

ABOUT THE HILLS

Ratepayers set a date

The Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association has chosen Nov. 2 as the date for its annual meeting and all-candidates meeting. The evening starts at Georgetown District High School with GARA's annual business meeting from 7 p.m. to 7:45. Candidates for mayor, separate school board and all Wards 2, 3 and 4 seats will then share the floor from 8 p.m. on, with emphasis placed on questions and answers. Halton Cable TV plans to televise the forum.

Meeting unnecessary?

Regional council's decision Wednesday to defer a decision on proposed official plan aggregate policies appears to have removed the need for a special planning committee meeting on the subject. Coun. Dave Whiting had suggested the regional committee might meet in Acton next week rather than Oakville due to the substantial opposition expressed by Actonians at a public forum Tuesday night. Some 200 residents attended the public meeting on the aggregates issue at Acton High School. Several residents voiced strong objections to the proposed policy changes and vowed to fight them to the end. Many signed a petition circulating at the meeting which voiced concern over possible devaluation of homes and other damaging effects for what was termed a questionable return in terms of aggregate.

Hallowe'en skate

Looks like it's going to be a chilly Hallowe'en this year, so what better way to warm it up than with a family skate courtesy of the Kinsemen Club of Georgetown. In one of a series of community events the club is sponsoring during its 25th anniversary year, the Kinsemen have booked Georgetown Memorial Arena's public skating time from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. Oct. 31 and want everyone to come dressed in costume. There'll be prizes for the best Hallowe'en outfits, plus free admission just for showing up in costume. Those who'd rather not dress up get in for 50 cents per person or \$1.50 per family. Don't miss out on the fun.

Another week yet

Due to incorrect information supplied in The Herald, an ad appearing in Wednesday's Herald said Standard Time begins this Sunday. In fact, Standard Time begins Oct. 31, at 2 a.m. when clocks are set back one hour. So hang on until next weekend when you'll get that extra hour to snooze in Sunday morning.

Daycare open house

Maple Avenue Daycare Centre invites you to its open house next Wednesday (Oct. 27) starting at 6 p.m. Interested residents are welcome to join parents of youngsters attending the regionally-operated centre, located near the corner of Maple and Mountainview Road North.

Election day!

Today's the big day when keen voters in Georgetown District High School's Grade 13 communications media class go to the polls, with issues facing them as crucial as in and out-of-class privileges, evaluation, attendance and class fees. Wednesday's Herald introduced you to Robyn Maybee, who appears to be a shoo-in for the social convener's seat. Bob Marks, Chris Cunningham and Barry Stone are vying for the class president's job. Cori Schmidt spoke for fellow vice-presidential candidates Renee Veuhoff and Mark Waters when she told The Herald the election's objectives teach students how to run a campaign, how to use a "variety of propaganda (sic) techniques" and to "experience the realities of image-making". Full results in next Wednesday's Herald.

Brampton couple suspected in Georgetown man's murder

Two charged in murder

Peel regional police divers searched Professor's Lake in Brampton Wednesday for a handgun, the possible murder weapon in the shooting death of Anthony Babakos.

The divers began their search yesterday while a Brampton man and his common-law wife were ordered held in custody

on first-degree murder charges in the shooting death of Mr. Babakos, August 21.

Mr. Babakos was shot twice in the chest after a

man entered a Vega Restaurant and Steakhouse, asked for him and then fled on foot.

Lawrence John Stocking, 23, and Brenda Lee Poulin, 22, both of Ashton Crescent were remanded in custody to Nov. 2 by Justice of the Peace Carolyn Robson.

Mr. Stocking is also charged with armed robbery in connection with an incident at the same restaurant 10 days before the shooting.

Ms. Poulin, a former stripper at pubs in this area, was arrested Monday while shopping at the Bramalea City Centre. She is seven months pregnant.

Two other men were arrested in the investigation that used some of the most sophisticated methods of interrogation. John Timothy MacLeod, 27, of Bartley Bull Parkway is facing an armed robbery charge while Charles Ar-

sensault, 23, of Bramalea Rd. is charged with selling a restricted weapon without a permit.

Mr. Arsensault was released on his own recognisance and is to appear in court today. Mr. MacLeod was remanded in custody to Oct. 28.

Courtesy Brampton Times

Acton man's inquest

Rest home controls urged by jurors

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

A two-man, three-woman jury hearing evidence on circumstances surrounding the July death of an Acton rest home resident has called on the province to set uniform standards for rest homes.

In setting the standards, jurors felt the province should consider the cost for society and-or individuals of increased health care in rest homes and should not jeopardize the freedom and rights of an individual or his family to make decisions regarding his health care.

The jury this week found that James Earl Scott died of bronchial pneumonia in the Guelph General Hospital at 10:20 a.m. July 13. The means of his death was established as immobility.

The jury stated that standards legislation should try to specify:

- 1) The roles and expectations of operators of rest homes.
- 2) Staff requirements.
- 3) Control of medication and written instructions from the resident's doctor to the home operator.
- 4) The physical premises.

5) A health history and recent health assessment by a doctor prior to becoming a resident.

6) Recording of changes in residents' physical or mental status.

7) The role of the regional medical health officer specifically regarding regular inspection of homes by qualified personnel and scheduled inspection of individual residents by qualified medical personnel.

Dr. Bruce Penton, who conducted the inquest, said home owner-operator Tryphena Cherwonlak had no legal right to force Mr. Scott into hospital against his wishes or those of his family.

He said the present rest home licencing situation is unfair to operators. It's

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