

# Non-stop sports talk at Timeout Roadhouse

Time out in sports means a stoppage in athletic competition. But in Georgetown, time out means almost non-stop sporting entertainment and jock talk.

The new sports tavern and eatery called Timeout Roadhouse is owned and managed by Linda and Nick Kotsos, an Elena Court couple who have lived in Georgetown for the past nine years.

They have two boys, Michael, 11 and David, 10 who will now be assured of summer jobs when they start paying their way through university, says Mrs. Kotsos with a grin.

The sports pub has been open for two weeks and already it has been greeted warmly by the sporting community, eager to watch high-calibre athletics on two huge television screens.

The Kotsos family is very involved in sports and they've taken their children to watch university football games in the States.

During their travels to the high-spirited university towns, the family noticed the large number of sports pubs where residents have a chance to talk about the football game and watch the competition on a big screen.

Mr. Kotsos is a teacher and, said his wife, he's looking ahead to his retirement days. During the summer, weekends and nights Mr. Kotsos will be helping run the pub, but Mrs. Kotsos will be managing the establishment during the day.

The couple are employing up to 11 staff, which includes part-time help.

To a sports fan, Timeout Roadhouse has a poster, a sweater, a pennant or even sports magazines to suit almost any taste.

The pub is very tastefully decorated with athletic paraphernalia with walls and ceilings covered

in pictures and jerseys. You'll see a Wayne Gretzky sweater, a Georgetown Chrysler Raider shirt, referee jerseys and much more.

There is no dancing, explains Mrs. Kotsos, because the Roadhouse caters to a different interest group. That's not to say the owners want the sports pub to be just male-oriented.

"We're hoping to attract both men and women, specially during the sports season when powderpuff starts," said Mrs. Kotsos.

"Basically, we're a meeting place for sports enthusiasts." The pub opens at 11:30 a.m. for lunch which includes an array of home-made, healthy and man-size portions. There is also a dinner menu and lots of munchies.

For those who don't want to watch televised sports, there are two dartboards and lots of elbow room when taking aim.

The television channels feature networks you wouldn't normally see at home.

For instance, the U.S. equivalent to TSN, called ESPN, is available for viewing.

An enthusiastic crowd filled the 65-seat Roadhouse last week for the return of Larry Holmes into the boxing ring.

"We're hoping for a friendly neighborhood pub style where people feel comfortable," said Mrs. Kotsos.

She said the family wouldn't have been able to open without a lot of support of neighbors and friends. Especially helpful were Sharon and Gord Spears, Doris Santos, Bob and Jane Morrow along with their sons Paul and Bob.

It was in April of 1987 that plans were first made to open Timeout Roadhouse. It took time to acquire licences and there was a delay in the

construction of the plaza, she said.

"It's a big undertaking when you're starting from scratch," said the co-owner.

Most of the impressive sports posters had to come from the United States, said Mrs. Kotsos.

Football posters came from the football hall of fame city, Canton, Ohio, which were purchased on a holiday there. Basketball posters came from Springfield, Massachusetts, while baseball pictures were bought in Cooperstown, New York.

The pub is also hoping to sell sweatshirts with the Timeout logo and motto, which is, "...a meeting place for good sports."

The family has always been involved in sports, which explains the interest in a sports-oriented facility. The couple's two children have been involved in baseball from their days at T-ball and now they are involved in rep hockey in Georgetown.

One special attraction sports fans might not want to miss when they are in the restaurant is a Budweiser anniversary clock that is very difficult to find in Canada because a limited number were manufactured.

