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Scuba gear freezes up kills man, 27

A frozen air regulator caused the death of 27-year-old Allen East of Georgetown in a diving accident Sunday.

The Georgetown District High School graduate was resting at the J.S. Jones Funeral Home. A funeral service was held today at 3 p.m. Mr. East was cremated following the service.

The Park Avenue resident was with a group of scuba divers on Lake Simcoe near Sutton. About 15 minutes into his dive, his air regulator froze, said his sister Shirley. Mr. East was diving under the ice for his first time, but he had been involved with the sport for almost two years.



ALLEN EAST

An autopsy was done and cause of death was listed as drowning. Although the equipment was rented, no fault was found with the diving gear—the extreme temperature caused the regulator to malfunction, said the family.

Mr. East was with another diver, using the common practice known as the buddy system. He was able to pull on an emergency cord, indicating he was in trouble, but at that depth, it was difficult to surface quickly, said Shirley.

He leaves behind his father John, who lived with him in an apartment on Park Avenue and mother Yolanda, who lives in Montreal.

His brothers, sisters and their families are: Stephen, 28, and his wife Debbie, Odette, 26, and her common-law husband Danny, Michael, 24 and his wife Robin and son Adam, 6 months, Shirley, 22 and

her common-law husband Paul. After graduating from high school, Mr. East went to work for Varian Canada Inc. for a number of years. He was planning to return to Guelph University after having completed 1 1/2 years of study there, as a marine biologist.

At the time of his death he was working for Essaut Pendaflex Co. in Brampton which manufactures stationery supplies. Described as happy-go-lucky by family members, Mr. East loved the outdoors and all kinds of animals. His trademark was aquariums—the first thing he would do when he moved was to put up his aquariums," said his mother Yolanda.

Mr. East worked at the Metro Zoo two years ago as a groundskeeper and he loved all the animals, saying he wanted a black panther as a pet later in life, said Shirley. "He liked all the animals. The rhinos were his buddies," she said. The family asked that in memory, contributions be sent to the Toronto Zoo.

The talented individual had an adventurous spirit, which led to travels to England, Mexico and Colorado. A proud owner of a motorcycle, he spent a lot of time working on the bike. He liked his freedom, people and adventure from traveling. Mr. East had talked about a trip to Australia, someday, family members said.

Mr. East had become attached to his six month old nephew and had told brother Mike "the first words he's going to say will be Uncle Al."

Mr. East was also an accomplished downhill skier, skydiver and a "fantastic cook" who could knit and crochet sweaters.

"He died doing something he really enjoyed," said his sisters Odette and Shirley. "The only way we can look at it is that he was happy with what he was doing."

Mr. East was with a diving club from either Mississauga or Brampton at the time of his tragic dive. He was taken to nearby Sutton Hospital after diving under the ice near Jackson's Point.

CVCA wants \$59,715 grant from councillors

Halton Hills will be asked for \$59,715 this year for special projects to be undertaken in the town by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

To be paid for by local taxpayers, these projects are: \$2,025 for the paper mill dam; \$13,500 for erosion control at Irwin Crescent and Metcalf Court; \$900 for erosion control at the Trant-Williams properties; \$3,600 for erosion control at the Ruhl property; \$13,365 for Glen Williams flood control; and \$26,325 for erosion control at Glen Williams Public School.

The Authority will also be asking the Town for \$44,408 in general levies to keep the Authority operating.

The Authority has maintenance expenses like \$56,200 to operate the

Terra Cotta pool, \$224,765 for the Terra Cotta Conservation Area and \$17,145 for the Terra Cotta winter program. Road improvements to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area will cost \$7,500 this year. Last year the Authority paid \$85,955 for these road improvements.

The province contributes an annual grant to the Authority, which has been assumed to be 3.5 per cent over last year's, for budgeting purposes. That's at the rate of inflation. Authority staff are still waiting to hear from the province.

The Authority's 1987 budget estimate is \$7,562,126. Until grants or money from the municipalities arrive, the Authority is borrowing \$1 million from the Bank of Nova Scotia.



