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Drug expert refutes myths

All drugs have the potential to be addictive. The addiction occurs in the person, not the chemical, says drug abuse consultant Norm Panzica. See Family Page B1.

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Town battles snow onslaught

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Advantageous route. President of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, Bob Stiles, said he would look forward to the new road proposed from Maple Avenue to Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Dump site deadline. Ratepayers groups and individuals have until March 28 to comment on the recent report naming the next regional dump site as Burlington.

95 acres for CVCA. The ministry of national resources announced last week approval of a project of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to acquire 95 acres of wetland area situation in the headwaters of the Black Creek.

393 at clinic blood clinic. At a blood donor clinic, Monday at Holy Cross Auditorium, Red Cross officials reported 393 people attending, donating 333 units.

Area drug bust nabs 37

By ROBIN BAKEWELL. Herald Staff. A variety of drugs with a street value exceeding \$20,000 were seized early Friday morning as police concluded an investigation in the north Halton area.

Heroin, speed, LSD, PCP, magic mushroom, cocaine, hashish and marijuana have been seized in "project cap" which resulted in 21 residential searches carried out simultaneously at 6 a.m. Friday.

Over two dozen arrests were made in Georgetown and Acton with charges ranging from possession of drugs, possession for the purpose of trafficking, trafficking, possession of prohibited weapons and breach of probation.

Friday's wrap-up of the investigation and subsequent raids resulted in 37 people facing 60 offences contrary to the Narcotic Control Act and the Food and Drugs Act.

Those charged range in age from 18 to 37 years old with ten of the subjects being female.

The charges stem from a 14 week joint forces investigation initiated by Halton regional police officers assigned to the Acton area which resulted in an undercover Ontario Provincial Police officer from the London detachment supplied to the vicinity.

Although it is not thought those arrested were part of a highly organized ring, Halton regional police Inspector Bernard Ward said, "to say they didn't know each other would be misleading."

OPP Corporal Jim Hutchinson said the operation proved that the drug problem was not just evident in large cities but also in small communities.

A total of 55 officers were involved in the arrest operations representing OPP detachments from London, Guelph, Mount Forest, Kitchener, Caledon, Burlington, Milton, Toronto and North Bay, along with municipal forces from Guelph and the Region of Halton.

3 warrants outstanding

With the arrest of two Acton men, the Halton regional police now have three warrants outstanding for further arrests from "project cap".

John Vos has been charged with trafficking marijuana and trafficking hashish, and Brian Holmes has been charged with two counts of trafficking hashish.

Both men were arrested Monday. Georgetown resident Gordon Willis, 35, pleaded guilty to charges of trafficking cannabis resin and trafficking marijuana at his bail hearing Monday and received six months in jail.



Detective Sergeant Boris Yacysbna with the drug and morality squad in Halton checks out some of the evidence seized during the early Friday morning searches throughout north Halton concluding a 14 week investigation. Pipes, scales and drug paraphernalia are displayed at 11 Division of the Halton Region Police Force after the early morning searches in north Halton on Friday. Several envelopes contain suspected drugs seized.

(Herald photo)

Lengthy investigation results in charges

Herald Special. As the result of a 14 week joint forces investigation, 37 north Halton area residents have been charged with drug related offences.

Georgetown residents charged are: David Beckingham, 35, trafficking cocaine; Douglas McNiven, 37, trafficking cannabis resin; Mark Goodlet, 23, trafficking cannabis resin; Theresa Wilson, 19, two counts of trafficking cannabis resin; Gordon Willis, 35, trafficking cannabis resin and trafficking marijuana; Kimberly Thompson, 22, trafficking LSD, two counts of possession of marijuana and possession of cannabis resin; Deborah Anderson, 25, trafficking in marijuana; John Lawr, 31, two counts of trafficking cannabis resin, possession for the purpose of trafficking cannabis resin and possession of marijuana; Lucille Lawr, 32, trafficking marijuana, possession for the purpose of trafficking cannabis resin and possession of marijuana; David Swetman, 33, trafficking cocaine; trafficking cannabis resin, two counts of possession of prohibited weapons (switchblade and nunchaku sticks) and possession of cocaine; Brady Bludd, 22, trafficking cannabis resin; William Craven, 22, trafficking cannabis resin and possession of marijuana.

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Snowstorm slows town to standstill

Stay at home, say police

By ROBIN BAKEWELL. Herald Staff.

Environment Canada is predicting a total of between 50 to 70 cm of snow before the present system blows over.

A spokesman for the office said the system is not moving and there is the possibility of constant snowfall until Thursday morning.

Superintendent for public works, Frank Morette, sounded visibly agitated when contacted by The Herald late Tuesday afternoon. Mr.

No good place to dump garbage. The Halton Board of Education closed all schools yesterday (Tuesday) and will wait for further developments from the storm before any other decisions are made.