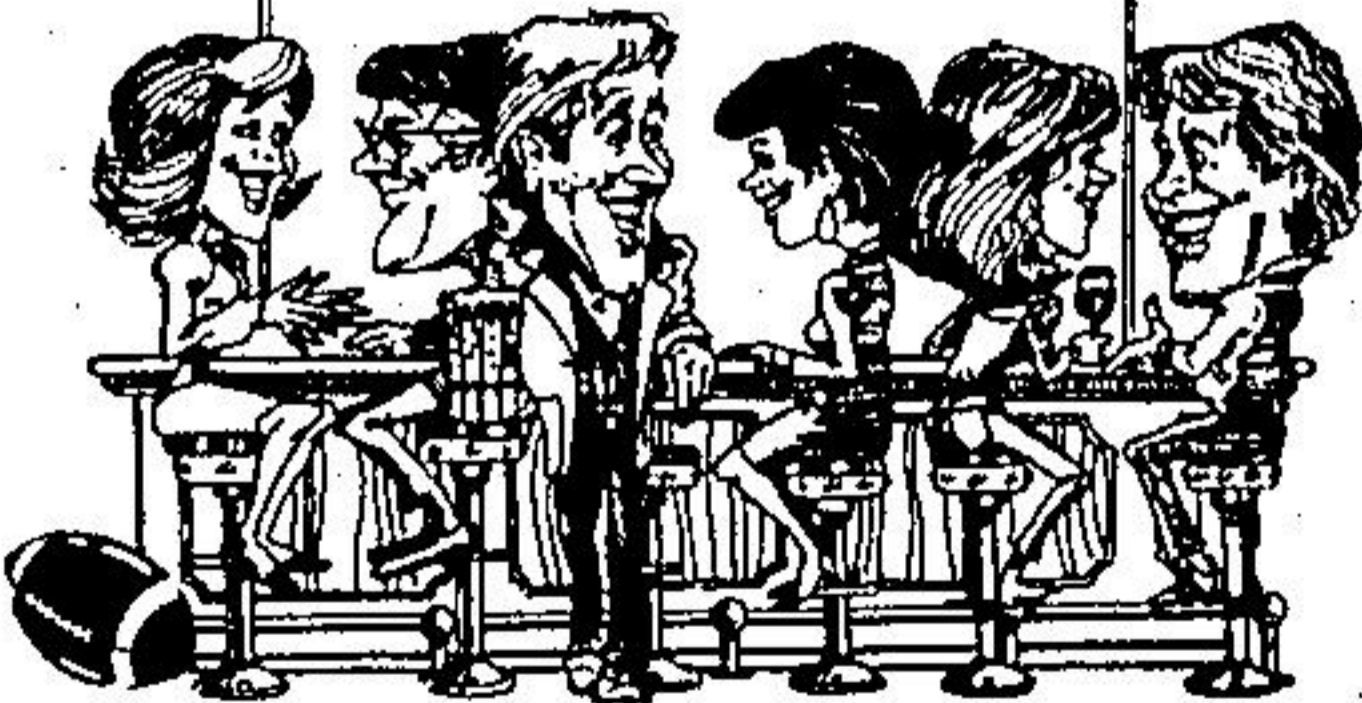


Seen here is Linda Kotsos with her children Michael, 11 and David, 10. Absent is husband Nick. The Timeout Roadhouse is a sports pub

for the fan interested in all types of athletics. Visitors will be amazed at the decorative walls and ceilings with sports posters and sweaters. (Herald photo)

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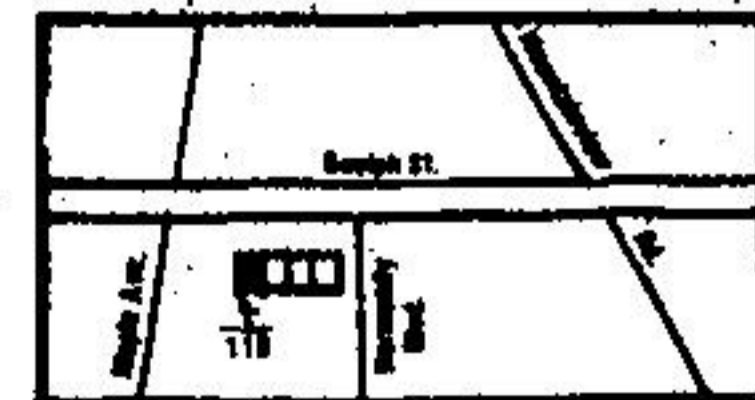
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