

Mozart Night



Dr. Gary Fisher will conduct the St. Cecilia Chorus Sunday when they perform Mozart at St. Paul's United Church. —16

Best at Fair



Scientists displayed their projects at Milton District High School Thursday and Alex Reed's was judged to be the best. —23

Sports



Soccer season will soon be in full swing. Tryouts were held for boys on Saturday at Brian Best Park. —26

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OPP on RIDE all year long

The OPP announced late last month they have extended their seasonal RIDE program throughout the rest of the year.

Number 3 District, which includes Milton, has already been actively participating in the new year-round project.

Milton OPP officers were at Derry Rd. and Highway 25 on Monday afternoon stopping motorists, and looking for impaired drivers. Six officers in each district have been assigned to the RIDE posting.

During the week of April 23 to April 30, No. 3 District officers stopped 3,048 vehicles. Ten drivers lost their licences for 12 hours, and six drivers were charged with impaired.

Across the province during the first week of operation, 28,699 vehicles were charged, with 40 impaired charges resulting.



OPP Constable Y. Levesque was one of several No. 3 District officers working on a RIDE spotcheck set up at Derry Rd. and Highway 25 on Monday afternoon.

RIDE has traditionally been run only during the Christmas season, but the OPP have expanded the project, and will now be running it year-round.

Neighbours say they'll fight planned youth home

By ROB KELLY

Despite the fact that a charitable organization proposing a youth group home for Milton got an endorsement from town councillors Monday night, it would be premature for those favouring the project to breathe a sigh of relief.

Halton Adolescent Support Services (HASS) proposes to build a group home for nine young people who are having difficulty in their home environment.

The structure, according to an artist's rendering supplied to councillors Monday, would be a relatively roomy two-storey house on Commercial St. near the former Emmanuel Baptist Church building.

A petition bearing the names of 81 residents, mostly living nearby, vigorously opposes the project. A list of 22 agencies solicited by HASS, including three provincial government ministries, Halton Region and a provincial court judge, supports the endeavour.

Monday night at a general committee meeting councillors lent their support in principle to the group home, in what amounted to a rather peculiar bartering exchange with HASS lawyer Paul Milne late in the discussions.

The upshot of the deal was that council supports the HASS initiative, but that Milton will issue a building permit only subject to approval of a site plan prepared by HASS.

However, there is no site plan at present. Meanwhile, the angry area residents vowed to continue fighting HASS, and following the meeting they warned that they will hire their own legal counsel.

More than 20 neighbours turned out to oppose the HASS plan, and they sparred with HASS executive director Ugo Felice for an hour. Soft-spoken but persistent, Mr. Felice told councillors that the HASS clientele would disrupt the community no more than the average teenager, probably less because the HASS householders would be more strongly supervised.

Residents would most likely come from board of education or social services referrals, HASS officials have stated. Young people with criminal records or drug problems would not be accepted.

Homeowners challenged HASS plans on numerous grounds; size of the site, parking, noise, the fact that several other public and quasi-public institutions already surround their houses. But perhaps the most telling point came when Mr. Felice described the function of a HASS advisory board, in an attempt to involve at least one resident with it.

Percy Barr, the spokesman for the opposing residents, stood within a foot of Mr. Felice at the speaker's podium and faced him. "We still don't want you there," he said. "It's just as simple as that."

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Men not allowed to build sister's garage

By MIKE BOYLE

All Terry Griffin wanted to do was help his sister and brother-in-law build their garage.

But by the time they were finished — and not a stick of work was done — two American border guards, an American congressman, a U.S. district director of immigration, and radio and TV personality Larry King all became involved in a crazy situation. The incident first rattled everyone but has since been somewhat resolved.

The plan seemed simple.

Mr. Griffin, a five-year resident of Milton, his two brothers and one of their sons, wanted to help his sister, Lynda Khula, and her husband Steve build a garage onto their house.

There was one hitch to their plan. The Khulas live in Richmond, Maine, in the United States of America.

The four men were turned back twice at border crossings in Vermont because, as guard Keith Beetle told them, it's against U.S. law to cross the border to do work for profit or non-profit, without the proper certification.

The four men had left Toronto after work on Friday April 29 and had planned to drive non-stop to Maine. As Mr. Griffin tells it, the situation became unnerving as they approached the first border at Derby, Vermont, at about 3 a.m.

"When we got to the border, the guard (Mr. Beetle) asked us why we were entering the country and we explained we were going to help our brother-in-law build a garage."

He said Mr. Beetle asked the men to open their trunk where there were four hammers and four hardhats. The guard then asked the men to pull to the side and took them inside the customs building where each man underwent a

10-minute examination.

After a 45-minute delay, Mr. Beetle informed them they were forbidden entry into the U.S. because they were going to do some work, even of the non-profit variety.

"We just couldn't believe it."

He said they offered to leave their hammers and hardhats in Canada but again were refused entry.

They were given two options: to return at 8 a.m. and talk with the supervisor; or go before a board of immigration. Neither appealed to them.

He said a conversation with the Canadian border guard suggested the U.S. guard was trying to make brownie points with his superior.

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Moffat man dies in truck crash

A 49-year-old Milton man died as a result of single-vehicle accident on No. 5 Sideroad east of Guelph Line early Monday evening.

Dead is David George Norton of Lot 12, Concession 1, Moffat. Police say the results of an autopsy done Tuesday morning, show Mr. Norton died because of injuries to his chest when he was thrown into the steering wheel of the truck he was driving.

The accident occurred at approximately 5:50 p.m. Police say Mr. Norton was driving a 1987 Dodge pick-up westbound on No. 5 Sideroad at the posted speed of 80 km/h when his vehicle

left the roadway and hit a tree on the south side of the road.

He was pronounced dead at Milton District Hospital by Dr. Robertson a short time later.

Mr. Norton is survived by his wife Georgina, daughter Cynthia Herron of Milton and Peter David Norton at home.

He is resting at the J. Scott Early Funeral Home on James St. from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today (Wednesday). Funeral services will be held from Grace Anglican Church on Thursday at 1 p.m., with interment at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church in Campbellville.

Clean Sweep

Merchants are being encouraged to participate in a Clean Sweep Campaign, put on by the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area.

The campaign begins Friday and concludes the following Friday as part of the Town of Milton's annual spring clean-up week.

Merchants are asked to sweep their sidewalks, wash windows, clean their front and back entrances, and do some painting.

DBIA manager Sandy Martin said it's important everything is clean for the coming season. She said warm weather brings out the strollers.