By ANI PEDERIAN. Herald Staff.

When it comes to a dump site in Halton, there's no good place for it, Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich declared last week.

The site selected by experts is in the regional councillor's ward.

Complex studies on transportation, agriculture, social impact, air quality, hydrogeology and hydrology, archaeology, noise, heritage, economy, and biophysics have determined the Burlington site F, next to the existing regional landfill, as the "preferred site".

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Morette was quick to respond when asked about any special problems the storm was presenting. "Are you kidding? We can't even keep the main streets clear," he said.

Mr. Morette said with the eight inches of snow which had already fallen the public works department were not particularly concerned with the sidewalks, but were getting around as best they could.

With two of the town's 14 vehicles being worked on in the shop, Mr. Morette could give no word as to when the roads would be fully cleared.

The Halton Board of Education closed all schools yesterday (Tuesday) and will wait for further developments from the storm before any other decisions are made.

The Halton Separate School Board closed their schools at noon Tuesday and are also awaiting further developments. Students are advised to listen to radio reports for school or transportation cancellations.

Jim Collier, the assistant postmaster at Georgetown Post Office said the carriers and drivers had started to return to the office around noon Tuesday.

He said with the road and weather conditions the post office had reached a point where it was useless to continue. He said normal hours would try and be implemented for today (Wednesday).

A police spokesman said the best advice for Halton Hills residents is to "stay home".

The police department in Georgetown has been keeping busy with calls although there have been no serious accidents reported.



Paul Kiss, 13, a student at Holy Cross Separate School spent the better part of the morning shovelling snow, as many local residents did. Paul seemed happy enough to get next to the "School Crossing" sign which he knew he wouldn't have to pass again Tuesday and possibly today.

Membership campaign

The Halton Children's Aid Society has launched its annual membership campaign in preparation for the annual meeting on March 20 at Oakville Centre at 8 p.m.

The Society encourages all interested members of the community to attend the meeting which features a performance by the Family Life theatre of two plays, "Suffer the Children" and "A Life Sentence".

Memberships are now on sale at a cost of \$5 per year providing a subscription to the Journal produced by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, and a vote at the annual meeting.

FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE



Surrounded by flowers from Fendley Florists, Cindy Murnaghan and Paul d'Entremont provide big smiles in the spirit of Valentine's Day. The two are active in Georgetown District High School's drama arts classes.

(Herald photo)

60% witnessed abuse as children

Wife beating often a 'learned' behavior

By ANI PEDERIAN. Herald Staff.

When there's physical violence in a family, most of the time it's directed at the wife.

That's what Susan Davie, president of Halton Women's Place board of directors says.

She said one out of 10 Canadian women are assaulted in their relationships, and wife assault is responsible for 60 per cent of all female murders.

Historically, society has accepted wives getting punched up by their husbands, but this has been changing in the past 15 years.

Homes for battered women, like Halton Women's Place have sprung up, and people are talking about wife abuse more openly now.

Even the police have changed their manner of dealing with domestic disputes. In London, Ontario, the force has instituted a domestic response team.

In Halton, where the domestic complaints have increased substantially, police are no longer waiting for wives to lay the charges. Instead, the charges of assault are laid by police now, meaning

the guilty party goes to criminal court instead of family court, Ms. Davie said.

Beating up the wife is generally a learned behavior, one that's picked up in childhood.

Approximately 60 per cent of men and women involved in abusive situations witnessed abuse as children or were involved in some form of abuse then, Ms. Davie said.

"A boy child learns that's the way a man treats a woman. Mummy deserves to get hit because mummy didn't do what daddy wanted her to do," she said. "Girl children learn that's the kind of behavior they're supposed to expect."

It can lead to a lot of confusion and either withdrawn or aggressive behavior in children, Ms. Davie, a high school teacher said.

The wife abuser generally has low self-esteem and believes in male superiority, that the man is head of the household and has a certain role to play. Such a man needs a victim to feel self-esteem.

It's very difficult to change the wife batterer, Ms. Davie said. For a while, it was



believed to be impossible. However, a Scarborough man, David Currie, has been working with small groups of men who want to change. Most men don't agree that they're at fault, and therein lies the difficulty of incorporating change.

With his groups, Mr. Currie has achieved substantial success. He runs it much like alcoholics anonymous, Ms. Davie said.

One question that's always asked is, "Why does the woman stay?" It's not easy to explain, she said. The myths about battered women get in the way.

Myths like: She must have provoked him; she's hysterical, or stupid; she deserved it; she should be a better wife; it's good for her, helps keep her in line; everybody should know who's boss in the family; there must be something wrong with her that he's beating her; lots of people put up with worse; you made your bed, now lie in it; he's a good provider, she should stay with him; she should stay for the sake of the children.