Outlook on Lifestyle

Spouse in the house rule altered

Against the odds

PAT WOODE

For years people have been sharing accommodation and claiming social assistance only to be told that either the "tenant" must go or no assistance would be forthcoming. "The Spouse in the House" rule has now been radically altered. The new regulations state that the cohabitant is not a "spouse" until there is a legal obligation for support. This means that a mother on Mother's allowance may collect payments and still have male occupant living in the house.

The provincial government in its recent budget has given a $50 increase to those receiving GAINS-D. This includes persons who are living alone or with a family. People in group homes or institutions will receive an additional $23 dollars per month confort allowance. Seniors in institutions will continue to receive $112 per month, and those under 65 will receive $100 per month. The institution per diem rate is not directly affected as it is indexed to inflation.

By the end of 1987 the gap between seniors and GAINS-D recipients will be $286 per month.

According to Larry Grossman, provincial leader to the Conservative Party, it appears that Jake Epp, federal Minister of Health, sent letters to the provinces stating that disabled persons who made Canada Pension Plan (CPP) contributions would receive $150 passed on through the provincial administrations

Ontario took the position that this would create two levels of payment, 13,000 individuals who would get $150 more and 74,000 who would not. John Sweenay, Minister of Community and Social Services, decided to lower the provincial portion by $100 to the 13,000 disabled and then pass on the $150. The remaining 74,000 would receive a $50 increase from provincial funds In this way, everyone on GAINS-D will benefit by $50.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission has ruled that a part time employee with a good work record for 15 years should be hired to a full time position.

Tony Dias had worked for the Scarborough Board of Education since 1972 and we refused a full time position on several occasions for no appearant reason other than the fact that he has cerebral palsy. He had never received a negative report and has a good health and safety record. He received $2 per hour less than full time pay, no shift bonus for night shift, no company pension plan, no long term disability plan, no group life insurance plan, and could not 'post' for a better position He was working for 39 hours per week, one hour short of a full time job

After again being refused a full time position in 1985, ARCH was contacted. They corresponded with the Ministers of Labour and Education without success.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission was then contacted. Settlement included a full time position, $20,000 in back pay, and modification of the collective agreement to comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Partners' meeting

The Brampton Parents with Partners is holding a membership information meeting July 27 at 7:30 p.m. The location is the Bramalea Civic Centre. A general meeting will follow. For more information call 456-7351. Those interested in joining the Partners group should phone the above number.

New beach not yet safe

The Recreation and Parks Department has implemented the first of several phases in the construction of a beach facility adjacent to the Prospect Park Pavilion. The Department advised that the beach area is incomplete and in its present condition may be unsuitable or unsafe for swimming. Bathers are requested to use the supervised beach area situated on the south side of the park.

Postie joins fundraiser

A Georgetown postal worker will join fundraiser Bill Mole in a 100 kilometre walk July 20 to raise money for cyclist Dermot Cleary.

Al Fendley, Secretary Treasurer of Georgetown's Local 154 of the letter Carriers Union, told Mr. Mole and the Georgetown Optimist Club he wants to walk to prove to the public the union has no hard feelings following a 10-day strike two weeks ago.

Mr. Mole will begin his walk on Monday from the Georgetown Optimist Club. He is hoping to end at the Club just prior to a fund-raising dinner and dance scheduled for Wednesday

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By Glenda Hughes 877-5296

With this wonderfully hot, summer weather we've been experiencing lately, I hope that many of you are trying to catch some family gatherings on film. Relaxing in the backyard, barbequeing, floating in the pool, entertaining friends and most importantly, shots of your gardens in bloom all make super photos I know, you're wondering why I'm suggesting you do this. Well, it is of course, great to have a record of these moments, for you to look back on, but if there comes a time, in the next 6 months that you suddenly decide to sell your home, you will have a nice picture portfolio to hand your favourite real estate agent, who, I assure you, will thank you most sincerely, for your foresight. When your home is for sale during the winter months, it is hard for people to imagine what a beautiful backyard you have, even if you try and tell them. Pictures, really do tell the story, much better than we can ever do. Homes with pools, really are important subjects to keep records of. Real Estate agents, hear this phrase all the time: "Oh, we don't want to put our house on the market until our flowers are out, because we have such a pretty yard and the pool looks terrible when it's closed!" I can tell you, that if many of you put your houses on the market before this yearly event, when we are screaming for houses to sell, you would probably sell it faster, and most likely, for a little more money than if you had waited until the rest of Georgetown and area were satisfied with the exterior of their homes too. Now you can understand why I have suggested keeping a nice little album of your home at it's blooming best!

I hope you are enjoying your summer and keeping comfortable in this great weather!

Homes Sold Creatively

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	VARIABLE	6 MO. OPEN	6 MO. CLOSED	1 YR. OPEN	1 YR. CLOSED	2	3	4	5	7	10
Bank of Nova Scotia	9½	–	9¼	10¼	9¾	10¼	10½	11	11¼	–	–
Bank of Montreal	9½	9½	–	10¼	9¼	10¼	10¾	11	11¼	11½	–
Canada Trust	–	9	–	–	—	10½	10¾	11	11¼	–	11½
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