



### Finding a friend

Two Tanzanian home economists were in Georgetown last week touring some local nursery schools and the toy library at George Kennedy Public School. Here, they're seen inspecting a \$200 computer toy at the library with

the help of two visiting children. Seen here from left are: Pauline Kisanga, Brooke Duval, Shannon Jennings and Generosa Ngyonyami. (Herald photo)

## You'll pay more for camp-outs

Campers may find themselves paying more this year at Credit Valley Conservation Authority sites.

**Meet the volunteer**

**Comforting words in time of need**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first of four profiles The Herald will be doing to highlight Career Month. Each week a volunteer will speak to us about their duties and the need to give.

It's an emotional time and many women need to talk to someone. Patients are afraid because it has been discovered they have cancer. They're in shock.

Joanne Van Harmelen has been visiting cancer patients in their homes for the past eight years. She offers information, hands out booklets and suggests exercises.

Most of all, Mrs. Harmelen offers her support.

She is specially trained to talk to mastectomy patients in a service called Reach to Recovery Visiting Service.

Operated by the Ontario Division of the Cancer Society, the Georgetown resident helps women who have been treated at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and are referred to her by doctors.

The Mountainview Road South resident has three children, two of whom are married.

The friendly visit by a cancer society representative gives patients a chance to talk about their problems and fears, she said. A volunteer can spend more time with a patient and provide more information through booklets, she said.

Patients like to talk about the results of the test, Mrs. Van Harmelen said.

Visits vary and sometimes there may be three patients to see in a month, she said. Other times, there won't be any people requiring the service over a month's time, she said.

The Authority's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board wants to cover its operating expenses and is recommending a boost in trailer storage fees from \$35 to \$50.

A market study last fall showed winter trailer storage fees were \$30 to \$100 per winter, with fees commonly charged by the length of a unit or by the month.

The Board also wants to up its rental fees for the Terra Cotta pavilions from \$20 to \$30 and charge \$60 for use of the Interpretive Centre shelter.

Motocyclists will soon be allowed campsite permits at Terra Cotta. Up to three motorcycles, or a maximum of six people will be allowed per site.

Although the price of camper firewood will stay at \$2 a bundle, campers will be getting less wood for their dollar. The Board wants the size of wood bundles reduced from two cubic feet to 1 1/2 cubic feet.

Reserving a campsite will still only cost \$2, but the Board wants to collect a minimum of one night's camping fee at the same time. Too many campers are making reservations on long weekends and then not showing up. It's hoped this will cut down on the "no shows".

A flat fee of \$4.25 per car is being recommended as the daily fee for Terra Cotta in the winter. Right now, visitors pay \$5 on Saturday and \$6 on Sunday. The charges were found steep for those wanting to go for a walk or toboggan ride on the property.

Snowshoeing doesn't appear to be popular at Terra Cotta. Apparently snowshoe rentals and lessons aren't being requested, and the Board wants to cut the snowshoe rental service. The problem is that snowshoes are being shared with the Silver Creek Education Centre and must be moved back and forth between the two facilities.

## Toronto subways gobble Halton transit monies

Don't put off developing Highway 403 at the expense of providing public transit, says a Regional planning department report.

Halton Planning Director Rash Mohammed says development of Highway 403 will be a key factor to change in Halton.

"What I see happening at most of the provincial government monies are being spent on the Sheppard line in downtown Toronto," Mr. Mohammed said. "I don't want service to be provided only to Metro and the province to leave us out of the transit development".

Burlington Coun. Walter Mukewich said that when you look at the provincial money going to assist transit, Toronto and Ottawa-Carleton get two-thirds of the pot, which leaves other municipalities on

their own to develop transit lines.

The report notes Halton is an automobile dominated society and this is expected to be the way of the future. Of course, part of the reason is that there isn't much public transit in the Region that links the municipalities or even Halton with neighboring Regions.

At the local level, only 5 per cent of all trips are by public transit and less than 10 per cent of all trips crossing the Halton-Peel boundary are by public transit.

In his report, the planning director strongly opposes a proposal to establish a "super agency" to administer, operate and plan public transit in the Greater Toronto Area.

Having a super agency would mean Toronto and Peel would dominate funding allocations from the province and make it difficult for the smaller municipalities to get public transit.

## Arc industries in top shape

Arc Industries in Hornby came away with an A report from the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Inspectors from the Ministry recently visited Arc Industries and said both the Milton and Hornby locations are "maintained with a high degree of care and safety and meet the health and fire standards".

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## From El Salvador

# Refugee escapes bombings

By JANET DUVAL  
Herald Special

He left school after Grade 6 to help his family earn enough money to live. His sister was killed by soldiers as he fled to the mountains, and he doesn't know where his wife and child are. When he was 16, two friends were taken away by the army, and found a week later decapitated, with their heads exchanged.

Pedro Gonzalez, a refugee from El Salvador, spoke recently to a receptive audience of people from at least six local churches and from Brampton and Meadowvale as well, at a Ten Days for World Development program at St. John's United Church.

In soft-spoken English and Spanish, with the help of an interpreter, he said, "I cannot go back to El Salvador. The situation is not getting better." The army bombs the cities and the countryside indiscriminately to crush guerrillas he says, without trying to distinguish between farmers, workers, and armed fighters.

Consequently, thousands of people have fled their homes to become refugees in their own country or elsewhere, with over 600,000 now displaced, and 60,000 dead due to

government intervention.

Young men and women between 14 and 30 are drafted into army service in El Salvador, often being dragged from their homes under protest, and there are many who desert to the guerrillas. Those who stay unwillingly in the army are given front-line duty.

Asked about the government, Mr. Gonzalez said, "It is not Duarte who governs, but the U.S. It is a figurehead. And it is the rich who have the voice in government: 14 families own most of the land in El Salvador. San Salvador has a fine hydro electric plant which sells power to Guatemala and Honduras, yet 3 kilometres out of the city there is no electricity, no school past Grade 6, and few medical clinics.

People work for \$3 or \$4 a day in foreign-owned factories which pay no taxes to the government. When

people organize to ask for social benefits, better salaries, or help for displaced families, the army comes in to crush them, he said.

The same is true when church leaders speak out for reform: five priests have been murdered, and Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated while saying mass six years ago.

Pedro works as a welder in Canada, and in his spare time helps other refugees in Toronto through a special committee.

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By JIM HAYES

**FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE:** March 27 winners, ladies: 1st Ila Switzer, 2nd Fran Poirier, booby Flo Carswell, Most Lone Hands Peg Lewis, Men, 1st Bob McTaggart, 2nd Stan Mieczanec, Booby Jim Dossie, Most Lone Hands Stan Larusso.

Latest update on your Youth and Education competition. GDHS Grade 9 student Carla Jackson whose poster Yesterday's Pain - Today's Peace, having won at Zone and District, was submitted to the Provincial contest. We are delighted to report it was judged second. Carla is to be congratulated on this fine effort, we hope that she will be encouraged to continue to enter this competition in future years. I know that proud grandparents, George and Ruby Bailey, will do their part.

Comrade Eric Clarke, membership chairman, asked me to remind all members about Honors and Awards Night April 4. All welcome, you must be seated in the auditorium by 8 p.m. Dancing to the music of Boots Hurren, after the ceremonies are completed. Don't forget, Ham Shoot April 4, starts promptly at 3 p.m. Don't be late.

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