

IN YOUR OPINION: Student survey

Asked at Georgetown District High School.

What do you value most in your life and what do you feel is the most serious social problem?



Todd MacIntyre, 14: "I value my parents most because if they weren't there I wouldn't be here. I'd have to say drugs is the serious social problem. I heard Georgetown is the third most drug involved place in Ontario."



Dave Paul, 15: "I guess friendship is the most important thing, but long-term goals and getting a job is very important too. Politics and conflicts over big problems are serious social problems, especially when they relate to nuclear war."



Lisa Brent, 14: "My friends are very important to me and the biggest social problem is crime in general."



Susy Vieira, 14: "My friends are what I value most because they're the only ones who like me and I think suicide is the biggest social problem."



Mike Huffman, 15: "I value all sports the most and think the biggest social problem is the threat of nuclear war."



Mike Chioulti, 15: "Sports is what I value most. Mainly hockey and soccer secondary. My biggest social problem are my parents because they're separated."

Charged with assault

A 19-year old Georgetown teenager has been charged with sexual assault and breach of probation after an investigation by Halton regional police into a Georgetown District High School incident, Jan. 18.

There was no physical injury to the 15-year old involved.

Break and enter

Break and enter charges were laid against a Raylawn Crescent man in Georgetown after about \$500 in liquor and jewellery were stolen from a 22 Sideroad residence, Jan. 1.

Jewellery stolen

About \$5,000 in jewellery was taken from a Sixth Line residence in Georgetown. Entry to the home was gained by forcing a door in the garage area.

Another home on Sixth Line had approximately \$2,000 in jewellery taken after entry was gained by forcing a door.

Both incidents happened on Friday, Jan. 25 and are being investigated by Halton regional police.

Tool box stolen

A tool box, complete with tools, worth approximately \$500 was taken from Life Mill Products on Main Street in Georgetown. The theft is believed to have happened sometime in December.

Marijuana seized

A routine check of a vehicle on the Tenth Line by 27 Sideroad has led to the Halton regional police charging a Brampton man with possession of a narcotic.

A small amount of marijuana was seized in the incident.

Stolen property

An Acton man is in Wellington detention centre following a Halton regional police investigation into the theft of a suitcase from a car on Main Street in Acton, Dec. 18.

He is charged with possession of stolen property in the incident.

Transformer smokes

Halton Hills Fire Department reported a quiet week with only one call, Sunday. A transformer in a child's playhouse had overheated on Delrex Boulevard. Although there was smoke in the house, no fire existed.

Abused women speaker

Georgetown University Women's Club is holding their monthly meeting Feb. 5 at Centennial Public School.

The guest speaker will be Susan Davies from Halton Women's Place, a temporary home for abused women and children. The public is welcome to attend.

Narthex dedicated

Anglican Bishop John Bothwell is going to be at Acton's St. Alban's Anglican Church on Willow Street. The Bishop will be there to dedicate the new "Narthex" or entrance lobby recently built between the church and parish hall.

The lobby will serve as a meeting place for parishioners before they go into the church. Coat racks are there too.

Construction began in late January and concluded in mid-February.

Correction

In a story about a refresher pre-natal class, we printed a wrong number for an information line. The number should have been 877-2238. The Herald regrets the error.

Group lists

Your Recreation and Parks Department is currently compiling a list of Community Organizations and Contact persons to be placed in the Spring and Summer Brochure. Contact us immediately if your group wishes to be added to our list or if you have any changes to your group's information as it appeared in our last brochure. Call 877-5183, ext. 260.

Teen survey reveals

Friendship rates high

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald staff

Georgetown District High School students confirmed a Canada-wide two year survey which reported friendship as very important to today's teenagers.

The survey, based on a sample of 3,330 teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19, is said to be accurate to within four per cent, 19 times in 20.

Friendship topped the list of "very important" values at 91 per cent and what teenagers enjoy "a great deal" at 75 per cent.

Head of student services at GDHS, Carl Colbran, said he was not surprised with the results of the survey which

was authored by University of Lethbridge sociologist Reginald Bibby and Don Posterski, the Ontario head of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

He said he was not surprised by friendship and freedom being valued as very important by teenagers and said breaking away from the family and wanting independence was a part of growing up.

Head of student services at Acton District High School, Sue Burns, agreed with Mr. Colbran.

"The whole aspect of separating from parents is part of adolescents," she said.

