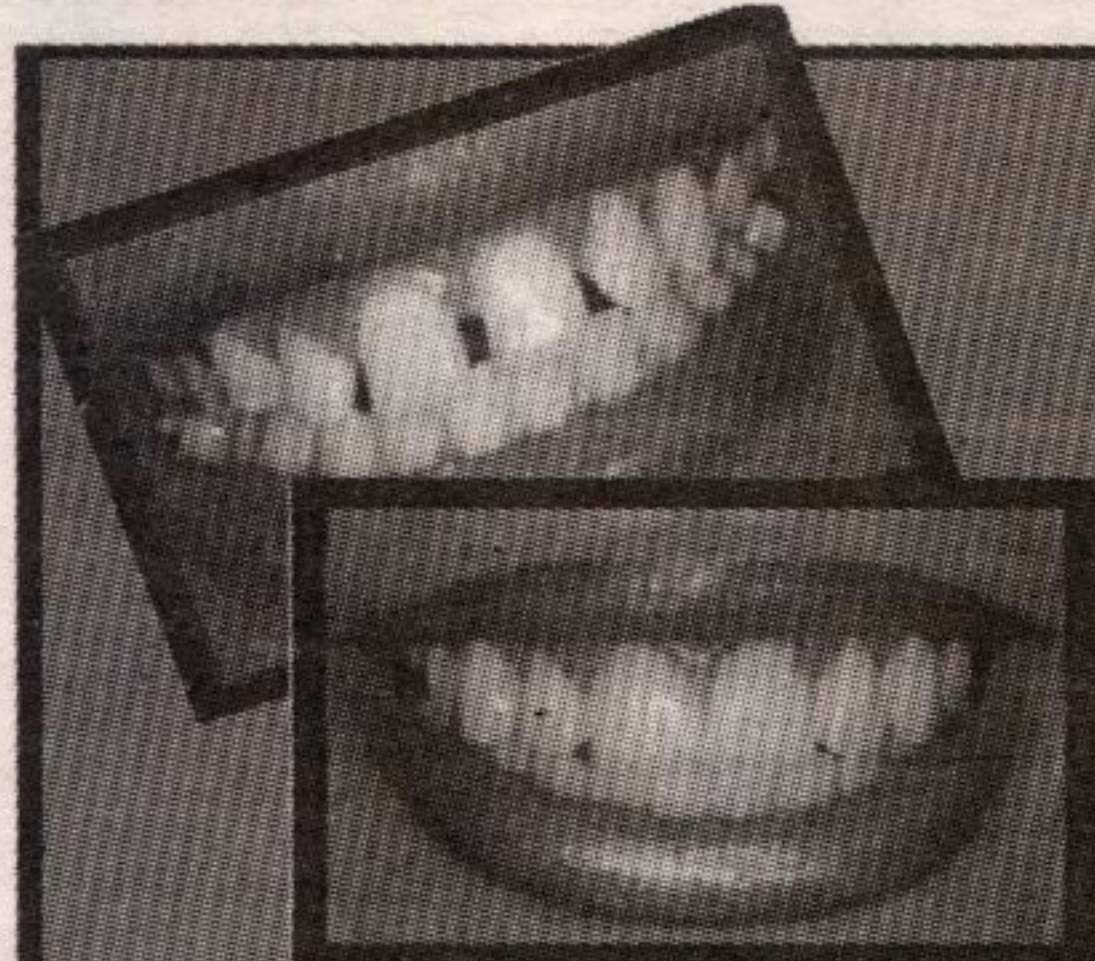
A new stop sign and a no-parking prohibition will be in place on Bower Ave. during the Mill St. reconstruction.

The Mill St. work, which began this month and includes water and wastewater main replacement, will require intermittent traffic stoppages or block-length closures until the end of August. This will likely lead to more traffic on neighbouring streets such as Bower Ave.

In response, council agreed to the temporary placement of a stop sign on Bower Ave. at Alice St. and a parking prohibition on the south side of Bower Ave. until Aug. 31.


As well, the town adopted a temporary bylaw prohibiting heavy truck traffic on Bower Ave., Willow St. N., St. Alban's Dr., River St., Church St. and Eastern Ave.

Truck traffic is being detoured down Wallace St.



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