Steel city rises again as demand strengthens

BY STEVE ARNOLD

A year after Steeltown shuttered, with Hilton Works on hiatus and imposed pay cuts at ArcelorMittal Dofasco, steel is making a comeback.

By far, much of the ground lost on the job front is expected to be made back, with more than 1,000 jobs noted — and the opportunity for even more.

The largest part of that growth will result from the sale of two idled U.S. Steel mills to a German company that promises to have new steel flowing through them before the end of September.

Also inside:

Jazzed about music

Addi Feta uses all his might to get a note out of a trombone yesterday at Dr. L. Edgar Storey school.

Jazz musician Darcy Hepner and applied music students from Mohawk College are working with 850 Hamilton workers of the 1,600 laid off last year.

Lessons in mental health set to start in Grade 1

BY CARMELINA PRETE

Mental health will gain prominence in the classroom this fall under a new province-wide curriculum that will reach Ontario schoolchildren in all grades.

The revised health and physical education curriculum — altered for the first time in 11 years — marks a significant shift from how mental health has been taught in the past.

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Councillor saves land for stadium parking

BY ANDREW DRESCHEL

In a classic case of the left hand not knowing what the right is doing, city council nearly stuck a ‘for sale’ sign on four acres of city-owned land strategically located across the street from the Pan-Ams stadium site.

Councillor Lloyd Ferguson caught the blunder just as it was about to be passed as a housekeeping item.

Ferguson argued the land is perfect for another stadium parking lot, which he believes could appease the Hamilton Tiger-Cats’ concerns that the west harbour location doesn’t have enough on-site parking.

The Ancaster councillor’s last-minute catch earned warm praise from Mayor Fred Eisenberger and a firm rebuke to city staff.

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