

Local trustees' seminar to introduce 'Toughlove'

Coping with today's problems can be even harder on the kids than it is on their parents

Family and social stress in this era of the so-called "Me Generation" and its related problems, from drug abuse to vandalism, is a subject of prime concern to parents and educators alike, so Halton Hills' three school trustees are initiating an increasingly popular program here called "Toughlove".

Arlene Bruce, Betty Fisher and Betty Walker of the Halton board of education are jointly sponsoring a Toughlove seminar May 3 at Larchmount Public School, hoping that local parents will

take an interest in the disciplinary concept based upon people helping people.

As well as discussing current social problems affecting parents and their children, Toughlove deals with developing new strengths enabling parents to give their children "firm, selective, loving support".

Ward 2 trustee Betty Walker endorses Toughlove as a healthy, positive con-

cept, but takes exception to the words "tough" and "love" being combined as a title. She feels that control, with caring, is the essential ingredient of love and hopes parents will respond enthusiastically to the seminar despite the program's name.

The past two decades, Mrs. Walker notes, have left parents and children confused about their roles in society and at home.

"Toughlove is a good start in handling the fallout from the past," she says, citing the drug subculture, media hype and the relative selfishness of the "Me Generation" as factors in the fallout.

Many parents feel needlessly guilty, ashamed and angry with themselves or others if they discover their kids' behavior is unacceptable at school or in the community, Ward 1 trustee

Arlene Bruce says. They may feel like failures as parents and wonder where they went wrong, but Toughlove, she believes, may give them some simple, down-to-earth answers.

Mrs. Bruce regards Toughlove as a system of practical parenting guidance as well as an excellent opportunity to discuss personal experiences with topical problems. Denying, ignoring and losing

sleep over their children's disruptive behavior will prevent parents from teaching their children to be responsible adults, she points out.

Perhaps Toughlove will show a better way.

Wards 3 and 4 trustee Betty Fisher firmly believes a teenager's behavior is merely a reflection on his or her behavior in earlier years. Children don't automatically

turn into destructive monsters at age 14, she says, but instead learn from birth how to manipulate and control their parents. Mrs. Fisher hopes the parents of preschoolers and children in elementary school attend the May 3 seminar to learn how to avoid future problems.

The three trustees are sponsoring the Toughlove seminar as a community

service; meeting facilities at Limehouse school are being provided by the Halton board of education.

Tickets are \$5 per couple or \$3 per person. Since the hall holds only 200 people and there will be no advance ticket sales, please come early to avoid disappointment.

"Toughlove is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from ticket sales are used to pay speakers and could help finance the organization of a Toughlove movement in this area.

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About the Hills

Come check seat plaques

Many area residents who helped sponsor construction of the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre by buying commemorative seat plaques in the Elliott Theatre have already dropped by to see their plaques' positioning, as reported in last week's Herald. Many more will be doing so at future theatre productions, especially the Georgetown Little Theatre's "The Importance of Being Earnest" April 30 and May 1, 6, 7 and 8. For plaque purchasers not attending any upcoming productions, you can drop by the theatre today (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to check your plaque.

Off to a good start

Norval Junction's first Country Music Celebration over the weekend almost had a major international headline to complement host Ronnie Hawkins' legendary status. Hosting the first in a series of musical evenings designed to promote Canadian amateur country music talent, the "Hawk" got the crowd jumping with his patented rockabilly, introduced one-time English singing sensation Vince Seeger for a few rousing numbers and accepted a long-distance apology from American blues singer-guitarist George Thorogood. Enjoying renewed public interest since touring with the Rolling Stones last summer, Thorogood phoned the Junction Saturday night to apologize for not making the trip, as Hawkins had hoped. Due into the Junction this Friday and Saturday nights is the Family-Brown, stars of their own regional television show.

