

# Optimists press for drug education

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raff running the street a chicken is the lowest thing there is. Ask a rooster what he thinks of a chicken.

We urge all parents to demand an awareness program on drugs in the ele-

mentary schools. Pressure is the sure way to get this. Choose your school board representative - your local Optimist Club is ready to help your local schools with drug awareness education.

We as Optimist members of the Georgetown

Club feel if we can save but one kid from the pitfalls of drugs, then all our efforts are worth it. We believe in all our kids, they are our future and our hope for a better tomorrow. Let us help them along the road to a bright horizon.

## GDHS math students compete in Euclid 'meet'

# Our whizzes among the best

Georgetown District High School's Grade 12 math team has given its school a fourth-place ranking among 30 Peel and Halton schools in the Euclid mathematics competition sponsored annually by the University of Waterloo.

Under the direction of senior math teacher Mrs. Kewly, GDHS students

Richard Belshaw, Sandra Lovegrove and Merrill Albert accumulated a total of 180.75 out of a possible 300 points in the recent contest, results of which have just been released.

The feat gave all three students, along with fellow Grade 12 student Gregg Simmons, a place on the Peel-Halton honor roll.

Among the 591 schools across Canada which

entered 4,667 students, GDHS placed 76th. Richard, Sandra and Merrill earned certificates of distinction for finishing individually in the top ten per cent Canada-wide.

Gregg and fellow Grade 12ers Gord Doig and Dalton Newcombe earned certificates of merit for finishing in the top 75 per cent.

Seven Grade 13 GDHS

students under the direction of Mr. Bowman competed in UW's Descartes math contest, compiling an average score of 23 per cent, just lower than the Canadian average of 26 per cent.

Some 3,719 students entered. GDHS' Jenny Smith, Gary Gillespie and Maria Vieira collectively gathered 96 points.

**Service club offers parents help with kids**

The Georgetown Optimists drug abuse committee has a poster at present in the Georgetown library, along with free pamphlets on marijuana and hallucinogens.

The committee has also placed information books in the library which may be borrowed. These books are as follows:

### ADULT SECTION

Parents, Peers and Pot - an excellent book for parents which gives examples of problems parents have encountered with their children's drug usage and how they handled it. Gives ideas on how parents can get together to cope with teenage problems and activities. This book also covers many drugs encountered in society and their effects.

For Parents Only, What you Need to Know about Marijuana - A clear, concise booklet which is easy to read and gives parents the known facts about marijuana and its effects in laymen's language. Also gives some hints on what to do to help your child say no to drugs.

### JUNIOR SECTION

Catching On - A comic book for children ages 8 to 12 which explains drug usage in simple language and gives some exercises in decision making and problem solving without drugs.

This Side Up - A colorful easy to read book for teenagers which defines the different types of drugs they may be offered and their effects, gives guide lines for sensible decision making and ideas on coping with the problems of adolescence.

For Kids Only, What you Should Know About Marijuana - Easy reading for kids, giving the facts about the drug and its effects.

Drug Abuse Prevention for You and Your Friends - An excellent book for teenagers who are having problems with Peer Pressure. Explains exactly what peer pressure is and how to make it work in a positive way. Explains the most common drugs and their effects and what to do if someone a teen knows has a drug problem.

# No special action needed to control tannery waste

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While there is some chemical contamination in ground water runoff in the Black Creek near Beardmore Tannery, the problem is not going to require special corrective measures.

Public relations officer

Murray Stewart said findings by an independent study show that chloride levels in the creek near the plant have risen so that there are hardly any fish in that area although one kilometre away there are trout in the stream.

He said that makes it a "very localized" problem

and not one which will require special corrective measures.

Mr. Stewart said the report presented to the ministry of the environment suggests a monitor be put in the creek to keep watch on the chloride levels but makes no

further suggestions.

Salt is used in curing, storage and transportation of hides, Mr. Stewart said, and finding excessive chloride around a tannery isn't unusual. There has been no indication that a change in the plant's processing of hides will be required.

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## Firearm suicides decline

# Gun issue still smoking

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The federal government has been reluctant to take credit for any reduction in criminal activity involving the use of guns, but the solicitor-general has been encouraged by a decrease in the number of suicides by firearms.

Two-thirds of all firearms-related deaths have been suicides and the government is ready to

accept the fact the cooling-off period - part of the firearms acquisition certificate process - is responsible for the decrease.

That cooling-off period, of several days to a week from the time an applicant submits the required information to police and the time the certificate is granted, was intended to screen unstable, violent or

irresponsible individuals and prevent them from acquiring weapons.

Those screening procedures have been operating smoothly, say consultants to the government, and although there are few formal rejections of applications, the system works as a "subtle discouragement" to hasty or unplanned gun purchases.

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