

About the Hills Understanding the BNA debate

Several Georgetown residents have taken the initiative in helping their fellow citizens better understand Canada's Constitution and the nature of the revisions now being debated.

A unique educational forum takes place May 8 at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown, beginning at 8 p.m. Lawyer Gwen Landolt, a noted authority on the British-North America Act, will explain the Act and the current changes in layman's terms, answering questions after her presentation.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting, affording an opportunity for interested citizens to speak personally with Ms. Landolt.

Sign up for ActiVan

ActiVan, Halton Hills' fledgling transit system for the physically handicapped, is scheduled to hit the road May 8 and application forms to subscribe to the service are now available. The special van, operated by Tyler Transport of Acton and purchased largely through a donation from Lewis Strauss Inc. as well as soon-to-be-raised public funds, will run for a one-year period while council assesses its worth as a permanent service. A 50-cent fare will be charged per passenger. Application forms are available by calling Barb Stevens (877-5920), Anne Dodds (853-2423) or Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson (877-7720).

McDermid moving

Even politicians move around in May. Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid will be pulling up stakes from his usual Bramalea City Centre office to move into the Queen's Square building on Brampton's Queen Street May 4. Expansion of the City Centre and the more central 24 Queen Street East location of his new office necessitated the switch, his constituency office reports. The move, he hopes will serve his constituents better.

Keep eye on your pets

The town's general committee has tentatively approved hiring an animal control officer to issue notices under the recently passed Provincial Offences Act. The town has named Michael Joseph Kirby to fill the new role under which he will be obligated to enforce offences under the Dog Licensing and Livestock and Poultry Act. Fines, as set out by the provincial court's criminal division are \$23 against a dog owner who fails to license his pet for the current year and \$13 for dog owners who allow their pets to run at large.



DIAMOND JUBILEE

John Simpson (centre), principal of Acton's McKenzie-Smith Public School and president of the Halton Elementary Teachers Federation, was honored by the Halton Board of Education Thursday as a recent recipient of a Diamond Jubilee award for his outstanding contributions in the field of education. Roger Watt (left) and Halton district president of the Ontario Public School Men's Teachers Federation Robert O'Driscoll were on hand to congratulate Mr. Simpson, who is also chairman of the provincial Professional Development Committee and founder-editor of the Halton teacher's newsletter.

(Herald photo)



NO CHILLY NIGHTS FOR GREG

Georgetown Jayceettes held a fund-raising draw April 9 for this elaborately-prepared quilt, and last week, project chairman Brenda Pantling made the big presentation to young winner Greg Lane, 11, of Silver Creek. While Greg keeps warm and snug wrapped up in his newest acquisition, the Jayceettes will put funds raised in the draw to good use through a variety of community projects.

(Herald photo)



SURPRISE FOR BRUCE

Celebrating a surprise retirement party for superintendent of business and finance Bruce Lindley (right) last week were Halton Board of Education Chairman Bill Lawson and trustee Florence Meares, a former principal and recipient of a Diamond Jubilee Award, at the board office in Burlington.

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Cancer funds rising, tribute disappointing

Just as Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope came to a tragic close late last summer in Thunder Bay, a locally-produced 45 r.p.m. record inspired by the Marathon's untimely end has failed to meet its objective.

With a boxful of unsold copies of the single "Song for Terry" still taking up office space at the William Ellis Real Estate office in downtown Georgetown where she works, Bette Stokes will close the savings account Friday she opened last fall to collect proceeds from sales of the record.

All proceeds - about \$500 - go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

It's not nearly as much as Ms. Stokes, who wrote the lyrics, had hoped to raise. Paramount Records pressed 1,000 copies of the single, but at least 300 still remain unsold.

"It doesn't end in Thunder Bay," Georgetown-raised singer Dana Michaels reassured on the single she recorded in Brampton with her group, which included Brampton Conservatory of Music director Victor

Dellamora who wrote the melody. Production, distribution and promotion costs surprised the trio, as did the kind of response they received from

radio stations and record stores. Most said "no, thanks".

Making the best of an "eye-opening" situation, Ms. Stokes and her colleagues spent many hours each week distributing copies by hand and drawing up their own display signs.

Although the funds raised by the single are being turned over to the Cancer Society this week, copies of the record can be obtained (\$2.14 tax included) at Sam the Record Man at Mississauga Square One or from Ms. Stokes. Phone her at 877-6917; any additional funds will also be forwarded to the Society.

\$45,000

\$13,322

Please help the fight against cancer by forwarding donations to the unit's office at 11 Wesleyan Street, Georgetown, or by phoning 877-1124.

Daniel visits lions

"I feel like Daniel in the lion's den," regional treasurer Gerry Lawson joked during a presentation on this year's tax increase to town council last Tuesday. Mr. Lawson said he approached his explanation by asking the same questions a layman would when presented with a regional budget which, roughly averaged, could increase Halton's current share of the Halton Hills homeowners' tax dollar by 42 per cent.

Government grants which have failed to keep pace with inflation, more spending in the region's health and social services departments and the need to rebuild regional money reserves drained last year in a desperate effort to recover part of a \$600,000 deficit have been blamed for this year's 20 per cent increase in the operating budget.

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