ALL SMILES—This picture was taken of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band members who travelled to local events. The band was founded in 1942 and members Scotland last summer to take part in the World Pipe Band Championships. The ladies were chosen as the helping to put Georgetown on the map. (Photo submitted by Mrs. Schmeider.)

Lions salute pipe band with top citizen award

By CHARLIE GIBBS
Herald Special

The band which won honours at the World Pipe Band Championships last summer will receive the Georgetown Citizen of the Year award.

Monday the Lions Club announced that the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band are the 1986 winners. In the 14 year history of the award, this is only the third time a group of individuals has been chosen.

A dinner will be held March 10 at the Lions Club Hall in Georgetown. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Lions Club.

"It was more coincidence than planning that the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band won the same year they won at the World Pipe Band Championships," said selection committee chairman Elmer Lloyd.

The band was chosen for its long term involvement in the community over many years, he said.

Virginia Hulme is the Pipe Major for the band, a position which includes teaching and training.

"I couldn't believe that we won the award," she said. "This came as a total surprise. I still have to let it sink in."

Gail Bennett, drum major and a director on the executive, felt "flattered and surprised" at the Lions' decision, adding, "The calibre of the band has improved greatly over the years, with the encouragement and talents of our Pipe Major."

Sarah Gurr, assistant treasurer of the band, expressed a similar view by saying: "Our success can largely be accredited to Virginia. She is a wonderful player and a fantastic person to work with."

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, with members as young as 11 years old, was chosen for the award as a collective unit for their outstanding contributions to the community, Mr. Lloyd said. He said the group has often given generously of its time and talents to add to the success of community events such as the Fall Fair, the Santa Claus Parade, Remembrance Day services and Canada Day events. They have also participated in oral meetings and the Spessoo Games, all voluntarily.

Since the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band (G.G.P.B.) was founded in 1942, they have also been successful in countless contests, bringing recognition to the community even from an international level. Mr. Lloyd said the 21 member group has represented Georgetown at the Scottish World Festival at the CNE, the Royal Winter Fair, the Festival Place Ontario Place, the Forgas Highland Games and a host of other conventions, festivals and competitions across Ontario, Quebec and the United States.

Furthermore, the group gained recognition for Georgetown by competing in the World Pipe Band Championships this past summer. From Aug. 11-25 the band travelled to Glasgow, Scotland, and won the Christine Hardie Award for the best overseas band. The group raised their own money for the trip.

"It was more coincidence than planning that the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band won (The Citizen of the Year Award) the same year they won at the World Pipe Band Competition," Mr. Lloyd said. The group was recognized for this particular

achievement at the Town of Halton Hills Recognition and Honors Evening in January of this year. "The Citizen of the Year Award is more long-term," he said.

Executive members of the G.G.P.B. are: Virginia Hulme as pipe manager, Sarah Gurr and Diane Rydzewski as treasurers, Jan Anderson as secretary and Shannon Johnston and Gail Bennett as directors. Other members include: Eleanor Thompson, Kelly Hope, Donna Edwards, Margaret Huggel, Jill Murray, Valerie Cunningham, Jane Powers, Lorna Seaton, Kris Rasmussen, Betsy Teller, Melissa Ellis, Tracey Ellis, Diane (nee Arthur) Teller, Linda Pilgrum, Deanne Hamblard, Jennifer Johnston and Heather Alexander.

But, as with any group effort, the G.G.P.B. has learned to work as a team. "We all get along very well together, and it shows in our playing," Ms. Gurr said.

The last time that a group was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club was in 1975, when the Volunteer Ambulance won the award. Since its inception in 1972, the award has had only one other group recipient: the Volunteer Fire Department in 1973.

Former winners of the Citizen of the Year Award are: 1972 - Peggy Trochay; 1973 - Volunteer Firefighters; 1974 - Rev. Peter Barlow; 1975 - Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance; 1976 - Connie Neuschof; 1977 - Walter Gray; 1978 - Irwin and Joy Noble; 1979 - Daren Harrison; 1980 - Vi Haines; 1981 - Ab Tennant; 1982 - Esme Ball; 1983 - Ralph Orsel; 1984 - Steamer Emmerson and 1985 - Jean Layman.

