



Community Calendar

Pipe Band celebrates

Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band will be holding its 40th anniversary Ball on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., at Holy Cross Church Hall. There's a buffet supper, dance music and light entertainment. For tickets call Virginia Hulme, 877-2415, Gail Bennett, 877-8775 or Deanne Rainbird, 844-1639, or write c/o Box 14, Georgetown, L7G 4T7.

St. Alban's anniversary

St. Alban's Church in Glen Williams is celebrating its 80th anniversary next week. The church is holding a homecoming dinner-dance Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Peter Norton, 877-7848, or contact any member of the church's Men's Club. Sunday, Sept. 12 is a special homecoming service at the church, with former St. Alban's minister Rev. Canon Ken Richardson as guest minister. Former members of the church's congregation are welcome to attend.

Philharmonic here

Georgetown Public Library hosts a special series of concerts performed by musicians of Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and CKDS Radio host Richard Gale, starting Sept. 15. The series is called Explorations: Instruments and their music. Tickets will be sold by subscription. Call the library or the orchestra office (526-8800)

Y smoke?

If you smoke, and want to quit, enrol in the Georgetown Y Stop Smoking Program called "Y Smoke." A free introductory meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7:20 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Arena Hall.

Ballet at the Y

Georgetown YM-YWCA ballet program resumes on Tuesday, September 14 to Dec. 14, and January 18 to May 10 at Sacre Coeur Church. Elizabeth Chalmers directs the classes for Pre-primary, primary, levels 1 to 4, junior and adults. Register at the Y, 89 Mountainview Rd. S., 877-6163.

Discipline for the dogs

Does your dog drag you around the block? Does he run the other way when you call him? Georgetown Y is holding an eight-week dog-training program beginning Thursday, Sept. 15, from 8 to 9 p.m. at Cedarvale Community Centre. The course deals with basic obedience. Pre-register by calling the Y at 877-6163.

Fall Activities brochure

Hutton Hills Recreation Department will be distributing the fall issue of their activities brochure, Community and Leisure Activities, on Wednesday, Sept. 8. This 40-page brochure will be delivered by carrier to Acton residents and will be inserted in the Independent. If you do not receive your copy, call the Recreation Department at 877-5185, ext. 60 or 19.

Lorne School reunion

A Lorne School Centennial Reunion is being held at the request of the attendants at the 1979 reunion, Saturday, September 11 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Osprey school auditorium.

Cool off this summer with a thick arctic orange McDonald's shake.



Baseball has changed.

We went to a Blue Jays game the other evening, my first professional, on-the-spot, open air stadium game.

There was no place to park. Every lot was full. The game was to start at 7:30 so we had arrived a half-hour or so ahead of time thinking we would have plenty of time.

"I never dreamed baseball would be this popular on a Tuesday evening," Eric muttered as we drove past yet another sorry lot full (and this in somebody's front yard!). "Next time we'll come at six."

"Three" I suggested as we parked a mile away and took a streetcar the rest of the way.

The CNE was open the next day and it was exciting walking through the grounds to the stadium. The atmosphere was as thick as fog. A scarred, much painted, pitted railing alongside one of the midway rides was receiving yet another coat of paint by man who could be nothing else but a carry.

We seemed to walk around the entire stadium before we found our gate. At least there were no line-ups to get in. We found our seats and had to dislodge 11 or so people to sit down. The game had already started. The place was packed.

"People sure come early to these games," we commented to one another. It was barely 7:30.

Suddenly the huge television announced the Seventh Inning Stretch and everyone leapt to their feet and began to twist and reach their arms over their heads.

We side-eyed each other in amazement and bewilderment. Surreptitiously we checked our tickets. Yes, the date was correct. Starting time was 7:30 p.m.



Homefree

with Kara Parker

We did a few stretches and decided to ask someone what was going on. Eric had tapped the nearest comely lady before I had a chance to ask anyone anything.

Ta-da—all was explained. It was an unscheduled double-header and this, the first game, started at 4:30. We settled in to enjoy the game. The Blue Jays and Cleveland were tied.

