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In the Hills

Public forum

Drug Awareness Week is Nov. 13-19 and the Canadian Mental Health Association of Oakville and Oakville-Trafalgar High School will be presenting a special public forum. The theme will be Addiction: Impact on the Family, and it will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. For more information, contact CMHA, Oakville at 845-5044.

Student honored

Andrew Fraser of Georgetown was named the recipient of two awards during convocation ceremonies for Sir Sandford Fleming College's School of Natural Resources in Lindsay. Mr. Fraser, son of Al and June Fraser of Georgetown, is a third year Forest Technology student, and was presented with the Town of Lindsay Award for third year. The award is presented to students with the highest average in first, second, and third year studies. The other award he received was the Student Administrative Council Award.

Artisans sale

The Credit Valley Artisans will be holding their annual Christmas sale Saturday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. The show will feature pottery, weaving, stained glass, original art and Christmas crafts made by members. There will be a bake table and a raffle. All proceeds go to the renovation of Cedarvale Cottage. Admission is \$1.

LaLeche meeting

Working and breastfeeding, as well as managing the early weeks at home with a new baby will be among the topics discussed at the next La Leche League meeting to be held Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Community and Social Services Centre, 19 Willow St. N. in Acton. Pregnant women and nursing babies are always welcome. For further information please call 878-4732 or 878-3884.

Handel's Messiah

The Georgetown Choral Society will present Handel's Messiah for three engagements later this month. On Friday, Nov. 25, Messiah will be presented at Heritage Hall in Brampton, and on Nov. 26 and 27, presentations will be made at the Georgetown District High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 and are available at Oxbow Books, or by calling 877-1581.

Better birthing

Child birth education classes begin Wednesday, Nov. 23 and will continue for six consecutive weeks. For more information and to register, call Carrie Aiello of Better Birthing, at 853-4014.

POWER meets

POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) will hold its next meeting Thursday, Nov. 17 at 8:15 p.m. at the Limehouse School. This meeting will feature a one-hour movie entitled Our Own Backyard, which deals with the Love Canal incident of New York State. All are welcome to attend.

Free trade debate

Candidates for Halton-Peel in the Nov. 21 federal election have agreed to hold three public forums throughout the riding to debate on the Free Trade pact with the United States. The first of the three meetings is to be held Thursday, Nov. 10 in Burlington at Canadian Martyr's Church, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 11, the candidates will be in Bolton for a debate sponsored by the Caledon Citizen, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The third and final free trade debate between the candidates will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 in Georgetown at Sacre Coeur Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Book week

Children aged three to five-years-old are invited to help local libraries celebrate Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, at a special evening storytime on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Young artists are also invited to take part in another special event for Children's Book Week. Halton Hills Public Libraries is holding a bookmark contest. Entry forms are available at the Acton and Georgetown library branches, and the contest is open to young people between the ages of five and 13. The deadline for entries is Nov. 13. For more information on these events, contact Cindy Cooper, Children's Services Librarian. The Georgetown branch is at 877-2681, and the Acton branch can be reached by calling 853-0301.

CVCA releases preliminary budget

It will cost an extra 32 cents for every man, woman and child in the Credit Valley watershed to operate the Credit Valley Conservation Authority next year if the preliminary budget is approved. Residents would pay a levy of \$3.84 cents to operate the CVCA, said Authority General Manager Vicki Barron. The Authority approved a \$7.6 million preliminary budget, representing an increase of \$300,000 on Oct. 28. New capital projects are the main reason for the proposed increase next year, said Ms. Barron. The capital project budget of more than \$4.8 million represents 55 per cent of the extra costs. Program administration will cost almost \$2 million next year. That's \$43,000 more than the 1988 budget. General operations of the CVCA

have increased by \$89,000 to more than \$814,000, said Ms. Barron. The Authority said it will need to collect more than \$1.3 million from taxpayers in the Credit Valley watershed, if the budget is approved. That's about \$112,000 more than the CVCA collected last year. But Ms. Barron said the preliminary budget is often changed substantially from the final product. All 37 authorities in the province submit their budgets to the provincial government in October of each year. The Authority will allocate funds for projects based on approvals by the province, said Ms. Barron. Capital projects are often funded entirely by the province and local municipalities, said Ms. Barron. The final CVCA budget is expected early in 1989.

