

## There's a mouse in the house

Another season of local, family entertainment will begin on December 1 when Milton Performing Arts for Children (MPAC) presents Mouse Tales.

The magic of puppetry will come alive as both puppets and actors perform a variety of skits, stories and songs.

The two-concert series will continue on March 2 with singer, songwriter and master impressionist Lenny Graf. The action-packed show will feature a blend of tunes, pranks and musical talent.

Both concerts will be presented on Sunday after-



Milton Performing Arts for Children will begin its two-concert series with Mouse Tales Sunday at Milton Baptist Church at 3 p.m.

noons at 3 p.m. at Milton Baptist Church.

"This is a kid-friendly venue that encourages children to participate in the shows as little or as much as they'd like," said MPAC president Janice Garrod.

Tickets for the series cost \$15 and are available at As We Grow down-

town, The SoapBerry Shop at Milton Mall, or by calling 878-4533.

MPAC is a group of local parents committed to bringing quality children's entertainment to town. For 11 years, it has presented a wide range of shows from ballet to puppetry to last year's blockbuster Eric Nagler concert.

## New web weaved for business

By BRAD REAUME  
The Champion

The weaving is done and Halton Region's web is waiting to capture the world.

Halton's business development centre recently unveiled its internet website, the last bit of framework for the region's on-line computer information pipeline. The new website is designed to provide information for businesses outside the region who are thinking of doing business in Halton.

The business development website has links to Halton Region's website, which provides general information and council agendas.

Halton's main website is getting about 11,000 hits each month, according to business development centre manager Kate Johnson. Each hit represents one computer user requesting a connection of any length of time. She said she expects a similar number of hits on the new business website.

Halton's administration and finance committee got a walk through the new site by Rudy Bayoumi, president of Executive On-Line, the company which won the contract to fashion it.

Mr. Bayoumi said the site was built with an eye on clarity of content, a consistent theme and marketability. Along with viewing a list of local business confer-

ences, users of the site can actually register through their internet connection. In addition those companies with their own websites can link them to Halton's.

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said it should have a tourism aspect but Brent Kears, director of Access Halton, said the Halton central site includes tourism and it is directly linked to the business one.

Several councillors wondered if the \$10,000 used to create it was cost effective. Mr. Kears said it is actually easier to track use of the system through the internet, as opposed to other mediums such as radio or newspapers.

"The objective is to make it a well visited site," said Mr. Kears.

"That allows us to charge more money for links to our system and advertisements."

"This is obviously the way of the future and I'm happy that it might produce some revenue," said Burlington Councillor Ralph Scholtens.

Halton Chair Joyce Savoline said she was surprised at the number of people who use the internet and communicate through e-mail to the region's administration.

"We have to be in the game, we have to be a player," said Oakville Councillor Keith Bird. "This is how the game of business development is being played."

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