Mrs. Burns was also

not surprised that friendship topped the list of things teenagers value most and went on to say that the peer group is the most important thing to adolescence, which behaviour stems from.

She said she has noticed during the past few years that students at Acton High seemed more concerned about future goals when recognizing the survey showed 60 per cent of students think unemployment is a very serious problem.

While students interviewed at GDHS didn't express unemployment as a major social problem, they did admit it is a problem but were more concerned with getting

through school and the marks achieved.

Mrs. Burns saw the survey as a useful study and something worthwhile for discussion.

"It's significant for educators to realize the study and it's good to get communication from the other way. It's a great way to start off (discussions) and see how they feel," she said.

\$20 stolen

About \$20 and some personal papers were taken when a purse was stolen from Tim Horton Donuts, Thursday.

A lady had left the purse after a purchase and upon returning it had disappeared.

Unsinkable Hattie

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to get out at least once a week. "She believes in shopping in Georgetown and is very patriotic what kway. She feels you can get anything you want right here in town," she said.

According to Mrs. Cochrane and Mrs. Gibbon's nephew Ross Sykes, her mind is as sharp as a razor.

"She's an avid reader of the Herald and likes to know what's happening at council, enjoys watching

the Toronto Maple Leafs on television and participates in activities at the seniors' centre," Mr. Sykes said.

"Her mind is like a 20-year-old," Mrs. Cochrane commented, explaining that Mrs. Gibbon would help her with math problems from a recent Sheridan College course she took.

"Mrs. Gibbon spoils my little girls the same way she used to spoil me and is always knitting for them," Mrs. Cochrane said.

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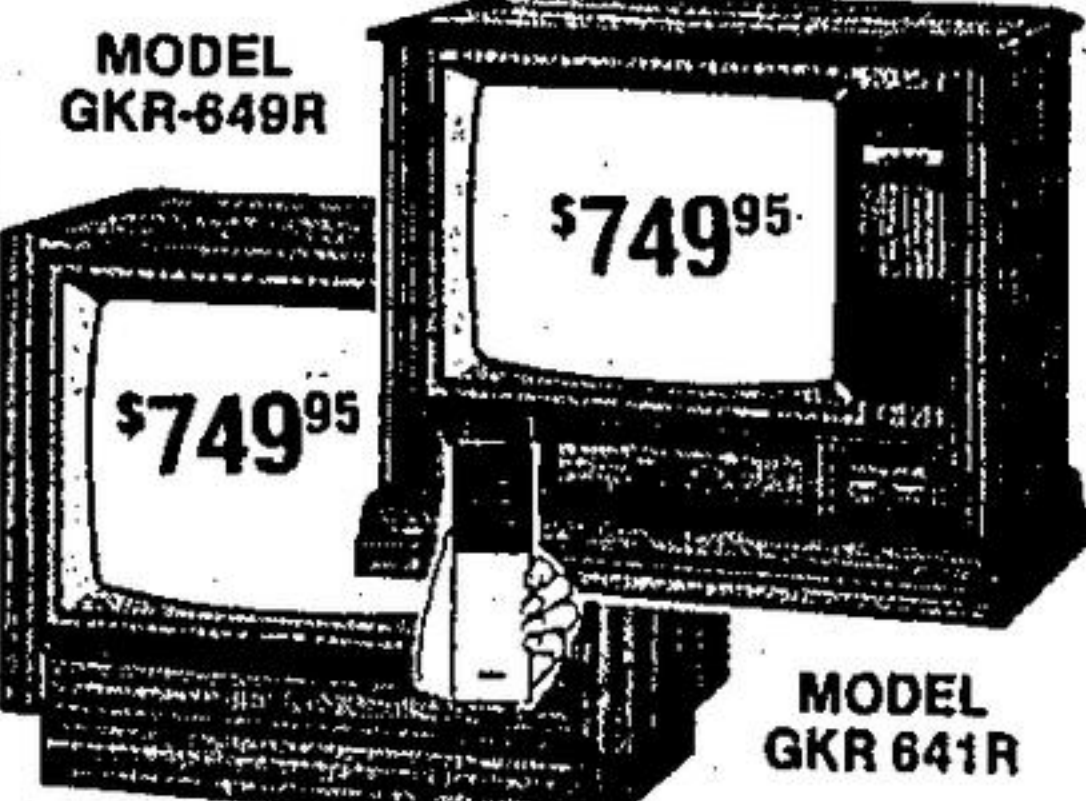


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