Now I know baseball. I used to rush home every day after school during the World Series when the Yankees were Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris and Bill Skowron.

I pitched for the North Bay Kiwanis Girls' Softball team and my biggest claim to fame was having wrists smaller than the narrowest part of the baseball bat.

Yes, I know baseball. But the setting has changed.

It got dark but the stadium stayed daytime. In North Bay we had outdoor lights for night time play but they never all worked at once. Some flickered and threw weird shadows over the outfield. Third base was so dark it was scary!

And the Blue Jays were playing on a carpet. I can remember the Yankees rubbing the ball in the soft green grass for good luck. Grass stains on knees or hips were a prestige item. You could pick a few blades of grass and chew on them if the game got boring.

Those days are gone.

A sea gull landed near the short stop during the Blue Jays game, took a step or two and flew away. I bet the astro turf scratched his feet.



For children

Dara James, five, holds up a poster for the University Women's Club Super Sunday Series for children. Tickets go on sale next week for the programs at the John Elliott Theatre box office.

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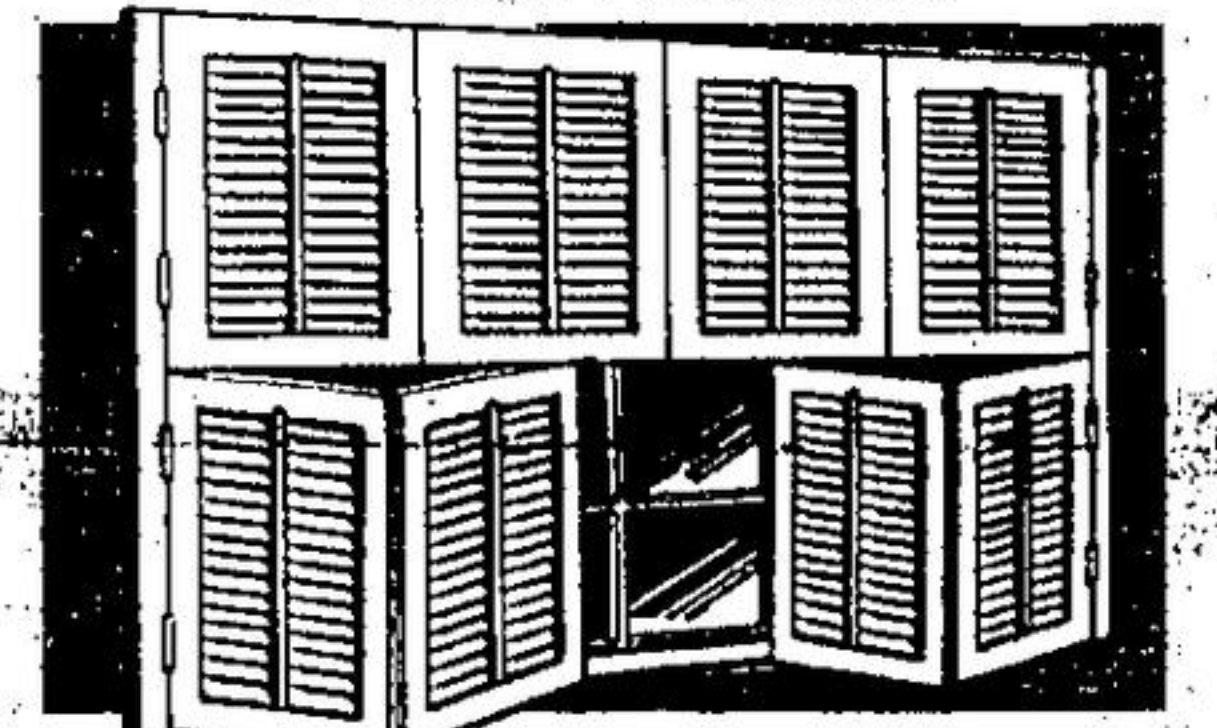
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