POWER takes battle to Queen's Park

Provincial Environment Minister James Bradley is going to make an appearance in front of POWER members whether he likes it or not. But he may not say much. A busload of the citizens group POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) plan to take an effigy of Mr. Bradley down to Queen's Park in a limousine today (Wednesday) and interview the environment minister's counterpart on a park bench. "There will, of course, be no comment from him," said organizer and POWER member Rita Landry. POWER members were urged to make their fight against the proposed landfill in Acton public in such a way recently by Love Canal activist Lois Gibbs. Mrs. Landry is hoping the questions POWER members have of the environment minister will make the floor of the legislature with the help of NDP environment critic Ruth Greer. POWER members are trying to

bring their concerns about the Acton landfill proposal into the public eye in Queen's Park, said Mrs. Landry. Ultimately they want the application thrown out before it goes to an environmental assessment hearing, she said. The group left the parking lot at Georgetown Market Place (near Zellers) at 9:30 a.m. this morning. They planned to hold the press conference about noon.

\$8,000 theft

Police say \$8,000 in video equipment was taken from G S Television in a break, enter and theft early Friday morning, "similar" to last weekend's rash of downtown Georgetown break-ins. Police say shortly after midnight, an unknown suspect unscrewed the front door lock and removed 14 video cassette recorders from the premises. Brand names included Zenith, Panasonic and RCA. Police continue to investigate.



Silent Vigil

Despite chilling winds and snow, this soldier stood guard at the Georgetown Cenotaph during Remembrance Day ceremonies at Remembrance Park Sunday. There were three ceremonies held in Halton Hills on Sunday. One in Acton, one in Glen Williams and another in Georgetown. Veterans and community organizations paid their respect with wreaths during the three ceremonies. See page A6 for more Remembrance Day photos. (Herald photo)

Federal tide appears to have shifted

Despite the drastic reversal in the national polls all three candidates in Halton-Peel still like their chances of winning. "I certainly haven't run into any problems because of the national polls," said Progressive Conservative candidate Garth Turner. The reversal in the national polls resulted from the televised leadership debate, Mr. Turner admitted. Nationally, voters aren't getting the message about free trade, he said. "I think a lot of people looked to the leaders debate for information on free trade and they really didn't get it. What they got was rhetoric and a lot of partisan politics," said Mr. Turner. He said voters won't trust Liberal Leader John Turner when they cast their ballots. "I don't think that this is the way the numbers are going to look on Nov. 21," said Mr. Turner. Although the Tories are suffering nationally, Mr. Turner said his Citizens Guide to Free Trade has ensured voters have gotten the message in Halton-Peel. He also criticized the Liberals for turning the election into a "one-issue campaign." Liberal candidate Pierre Klein said he has "always been optimistic" about his chances of winning the riding. However, he admitted that the battle for this seat will be close. The leaders debate merely "solidified" the concerns voters have on free trade, said Mr. Klein. "The debate assisted people to finally make up their mind," he said, adding that John Turner showed his "strength of character" in the debate. He denied Garth Turner's claim that the Liberals fought the election over one issue. "The people of Canada determine what the issues are," said Mr. Klein. The Tories have "continually attempted to keep the details of the free trade agreement away from the people of Canada," said Mr. Klein. And Garth Turner's Citizens Guide is full of misrepresentations, misunderstandings and outright distortions," he added. New Democrat Fern Wolf said she is still feeling "very positive" about the campaign. "It's certainly a very good sign," she said of the decrease in support for the free trade agreement. The anti-free trade vote "boils down to myself and the Liberals" and the Liberals can't be trusted, said Ms. Wolf. "I think Canadians cannot count on the Liberals to keep their word," she said, noting that many high profile Liberals support free trade. She also questioned John Turner's leadership. "If a leader in opposition can't hold his party together, how is he going to hold the government together?" she said. The NDP has attempted to cover all the issues, but voters are asking about free trade, said Ms. Wolf. Although NDP support in this area has traditionally been low, Ms. Wolf pointed to her own showing in the last provincial election noting the NDP doubled their support despite a Liberal sweep of the province. Libertarian candidate George Panagapka was unavailable to comment at press time.

