

Outlook on Halton Hills



Thanks Vic

Vic Bristow received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Acton Branch of the Red Cross Monday night. Other recipients of the award include: Henrie Rauwerda, Norma Titus and P.R.E. View Video. Award presentations were made at the branch's annual general meeting at the Christian Reformed Church. (Herald photo)

Ambulance crews handle 17 calls

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service responded to 17 calls between March 9 and 13.

Two of the most serious calls were for a case of severe bleeding and a patient with a heart problem. Another call for a heart problem victim was associated with breathing difficulties. Victims of stroke, dizziness due to high blood pressure, a back injury, and a stress because of breathing difficulty were also taken care of by the ambulance service.

The service transferred four patients between March 9 and 13. Transfers were made between Peel Memorial Hospital and the patient's home, the Credit Valley Hospital to McMaster in Hamilton, Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital to Guelph and Georgetown Hospital to the patient's home.

Four other calls ended up being less serious. Victims were transported because of possible stroke, dizziness and weakness, abdominal cramps, and pains in the neck and upper left arm.

The service was called out twice to stand-by, as a precaution. One call was to Mississauga Road and Highway 7, and the other was to Trafalgar Road and Steeles Avenue.

Tax service for disabled

Revenue Canada Taxation is offering a bilingual telephone service to hearing and speech-impaired taxpayers wherever they live in Canada. However, this service is available only to those taxpayers who have access to a Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD). Hearing-impaired taxpayers who have amplifiers affixed to their telephones must continue to use the regular telephone service.

The system, called Superphone, which allows for the hearing and speech-impaired to communicate by telephone equipped with this TDD, operates from the Winnipeg District Taxation Office and provides a coast to coast service.

Taxpayers who are TDD users and need help with their 1986 federal income tax return may call, toll-free, from anywhere in Canada, 1-800-666-0354 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Winnipeg (CST) time.

Disabled benefit from new flight regulation



Against the odds

PAT WOODS

A decision made by the Canadian Transport Commission last November now means a disabled person using a stretcher, occupying two seats or being accompanied by an attendant may soon travel for one fare.

In the past travel for the disabled within Canada cost an extra 30 per cent and for international flights two full fares were charged.

This case is important as it reflects the recognition by Canadian Transport Commission of its duty to remove the barriers confronting disabled people in air transport. The decision was based on the equality section of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But there is no room for complacency as the Federal government Bill C-18 proposes to deregulate the airlines industry, disband the CTC and confine federal government intervention to the maintenance of aircraft and pilot safety standards. This would mean that disabled people would lose their right to decide whether an attendant is required to assist them, travel one-person one-fare, their equality of access and their protection against being required to sign waivers of liability.

Bill C-18 would erase all the hard one safe-guards that have been gained by the disabled. As the Charter of Rights and Freedoms only applies to the public sector deregulation could mean that the Charter cannot be applied.

Fortunately, several self-help groups are taking the lead to ensure that these consequences do not happen.

Recently, persons in receipt of the

Audio guide tax help

Revenue Canada Taxation's program for the visually-impaired consists of an audio version of the 1986 T1 General (Income Tax) Guide. These taxpayers now have access to general information on personal income tax that was formerly available only in print.

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Ask your pharmacist

Mother must find formula that suits infant's needs

It pays to take a lot of pictures of newborns not just for friends and relatives, but because babies grow faster than at any other time in life.

When a mother chooses not to breastfeed, or cannot, she must find a formula which will meet her infant's needs. There are a few things mothers should know about the proper selection and preparation of infant formulas.

Commercial infant formulas may be bought in the form of ready-to-use, concentrated liquid or powder. Whether the baby was born full-term and full-weight or not, a formula must contain the right combination of protein, fat and carbohydrates as well as important vitamins and minerals.

You should never add or alter a formula without consulting a doctor or pharmacist. Adding extra vitamins, for example may cause toxicity, and using more or less liquid in preparing the recipe can lead to digestive problems.

If an infant has an intolerance to milk, needs more protein or has other special problems, a therapeutic formula may be necessary. These should only be used for infants who need them, exactly as a physician prescribes, and

never alternated with standard formulas.

Cleanliness in handling formulas is very important, beginning with a thorough cleaning of the outside of the container, right through preparation of the formula, bottle and so on. Until six months of age, infants don't produce enough antibodies, making them highly susceptible to infections. This makes it doubly important to pay close attention to instructions for preparation of formula, its storage and heating.

Your pharmacist is fully qualified to discuss the relative merits of various formulas and the convenience of one form compared to another. Before recommending a particular formula, he or she will want to know if a pediatrician has been consulted, whether there is any problem such as an allergy, constipation or diarrhea and if the parent can cope with the instructions for preparation and understands the importance of cleanliness.

The best formula to use is one that's well tolerated by the infant, convenient and affordable to the parents, and safely prepared.

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