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Steel city rises again as demand strengthens

BY STEVE ARNOLD

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

By the fall, much of the ground lost on the jobs front is expected to be gained back, with more than 1,000 jobs restored — 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.

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The rest will be at ArcelorMittal Dofasco, where plans to add a third blast furnace could create 30 positions this summer.

U.S. Steel has also recalled about

800 Hamilton workers of the 1,500 laid off last year.

Thomas Fetzer, president of Max Aicher (North America) Inc., said he expects to hire between 150 and 200 people to staff the Hamilton bar mills his company is buying from U.S. Steel.

Fetzer said hiring could start next month after the 100 U.S. Steel workers with recall rights to the plant have been canvassed.

"All of the employees with recall rights can come back," he said. "We'll see how many have retired or found other jobs and then we will hire from the outside."

Fetzer plans to have the plants operating by the third quarter.

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JAZZED ABOUT MUSIC



CATHIE COWARD, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Adil Feta uses all his might to get a note out of a trombone yesterday at Dr. J. Edgar Davey school. Jazz musician Darcy Hepner and applied music students from Mohawk College are working with David Derbyshire from the Wesley Centre to bring hands-on music experience to four schools in the city core. The Jazz in the Hub program will reach 1,000 elementary students.

Councillor saves land for stadium parking

BY ANDREW DRESCHER

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 Am stadium site.

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

Ferguson argues 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.

"This is an integral piece of property to the whole Pan Am process," Eisenberger said.

"We can't possibly sell this or we're going to be in a position where we'll probably have to rebuy the thing ... down the road."

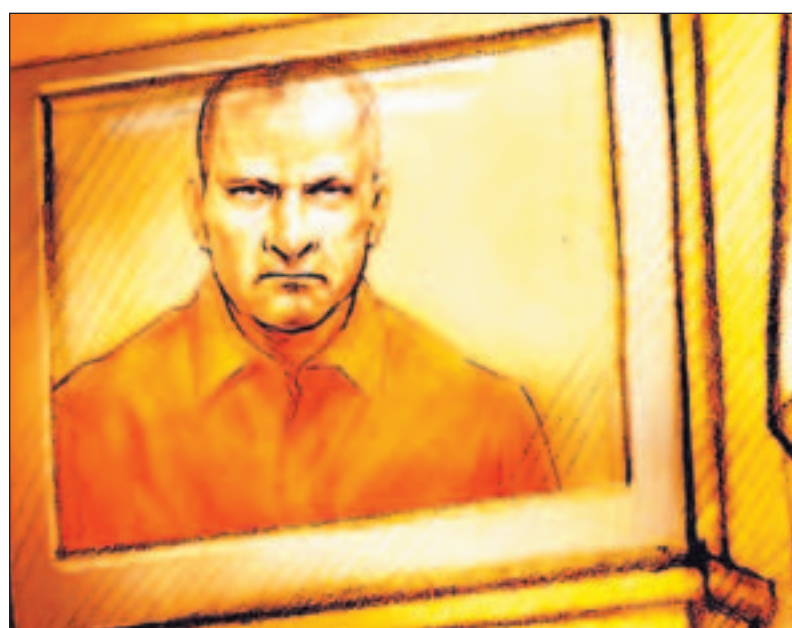
The storage site at 125 Barton St. W. is directly across the road from the old Rheem plant the city purchased for stadium lands in the Barton-Tiffany area.

It covers about 4.46 acres and includes a warehouse of 56,401 square feet and a workshop of 10,113 square feet.

Council's public works committee had already approved declaring the land surplus.

And when the item appeared in council's agenda package, the report specified it should be used for Pan Am facilities.

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Charges pile up on colonel
 Williams faces 82 more charges, including break-ins at homes of alleged victims.
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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 12 years — marks a significant shift from how mental health has been taught in the past.

Today, mental health is included in the curriculum but not consistently. Mental illness isn't taught in detail until Grade 11 and 12, when phys-ed courses aren't mandatory for students, notes Sharon LaBonte-Jaques, a Centre for Addiction and Mental Health manager who worked with the education ministry on the curriculum.

In the revised curriculum, les-

sons in mental health — such as how to recognize sources of stress — will be taught beginning in Grade 1 and integrated throughout the entire health curriculum as a way to promote healthy living and develop good personal skills.

Mental illness is also taught earlier and more directly as a means to reduce stigma and harmful stereotypes.

"It's all about helping students be resilient ... to develop healthy students and adults who can cope with their lives," LaBonte-Jaques said.

Premier Dalton McGuinty abruptly shelved the curriculum earlier this month over controversy concerning the explicit lessons in sex education.

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 Businessman alleges Jaffer promised to get \$5m government loan.
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