Mayor's race heats up

Miller, Sheldon go toe-to-toe at debate

The mayors race reached a climax in Acton Nov. 2 as challenger Pam Sheldon accused incumbent Russ Miller of playing an important role in wasting \$7 million of taxpayers' money. Coun. Sheldon said the mayor's opposition to building the civic centre eight years ago at a cost of only \$2 million (instead of the \$6.1 million it now costs) and his vote to close down one waste transfer station in Burlington and open another a few miles away at a price of \$3 million, are examples of how the mayor has helped waste taxpayers' money. The town has now had to go into debt to finance the new civic centre, Coun. Sheldon said. She made the remarks at an all candidates meeting at Acton High School with about 75 people in attendance. "Russ Miller, in his brochure, is taking credit for the (new) municipal centre. What he should be taking credit for is holding up the project," said Coun. Sheldon. The \$7 million was wasted "all because of indecision and duplication of effort, something that Russ Miller doesn't talk about in his brochure," said the Ward 2 Regional councillor. Coun. Sheldon said she is able to "make tough decisions when they need to be made." She also criticized the mayor for saying he was backing down from a position he took earlier this year when he signed a petition from the ecology awareness group EAGLE. The petition asks the provincial government to stop allowing quarries in environmentally sensitive areas. It was aimed at stopping the expansion of the United Aggregates quarry south of Sideroad 22. UAL already has a license for the expansion. Mayor Miller said he thought he

was signing a petition from the citizens group POWER (the group fighting the landfill proposal). "I wouldn't want to put my trust in someone that doesn't know what they signed," she said. Mayor Miller said he doesn't think the town should fight the proposed expansion of the quarry because aggregate companies are needed in southern Ontario. They provide jobs in the Halton Hills area and the town has a better case to fight the dump if there is a quarry and the accompanying blasting located adjacent to it. After the meeting Mayor Miller said he signed the petition without reading it at a POWER function, assuming it was helping the POWER Group. Coun. Sheldon also said the new civic centre didn't have to be placed on a septic tank for servicing. The idea, when the town originally purchased the 27 acres of land for the new civic centre was to sever five or six acres off for the complex and sell the rest of the serviceable land to help pay for the centre, she said. However, because servicing the lands, which would make them much more valuable, has taken so long the town has not yet been able to recoup funds for the new complex, she said. It was through her own efforts as chairman of the properties committee that the land should eventually become serviced, said Coun. Sheldon. Mayor Miller defended himself at his turn at the podium and delivered a barb of his own. He disputed Coun. Sheldon's claim that she helps provide responsible budgeting. "Anybody who has watched Coun. Sheldon over the last 10 years would have to doubt that statement," he said. Mayor Miller pointed out that he wasn't the mayor when the vote was

held on the building eight years ago. "It's really nice at election time that you find out that you have so much power," he said of Coun. Sheldon's remarks. That proposed municipal complex was much smaller than the one now being built and it would likely have to be expanded by now, he said. "So don't be led astray, ladies and gentlemen, don't be led astray," he said. The mayor said the 27 acres of land could not have been serviced any earlier than current plans call for because there is no room left in the existing sewage treatment plant. Expansion of the plant won't be completed until 1989, he said. Workers at United Aggregate asked Coun. Sheldon why she signed a petition requesting the government halt the planned expansion of the quarry when it would cost the workers their jobs. EAGLE is looking for an environmental assessment on the proposed expansion, said Coun. Sheldon, adding that the license to expand was granted without any environmental studies on the area. "I recognize that you're somewhat angry and probably fearful," Coun. Sheldon told the aggregate workers. "It's not carte blanche - no you mustn't expand," she said. "If EAGLE was successful in stopping the expansion I would do everything in my power to assist you people to relocate," she said. "I wouldn't turn my back on you if the worst came."

