

In the hills

Parents meeting

Bishop Reding Parent's Association will meet Monday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the school. The topic of discussion will be "Preventing Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the Family." The speaker on this subject will be Peter Marks.

Draw winner

A. Finney of Acton was the winner of free tickets to the Georgetown Globe Productions' future spring presentation of *Some Enchanted Evening* in May. Globe held the recent draw for the tickets to their upcoming dinner show.

School reunion

Credit View Public School in Cheltenham is making plans to celebrate its 25th anniversary April 29, and the anniversary committee wants to get in touch with former students and teachers, who have been at the school dating back to 1964.

Anyone with pictures or addresses that can be used by the committee is asked to mail them to Credit View's 25th Anniversary Committee, Credit View Public School, 13990 Mississauga Road, RR1, Cheltenham, Ont. For more information, call (416) 838-2121.

Windows smashed

Two windows were smashed at a local graphic arts company, causing \$500 damage last weekend. Police say the windows of the Sinclair Avenue company were smashed with what appeared to be a sling shot ball bearing.

Surprise party

There will be an open house surprise 75th birthday party for Brock Harley Sunday, April 2 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 31 Norfolk Ave. in Brampton.

For more information call 459-6822. Please bring cards and good wishes only.

Guest speaker

Not long ago, a mother would tell her little girl that once she finished high school, her most important job was to find her Prince Charming who would take care of her forever.

And the little 'girls' assured themselves that it wasn't necessary to get a good education and well-paying job because her Prince Charming would also be able to financially provide for her too.

Unfortunately, this old belief is not the case in today's world and for many big girls, they are facing the reality of poverty, single-parenthood and a life of welfare cheques.

Lynn Kaye, president of the National Action Council, is acutely aware of the growing ghettos of women who are in the vicious cycle of poverty. There is much concern that the upcoming federal budget, with its attendant cuts in social programs, will mean even greater numbers of Canadian women and their children will join the ranks of the poverty-stricken.

Ms. Kaye is the guest speaker at the April 4 University Women's Club of Georgetown meeting held at Centennial School. Her presentation, beginning at 8:30 p.m. includes the National Film Board's film "No Way, Not Me: The Feminization of Poverty" featuring Rosemary Brown, an eloquent advocate of women's rights. Following the movie, there will be a discussion period. The meeting is open to the public and all women are encouraged to come out and listen.

Don't become a statistic.

Venereal diseases on increase

Cases of sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise in Halton.

And an alarming number of cases occur in females and in the 15 to 24-year-old age group, Halton's medical officer of health Dr. Graham Pollett says.

In 1988, 177 cases of genital chlamydia were reported compared to 140 cases the previous year. Of the cases reported in 1988, 125 occurred in females and 72 per cent of the cases were diagnosed in the 15 to 24-year-old age group, Dr. Pollett said.

Although the number of cases of gonorrhoea has dropped from 100 in 1987 to 74 in 1988, females still out-

numbered males 45 to 29 in diagnosed cases and 53 per cent of the cases occurred in the 15 to 24-year-old age group.

The high infection rate of gonorrhoea and chlamydia in the 15 to 24-year-old age group should be of concern, according to Dr. Pollett.

About 70 per cent of the reported cases were in females and such infections often go undetected and untreated because the symptoms are not prevalent, said Dr. Pollett.

If those diseases are untreated it may lead to infection and tubal scarring resulting in ectopic pregnancies in females and infert-

ility in both males and females, said Dr. Pollett.

And a strain of gonorrhoea which is resistant to penicillin is increasing in Ontario, said Dr. Pollett. In 1986, that strain accounted for just under three per cent of all gonorrhoea cases reported in Ontario but the three cases reported in Halton last year does not represent a significant increase, said Dr. Pollett.

The number of diagnosed cases of herpes is also on the rise. Only 75 cases were diagnosed in 1987 but that jumped to 99 cases last year. Of those 99 cases, 72 were reported in females.

Man charged

A Georgetown man was charged with impaired driving shortly before 1 a.m. March 25. Police say they stopped a driver at Main Street and Church Street in Georgetown after observing a car being driven in an erratic manner. A Georgetown man, 28, will appear in court April 24.

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