

# No AIDS patients in Halton: Pollett



## CRAFTY PEOPLE

Residents of the Bennett Health Care Centre held their first Holly Fair Christmas Bazaar Saturday at the centre with the help of the Georgetown chapter of the Red Cross Society. Most of the crafts were made by the seniors

and all money raised from sales goes back into the craft program for seniors. Pearl Walker (right) and Thelma Green are two of the craftsmen of the Red Cross fun and fitness program. (Herald photo)

## Scots set June 14 for Highland Games

The Georgetown Highland Games Association held their Annual General Meeting at the North Halton Golf Club Nov. 13.

Mr. Clark Hooton gave a financial statement for 1984 and a preliminary one for 1985. A small surplus will have been made. Dr. Alistair MacIntosh, the president, remarked on the sympathetic interest and support of the Mayor and town council of Georgetown as an important factor in the improvement of the fortunes of the Games. He looks forward to the time when the Games will make greater contribution to the status of the town. Already it is recognized as one of the finest games

in Ontario and a growing cultural and town attraction.

The date of the 1986 games was set for June 14, a date which by circumstance coincides with the conclusion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Canadian Legion.

On the Georgetown Highland Games committee this year are Dr. Alistair MacIntosh, Dr. Paul Panabaker, Clark Hooton, Harry and Rosine Levy, Keith and Mauricette Spicer and Ewan MacDonald.

Anyone who feels they can contribute help or support is asked to phone 877-5595.

Only one case of AIDS has been reported in Halton so far, and that individual is dead, according to a memo from the Halton Regional Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Graham Pollett sent an Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) update to all Halton physicians last month, including an article with answers to the most often asked questions about this dread disease of 1985.

Dr. Pollett's memo said no Ontario children have been diagnosed with AIDS so far. As of July 30, 1985, 289 cases of AIDS were reported in Canada, with 17 being children.

Further statistics in the memo showed that as of June 1985, there were 119 cases of AIDS reported in Ontario. The provincial case fatality rate is 47 per cent, with the mean elapsed time from diagnosis to death being seven months.

### Seniors crosswalk

A crosswalk for seniors wanting to traverse Mountainview Road South at Sargent Road is to be moved to the southerly side of the intersection and new signs to be erected, if regional council approves today a recommendation of its planning and public works committee.

At last week's planning and public works committee meeting in Georgetown, councillors agreed that the existing "Senior Citizen Crossing" signs at Sargent Road be replaced with symbolic signs at the intersection and new signs be put up in advance of Sargent Road to warn motorists to be careful.

### Name change

Nor-Shaw Developments Ltd. has become Sovern Investments Ltd., clerk administrator Ken Richardson informed councillors Monday night.

An 11-member panel has been created by the Ministry of Health to develop educational and informational materials for physicians, other health care practitioners and the public.

As well, the Ministry has given \$100,000 to the AIDS Committee of Toronto to support counselling of AIDS victims.

Since Nov. 1, the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service has been screening all blood donations for the AIDS virus and positive results are being reported to the medical officer of health, Dr. Pollett reported.

The AIDS virus destroys the body's infection-fighting immune system, leaving victims susceptible to other diseases.

Symptoms of AIDS are fever, night sweats, chronic cough, swollen lymph glands in the neck and groin, unexplained weight loss, diarrhea, fatigue and unusual spots or blemishes in the mouth. Symptoms are similar to

mononucleosis and a blood test is required to determine it's actually AIDS.

AIDS is spread through sexual contact, transfusion of blood and from sharing hypodermic needles. Although no known case of AIDS has been caused by kissing, there is risk in oral-genital contact.

Shaking hands, sitting in a room

and breathing the air with someone who has AIDS hasn't been proven to spread the disease.

However, doctors are advised to wash their hands before and after direct contact with AIDS patients, wear gowns and gloves, and a mask only if the patient has a cough or there is a potential for spattered body secretions.

## Decisions belong to region

Dr. Graham Pollett has the unenviable position of deciding what to do if a Halton school child is discovered to have Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

In a statement by the Minister of Health, all the responsibility falls on Dr. Pollett's shoulders once such a case is reported to the medical officer of health. Dr. Pollett is to assess all the facts of the case and decide if the child may safely attend school or should be excluded. He is also to monitor the child's condition closely and continually assess steps to be taken.

If the child isn't able to attend school, then the board of education is to make other arrangements for the child's education, Health Minister Murray Elston states.

### Christmas dance

The Hospital Auxiliary ladies are hosting a Christmas Ball Friday Dec. 6 at Holy Cross Auditorium. Tickets and information are available at the hospital gift shop or call 877-4802.

### UNICEF help

There are millions of reasons to buy UNICEF cards and gifts - and all of them are about children. The Georgetown and Acton YMCAs have a good variety of UNICEF Christmas cards and other holiday gift items. To order your cards call 877-6163 (Georgetown) or 853-1070 (Acton).

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Betty Fisher Chair Wally Beevor Director

**Favourite Recipes**  
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**FUDGE FROSTED BROWNIES**  
- 1/2 cup butter  
- 2 cups sugar  
- 2 eggs, well beaten  
- 2 one ounce squares of unsweetened chocolate, melted  
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
- 1 tsp. vanilla  
Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add eggs and beat well. Blend in chocolate and vanilla, stir in flour and nuts. Place in a well-greased 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Bake in moderate oven at 325° for 35 minutes or until done. Cool. Spread with icing as follows: Combine 1 cup icing sugar, 1 tsp. cocoa, 1 tsp. butter, 2 tsp. cream. Cook until mixture boils around side of pan. Remove from heat. Beat until frosting is spreading consistency. Spread over brownies and cut into squares.  
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