She told the workers UAL is "making your jobs vulnerable by trying to put garbage in the existing site." The increased exposure has made people aware of the expanding quarries, she said. "If the landfill site goes ahead and expansion goes ahead we're in for a 400-acre garbage dump not a 200-acre garbage dump," she said. Mayor Miller faced POWER member Robert Masters, also a Pam Sheldon supporter, who quoted him from an article on the front page of the Feb. 18, 1987 edition of the Herald which read: "A local landfill operation under such conditions would have considerable benefits for the town. It would mean no tax increase for garbage haulage and tipping fees and more money for roads improvement, snow removal and other projects and services the town can't afford right now." Mr. Masters then quoted from a recent edition of the Georgetown Independent in which the mayor vowed to stop the dump. "I can't be responsible for what the Independent writes," said Mayor Miller (he was actually referring to the Feb. 18 article in the Herald). The mayor said he doesn't make political promises. Mayor Miller said his accessibility, responsibility and trustworthy characteristics have helped him stay on council for 24 years.

Campaigners pleased with progress

Despite being \$90,000 short of this year's fundraising goal, the Halton Hills' United Way is pleased with the campaign's progress so far. "We're pretty pleased. Things are moving along well," says Executive Director Betty Fisher. "If we keep going and people continue to be as generous, we should reach our goal of \$130,000," she said. The local United Way has raised \$40,000 since the campaign began in October, but some funds take up to a year to arrive. "We just received 50 per cent of our 1987 campaign about a month ago," said Mrs. Fisher. She added that special events fundraising is completed at 100 per cent of the anticipated total, but that the United Way will surpass that goal. Residential fundraising has 65 per cent of its expected total, industry, 35 per cent, professional people, 42 per cent, and national firms have contributed a total of 72 per cent of the business goal.

And "we don't know what government, education or commuter contributions will be," said Mrs. Fisher. The campaigns, she added, could last well into December with government funding not arriving until after this month. "It's staggered," said Mrs. Fisher. Different sections of United Way fundraising "close down" at different times, she said. Last year's goal, at \$140,000 was \$10,000 more than this year's. The



Health care questions asked in wake of man's death

In addition, Mr. Rae said that while the health minister announced in June the establishment of additional critical care beds, those beds cannot be made operational because of a shortage of hospital nurses. Ms. Caplan responded that while she sympathizes with, and is concerned by cases such as Mr. McLean's, it is physicians who are relied on to decide who requires urgent care and to ensure that those in need of urgent care, receive proper treatment. The health minister added that the cardiac registry is being developed with the assistance of physicians. Mr. Rae suggested Ms. Caplan was blaming doctors for Mr. McLean's death, but the health minister responded that she was not placing the blame on anyone but rather acknowledging the "enormous stresses and challenges" faced by the medical system. Ms. Caplan added however, that it is up to doctors to make decisions regarding who is in need of urgent care and "to ensure, based on their very best medical judgement, that people in need of that care most, receive it first." Saying she sympathizes with cases such as Mr. McLean's death, Ms. Caplan said it points to the need "to make the kind of changes we have been talking about within our health care system," and the Ministry of Health is making "enormous progress" in achieving those changes.

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Doctors are being placed "in an impossible position" by the shortage of nurses, a shortage of hospital beds, and a promised, but not delivered central bed registry for cardiac patients, provincial New Democratic Party leader Bob Rae said last week. Mr. Rae made the statement in reference to the case of former Georgetown resident Brendon McLean, who died Oct. 10 while waiting for heart surgery. The NDP leader pointed out that Mr. McLean was diagnosed in May as having severe angina (an indication that heart arteries are blocked). After the diagnosis, Mr. McLean had to wait six weeks before having an angiogram test. After numerous other medical tests, it was discovered that two of three arteries running to his heart were blocked. Mr. Rae said Mr. McLean was told by his surgeon on Oct. 4 "that he should have surgery tomorrow," but instead was put on a waiting list. Mr. McLean died six days later. "The minister is putting doctors in an impossible position, with the shortage of nurses that there is, and with the problems in critical care units," Mr. Rae told MPPs. Mr. Rae also criticized Health Minister Elinor Caplan for the delay in establishing a central bed registry for cardiac patients that she announced six months ago.