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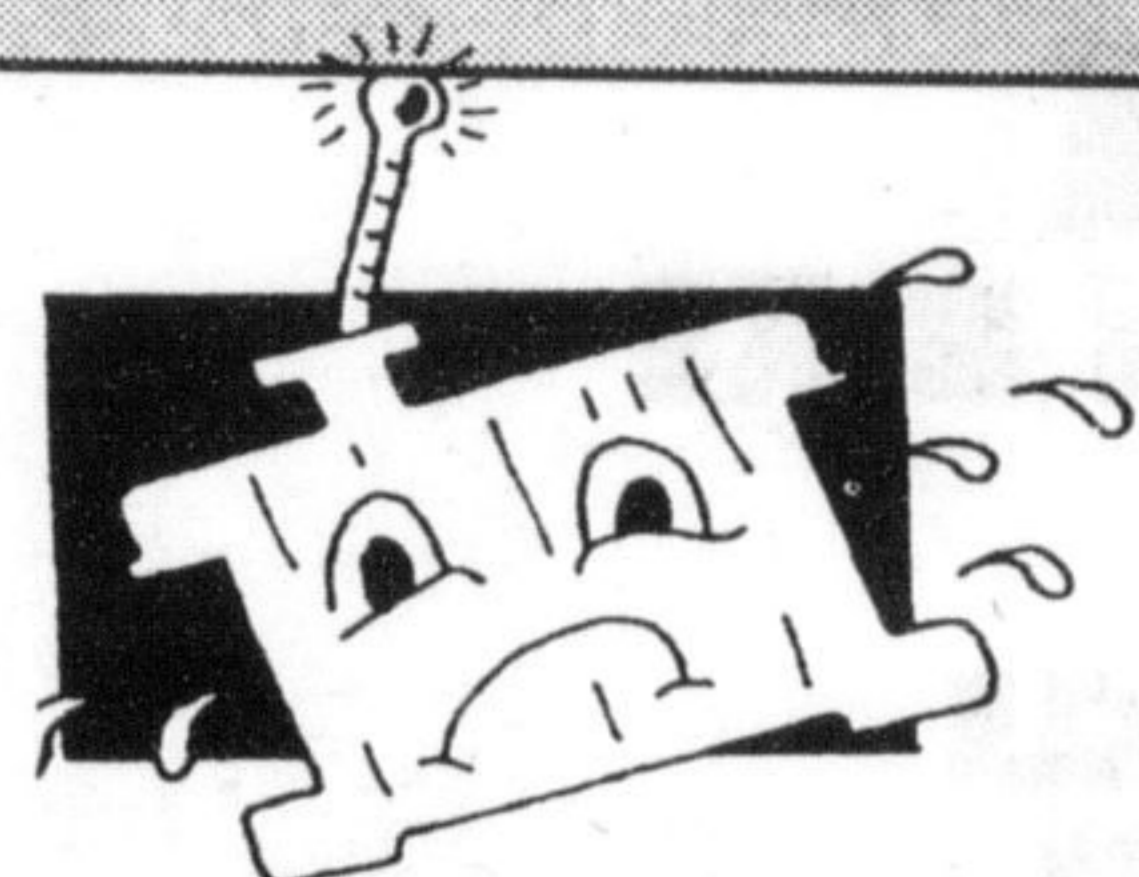
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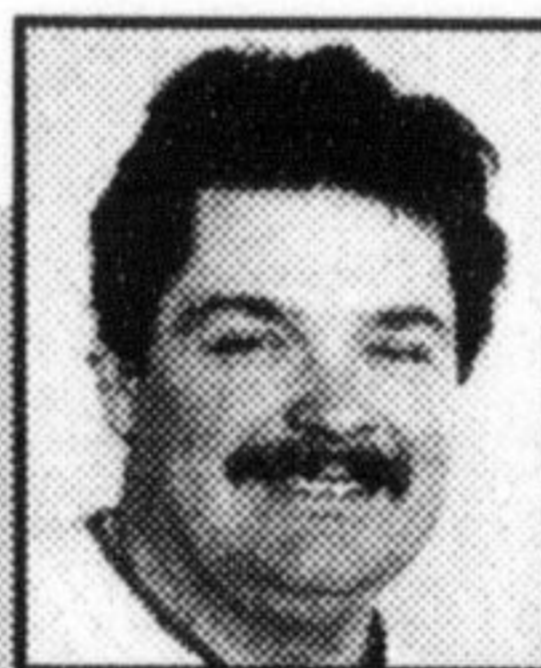
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Kingsbury staying tight-lipped about rejected teachers' deal

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Citing confidentiality, local Halton Board of Education Trustee Tim Kingsbury refused comment on the board's rejection of a tentative contract deal with Halton's 1,750 elementary school teachers.

Mr. Kingsbury expressed dissatisfaction with his board colleagues, who publicly commented on the contract rejection. Debate on the subject occurred during a private session of the board.

"I'm really disappointed that 'in camera' (behind closed door) information was disclosed in public," said Mr. Kingsbury. "I'd love to comment but it would put all trustees on unfair ground."

Trustees Cheryl Craig, Robb McLeod and Sheila Flook all spoke of the decision in various media outlets. Mr. Kingsbury said he would wait until a public session of the board before taking those members to task over the alleged indiscretion.

"Trustees Craig, McLeod and Flook are not playing by the same rules that we are bound by," said Mr. Kingsbury, who added that board administrative employees were not pleased with the public comments.

On another front, Mr. Kingsbury has made a motion for the board to pick up \$34,596.25 in legal fees incurred by five trustees defending themselves against conflict of interest charges.

The charges were dropped by Burlington resident Dave Houston of the Taxpayers Coalition in March when the Fewer School Boards Act was introduced in the provincial legislature. Mr. Houston said the new law will address his conflict of interest concerns.

Mr. Kingsbury said most organizations have provisions to cover legal fees for those employee sued over actions taken in support of their duties. Currently the Halton Board of Education does not.

"I'm surprised it's even an issue," he said.



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TIM KINGSBURY

Ride the big bike for good cause

The big bike is back.

On July 5 the Heart and Stroke Foundation will give people an opportunity to ride a 10-meter long, 30-seat bike in an effort to raise funds and awareness for the cause.

The big bike has been one of the organization's most successful events, raising more than \$1 million for stroke research in the last two years.

Prizes such as shirts and jackets are available.

The bike cannot help but attract attention said Helena Donaldson, event co-ordinator.

She said the goal is to raise \$15,000 in Milton. The route for the ride has yet to be determined.

Milton already has 240 riders signed up. Riders are arranged in groups of 30, however organizers will cater to individuals who want to take part by putting them together into one group.

Those interested in riding or pledging can call Ms Donaldson at 875-3237. Individuals seeking a group to ride can call the same number.

PLANT AUCTION

The Milton and District Horticultural Society would like to acknowledge and express sincere thanks to the following local businesses for their valued support of the plant auction on May 12, 1997. These companies contributed significantly to the success of the auction.

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