In the hills

Home for artists

Susan Schmeider of Eleanor Crescent, Georgetown, wants a permanent home for the Credit Valley Artists.

Feb. 16, she wrote council, asking its help in establishing just such a home. Artists were evicted from the Cedarvale Park Cottage in December because the building was said to be in unsafe condition.

"Current and future members require the use of a facility that is accessible to everyone seven days a week with late evening hours," Mrs. Schmeider writes.

Recreation Director Tom Sheppard is working with the group, and has temporarily housed them in the Georgetown District High School. Council has passed her letter on to Mr. Sheppard.

Van hits bus

Two of 14 children on a school bus were injured Thursday when a van went out of control on a curve and ran into the bus. Lisa McNeil 7 and Melinda Burke 8, both of RR5 in Georgetown received injuries. The driver of the bus, Deborah Hodgson of 24 Raylawn Crescent also received minor injuries. Melinda Burke and Deborah Hodgson were treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Lisa McNeil did not need hospital care.

The bus was eastbound on Sideroad 27 when the westbound van hit it. The van was approaching the curve a little fast and lost control, police said.

14 year-old thief

A 14-year-old Acton male is facing a variety of charges including assault with a weapon for shooting a 12-year old in the face with a pellet gun. On Feb. 11 the 12-year-old was shot in the forehead, but did not suffer serious injuries. A pellet pistol was used.

The youth was also charged with damaging McKenzie-Smith Public School. Over \$1,000 in damage from pellets was caused to school windows, police said.

The youth was charged Feb. 19 with five break and enters in the Acton area. On Feb. 18, \$12 in cash and jewellery was taken from a Greenore Crescent home. A child's and woman's gold ring worth \$1,400 were taken from another home in Acton Feb. 18. From a Kingham Road home three silver chains and other jewellery were stolen. The value of the jewellery is \$50. Money was taken from a Norman Avenue home Feb. 6 and \$200 in jewellery were stolen from a Storey Drive home.

Landfill meeting

The study that compares Milton and Burlington landfill sites will be the subject of a special meeting of Halton Regional Council March 4 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting which is being held in the Regional Administration Building at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. Councillors will be considering and formally adopting the comparative analysis of the two sites as prepared by Walker Wright Young Associates Limited.

Expensive haul

It's no surprise to learn hauling garbage to the proposed Burlington dump would be more expensive than hauling it to the proposed Milton dump, for Halton Hills.

Regional consultants have estimated how much Halton Hills would have to pay to take its garbage to each of the two sites over the next 20 years, which is the lifespan of the proposed dump.

According to C.N. Watson and Associates Ltd., it would cost Halton Hills \$1.6 million to take its garbage to Milton. To take its garbage to Burlington would cost \$2.7 million, a substantial amount more.

It's interesting to compare the hauling cost figures for the other municipalities in Halton Region. Burlington, which produces most of the Region's garbage (42 per cent compared to Halton Hills' 12 per cent), would only have to spend \$1.5 million to haul its garbage to a dump in its municipality. If it had to go to Milton, it would cost Burlington \$3.6 million to transport its garbage.

Runaway washer

When the laundry room at 185 Mountainview Road North filled with steam firefighters were called Saturday. One of the washing machines malfunctioned. The machine was turned off and asked not to be used.

Spring fashions

There's a spring fashion show coming up at Park Public School March 9. It's being presented by the Park School Creative Playground Committee in conjunction with Christiane's Hairstyles and Boutique of downtown Georgetown.

Tickets are \$6 and include a hot beverage and dessert after the 8 p.m. show. You can get your tickets at Christiane's or by calling Park School at 877-9301. All proceeds will help pay for a creative playground for the school.

Parents have already raised \$6,000 through garage and meat sales since May. Their goal is to raise \$12,300, and have the equipment installed this spring.