Plaza plans dropped

Landawn Shopping Centres Ltd., the Toronto development firm which constructed the Halton Hills Plaza in Georgetown, is dropping its appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board to build a plaza in Acton. A small plaza had been proposed for the corner of Highway 7 and Churchill Road South featuring a Zehr's food market and several small retail outlets. The town has maintained that the plaza is unnecessary in the community. Its objections were underlined last fall with the completion of the downtown core studies for Acton and Georgetown. The report warned that plaza development on Acton's outskirts would seriously harm the community's downtown core, and argued that residents already receive a wide range of services downtown.

Once a thief..?

An attempt to walk out of the Zellers store in the Georgetown Marketplace with a new pair of jeans and a jacket landed an escapee from the Guelph Correctional Institute back in the Institute Friday. Gerrard Simpson, 22, of Bramalea was caught shoplifting \$36 worth of men's clothing by the store's security staff. A routine investigation check by Halton regional police called to the store revealed the man was wanted on a warrant for being unlawfully at large. Mr. Simpson was charged with theft under \$200 by Halton police and will appear in Milton provincial court May 3.



QUITE A WEEKEND FOR US ALL

It was one huge, historical landmark of a weekend for all Canadians, and Herald reporter-photographer Al Federman joined thousands of spectators in the nation's capital to take in the drama of Queen Elizabeth's official proclamation of the new Constitution. In Ottawa specifically to meet the monarch was Gina Osborne (centre) of Brampton, nominated to be MP and Mrs. John McErmid's guest during the gala festivities. Each MP invited one constituent - their choice of a true "Canadian achiever" - to dinner Friday night with the Queen at the Kent Street Holiday Inn. See this Friday's Herald Weekend Extra for reporter Federman's full account and photos of the Queen's - and Mrs. Osborne's - Ottawa visits. See page A2 today for a related photo.

Conditions differ here

Local pharmacies OK during MD's protest

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Participation by Georgetown doctors in the current protest against the province's health insurance program is having little effect on local pharmacies, a brief survey conducted by The Herald indicates.

Doctors across Ontario are seeking larger incomes from the province's health ministry and in their protest have asked mobile patients to visit their offices to have prescriptions renewed and insisting that brand name drugs rather than generic products be used.

It means extra paperwork and added expense for the province which has offered doctors a 34 per cent increase in their salaries scaled over a three-year period.

The survey indicates that Georgetown doctors haven't extensively used the "no substitution" tactic when ordering prescriptions although many are refusing to renew prescriptions over the phone except where the patient is house-bound.

A number of local doctors, pharmacists say, already prefer brand name products even though generic drugs may be chemically equivalent. One pharmacist said patients often feel more comfortable with a brand name drug; they've been using for years, therefore, the "therapeutic" benefits may be greater.

Another respondent said he wouldn't be surprised if doctors were getting substantial support from pharmacists in their dispute with the health ministry. Currently, the Ontario Pharmacists' Association is negotiating a new "dispensing fee" contract with the provincial government since their previous agreement expired April 1.

Local doctors suspended services for three days last week and are preparing for another walkout later this week. Still subject to change as negotiations continue, doctors' in Georgetown planned to suspend services today (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday. There was no word as of press-time Tuesday whether there would be a province-wide shutdown of all but emergency treatment next Wednesday.

The overall increase offered to doctors looks large, Georgetown protest spokesman Dr. Alex Ashenbush said Monday, but doctors have to pay for their own benefits and pension plan and maintain their practice.

Reports that lives have been endangered because of cancelled surgery elective surgery was suspended Easter Monday and last Friday at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital are exaggerated, he said, stressing that elective surgery is affected by the protest.

He charged that hospitals are so poorly funded, it appears as if the province has been "on strike" for several years.

"Why does it take as long as six to eight weeks to get surgery done anyway?" Dr. Ashenbush said.

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Raiders go all the way for Canadian crown

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The British monarch may have reigned supreme Saturday in Ottawa, but the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders captured the hearts and imaginations of local hockey fans Sunday night by winning the Canadian Intermediate "A" championships.

The Raiders bowed the Quesnel (B.C.) Kangaroos 4-1 at Gordon Alcott arena to sweep their best of five series in three straight games.

