

Outlook on Halton Hills

MD agreed to alter methods

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The appellant told the Appeal Board that GDMH was aware of his qualifications when he was hired in 1970.

After he read a review written by Dr. Robert Gall of Women's College Hospital in 1985, Dr. Ford said he decided to alter his practice. Dr. Gall noted in the report that a high number of D and C operations were taking place at GDMH, said lawyer Joshua Listwood during Tuesday's hearing.

Dr. Gall recommended that Dr. Ford use "hormonal manipulation" or birth-control pills instead of conducting D and C's to insert I.U.Ds.

"I have done that," Dr. Ford said. "But it requires a lot of convincing on my part to have the patient opt for this form of contraception."

He added that it is particularly difficult to convince women between the ages of 30 and 35 to "go back on the pill" after they have had their children.

Counsel Listwood also referred to a 1984 VBAC (Vaginal Birth after Caesarian) case, handled by Dr. Ford, while questioning expert witness Dr. Ronald Benzie Tuesday.

Mr. Listwood indicated that Dr. Ford left his patient while she was in labor to attend an appointment in Toronto.

"The impression that I left a patient in active labor is totally untrue," Dr. Ford told the Appeals Board. "I did return for the delivery."

He was in constant contact with the hospital after the woman was admitted. He also pointed out he was not

on call at the hospital on the weekend his patient was admitted.

GDMH obstetrician and gynecologist Valerie Kumar alternated weekend duty at the hospital with Dr. Ford but the two specialists had agreed to be available to look after their own patients, Dr. Ford said.

Because of a prior commitment, Dr. Ford asked Dr. Kumar to check his patient should any emergency come up, informing her of the patient's caesarian section history.

"I was not aware at the time that there was any reluctance on the part of Dr. Kumar," Dr. Ford said. "She said she would back me up."

Dr. Ford then returned to the hospital at 3:30 p.m. and found his patient had entered active labor. He delivered the child two hours later.

Jumping chickens

Georgetown Bowl was jumping Oct. 17 when over 200 C.H.I.C.K.E.N.'s met for an afternoon of bowling.

Members of the Club, an anti-Drug Club for Grade 4 and 5 students sponsored by the Optimist Club of Georgetown, were greeted by "The Chicken" who led them in the Club Yell; the roof must have lifted a couple of inches when this took place.

This was just one of the many events arranged for club members who must wear their chicken "T" shirt and show their membership card to participate.

C.H.I.C.K.E.N. stands for Cool, Honest, Intelligent, Clear-headed; Keen; Energetic; and Not interested in Drugs.

Clarification

In an article appearing on Page 1 of The Herald's Oct. 21 edition about coma patient Paul Franks, there was a misleading piece of information.

Mrs. Franks said she was happy with Paul's care at Sunnybrook, hospital contrary to what the article said. The Herald regrets any mistake.

Tax refund for vehicle use

Many of you have a mobility impairment are aware of the provincial sales tax refund when buying a vehicle for personal use. Many others who are not mobility impaired are probably not aware that they may qualify also. These new regulations came into effect Oct. 1. They do not affect those claims for refunds made between March 1981 and the end of September 1987.

To qualify, your disability must be permanent and cover a purchase or a lease of 12 months or longer.

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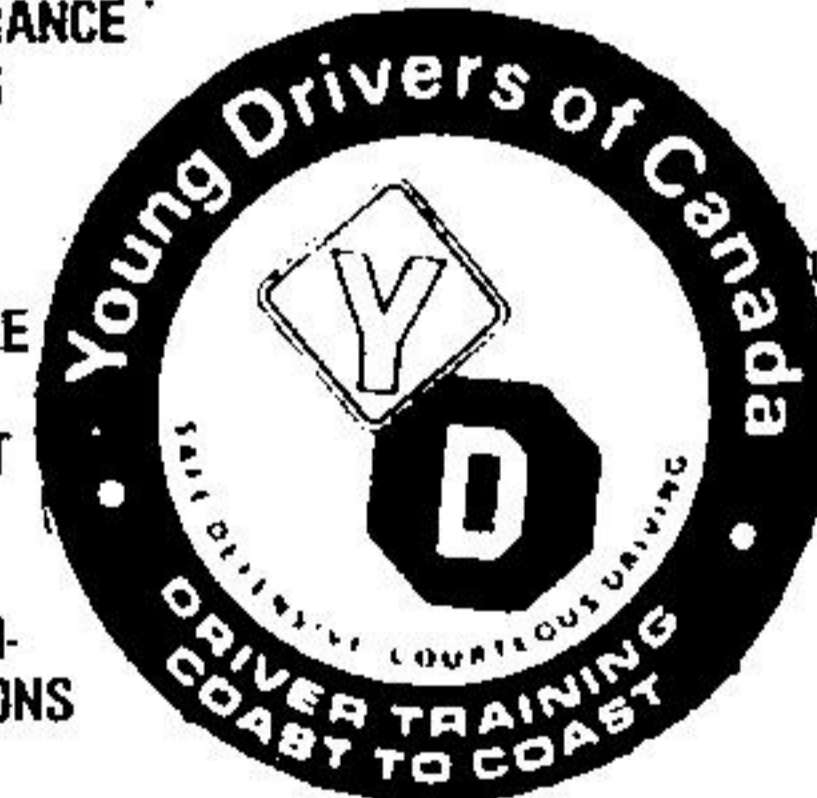
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