Burlington pleads innocent over Acton dump intentions

The deviousness of Burlington was at issue last week in the Halton Regional council chamber, over the Acton quarry affair.

Halton Hills Coun Pam Sheldon lashed out at the Burlington councillors for keeping the landfilling proposal at the United Aggregates quarry secret from Halton Hills councillors.

Coun Sheldon said the fact Burlington knew about it and brought it up at the preliminary hearing into environmental assessment, looks like collusion.

"Why is it we're hearing of these things from the Burlington solicitor? I'd rather have heard it openly from the Corporation (Halton Region)," Coun Sheldon objected.

Clustering expansion

Henderson's Corners at Highway 7 and Sideroad 22 will be looked at in detail to see if the rural cluster boundary should be expanded.

Councillors also decided the planning department study should be discussed at a public meeting when ready.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey own land in the area, west of Highway 7 and north of Sideroad 22. Walt Dixon of Park Lincoln-Mercury, a car dealership, wants to buy this land to relocate his dealership.

The Baileys have asked for a Ministry of Municipal Affairs modification to the Halton Hills Official Plan, which would expand the rural cluster boundary to include their lands.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has refused the relocation application saying it isn't a permitted use in an Escarpment Protection Area.

"Is this a muddying tactic, made at this late date with this site?" she wanted to know. Is it intended to involve the Region in what should be a separate application, that has nothing to do with the landfilling process the Region is going through now?"



Russ Miller

Milton Coun Bill Johnson said it's economically greedy to think of bringing garbage into that area, as most of the Region's garbage is created in the Region's south where the population is dense.

"It's bad enough bringing garbage from Halton Hills, what pittance of garbage there is," Coun Johnson said, stressing hauling charges would be excessive to haul garbage from Burlington to the proposed Acton site.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller also rose in objection to the way the news broke.

"I just can't imagine a sister municipality coming out with a big baseball bat at the eavesdropper that has that site is unacceptable," the Mayor said. "I know, from my experience in that area. They've been quarrying it for 25 years and will be for another 25 years. This site will never come forward."

Burlington Coun Walter Mulkwich said whether you're dealing with the Nelson Quarry, which is the quarry selected by Halton Region as the "preferred" site for a Regional dump, or the United Aggregates quarry, both are limestone quarries, and both would

have similar problems when land-filled.

He reassured Halton Hills representatives that the news about an Acton quarry only came to his attention Feb. 6, and to Regional staff's attention Feb. 10.

"The suggestion that this will be part of the tactics to be used at the environmental assessment hearing is not true," Coun Mulkwich claimed. "I'd like to think I'd be aware of any strategy."

He said the news could have been broken by the Regional solicitor or any one of the solicitors at the hearing Feb. 10. When it was revealed, it wasn't done to produce an argument, but to put the matter on the floor as something that may happen, Coun Mulkwich said.

"If there is a quarry we should look at, we all know where that is, it's the Nelson quarry, Coun. Johnson said.

Burlington Coun Pat McLaughlin reminded councillors it is a private quarry just like it is a private quarry in Burlington interested in making the National Sewer Pipe property in Abershot into a private landfill.

"It's the same type of proposal as National Sewer Pipe. The land is privately owned and they're entitled to do anything they want with the land, as long as it's approved," Coun McLaughlin said.

Burlington Coun Rob Forbes said the City of Burlington was never asked to vote on such an item nor did it approve any tactics employing the Acton quarry.

Oakville Coun Kevin Flynn said out of this whole environmental assessment process, Halton is hopefully going to end up with two things: a landfill site, and a message to the province that no Region should have to undertake such a process.

"It's almost a farcical situation, and it's an expensive farcical situation. I hope the province is taking an extremely close look at it," he said.



Reach for the top
Amanda Hardcastle is playing with the universe. The 2-year old is seen here with her father Martin Hardcastle at the Maple Nursery School open house. The nursery invited visitors Feb. 18 for a look at what is offered at the school. (Herald photo)