For the Georgetown Raiders, who have been in operation for 58 years, it was their first national title. In the 15-year history of the Intermediate "A" national championships, only one other Ontario team (Embrum, near Ottawa) has won the Hardy Cup.

In winning the final series in games of 4-2, 3-2 and 4-1, the Raiders capped off a playoff schedule that saw them do battle with Orillia, Collingwood, Timmins, Thunder Bay and Cap Pele from New Brunswick to earn their way into the championship round.

Each of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night games were filled with cheering fans, estimated at around 1,500 each night.

For many of the players and hockey executives on the Raiders, the Canadian championship was a lofty goal that had eluded them for many years.

With the eastern representative team hosting the 1982 Cup, it was felt that Georgetown had to win this year so local fans could see their team perform at home.

The furthest the Raiders had ever gone in Intermediate "A" competition was in 1977 when they ventured to Campbellton, New Brunswick, but they were defeated in three straight games with lopsided scores.

With the Hardy Cup goal achieved, many players and some executive may step down from the rigors of a 36-game regular season schedule. Training camp opened Sept. 10.

As Raider standout defenceman Steve Lyon says, "I get the impression that it's the last year for many of the players. Some are around 30 years old and after ten years, you get tired of all the bus trips."

At least six or seven players may be lost through retirement next year, Lyon says.

But the players and executive could ask for nothing better than to go out as winners, heroes all, to the admiring glances of their followers.

For full details on the new Hardy Cup champions, see today's Sportsweek section inside.

Raider exec turns other cheek as Quesnel attempts 'fraud'

Georgetown Chrysler Raider executives last week proved Conn Smythe's famous saying, "if you can't beat 'em in the alley, you can't beat 'em on the ice".

Raider president Bob Hooper and general manager Dave Kentner uncovered an apparent fraud by the visiting Intermediate A West Canadian champions from Quesnel, B.C.

The Raider duo picked up on Quesnel's attempt to alter their airline ticket receipts. Georgetown, as the host team, is required to pay for the visiting team's airfare, which is raised from the arena gate. However, Quesnel falsified their tickets so that the Raiders would have had to pay for 41 return seats instead of 22 seats, according to Mr. Kentner.

The Raiders were presented a bill for \$19,000 when in fact it was found that the club should only have to pay for 22 seats, or \$10,000.

When the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) tried to collect the money on behalf of the Quesnel team, the Raiders asked Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) president Brent Ladds to look into the matter.

Mr. Ladds phoned Canadian Pacific airlines and the British Columbia travel agent and confirmed the discrepancy. Quesnel had booked 44 seats and received a receipt for that number from their ticket agent.

They had a blank invoice and copied the number 22, which was presented to the Raiders to pay.

The team could have then refunded their 22 unused tickets for \$10,000 when they returned home, Mr. Hooper told The Herald.

"Legally I could have charged them with fraud," he said, "because they deliberately altered their tickets and tried to collect the bill."

Mr. Hooper said he does not want to pursue the matter in court because, he says, "we didn't want to cause problems. How can

you have bad feelings when you win a Canadian championship?"

However, the incident leaves some thoughts for Mr. Hooper about the governing

hockey bodies, the CAHA and OHA which he believes "should be taking an interest in what's going on".

He contends the CAHA and OHA should spend more time making sure the teams follow proper regulations of the league and should have been responsible for the discovery of the ticket fraud.



Georgetown's Gary McFadyen scored two goals in the Raiders' series against the Quesnel Kangaroos and helped pace the club to a Hardy Cup championship Sunday night at the Gordon Alcott Arena. There was barely any standing room left at the arena as thousands of local fans watched the club capture the Canadian title for Intermediate "A" clubs.

(Herald photo by Dave Rowney)



RIBBON RIOT

The Georgetown District High School boys gymnastics team members took home a truckload of ribbons and medals following the Peel-Halton meet at the high school Thursday night. The senior and junior boys and swept their respective divisions and are bound for the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association finals next week. For more details, see Sportsweek, page B1.

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