

Meeting Monday night

Diabetes association forms here

Diabetics in Georgetown will soon have their own association.

Don Coughlin, who is organizing the first meeting this Monday, 7:30 p.m. in the Lions Hall, said about 35 members of the Brampton association are from Georgetown. He estimates there could be 500 diabetics in Georgetown based on the population of 17,000. The Canadian Diabetes Association estimates one in five people have the disease.

"There are a lot of people who don't know they're diabetic," he said.

"There's nothing (for diabetics) in Georgetown at all, nothing. People here belong to the Brampton chapter," he said. He spoke recently in Mississauga, and following the presentation, a man in the audience went to his doctor only to find out he has diabetes, something he didn't know before.

"It's what causes strokes, kidney disease, and amputations. Georgetown's former mayor, Tom Hill, died of diabetes," Coughlin said.

Local diabetics who can't afford needles and other medical items they need could get them locally, instead of going all the way to Brampton, he said.

Money raised in Georgetown during the annual fund-raising drive in November would stay in this community.

The first meeting is an organizational meeting, at which Coughlin

hopes a minimum of 20 people will attend, and an executive will be elected. They will also decide when the group should meet and which

projects it should take on locally.

For more information, call Coughlin at Georgetown Optical at 877-3562.

Community calendar

Kick the weed

A cold turkey program sponsored by the Lung Association will be held at the Georgetown Hospital during the week of Feb. 25 and March 1, 7:30-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 and the rest is paid by sponsor Christmas Seals. For more information and registration, call 632-8499.

Acton soccer clinic

The Acton mixed indoor soccer clinic is being held at McKenzie Smith Middle School gym Sundays, until April 28. There is no charge for the clinic. Proper gym shoes are required. Times are 14 years and up (10 a.m. to noon); 9 and 10 year olds (12:15 to 1 p.m.); 7 and 8 year olds (1 to 1:45 p.m.); 11 to 13 year olds (1:45 to 2:30 p.m.); 4 to 6 year olds (2:30 to 3:15 p.m.). Interested parents, prospective coaches or volunteers welcome. For more information, call 853-3866.

World prayer

An ecumenical service will be held for the world day of prayer at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Marilyn Mitton.

Board members

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch, is seeking membership for its regional board from the communities of Milton, Georgetown or Acton. For more information, call Pearl Wolfe, executive director at 845-5044.

Paratroopers group

Anyone who is a former paratrooper in the Canadian Armed Forces is invited to join the Halton-Peel branch of the Canadian Airborne Forces Association. The groups meets the third Sunday of the month in at Elks Hall in Norval. They hold special events, help out local charities and war veterans. For more information, call Marilyn or Gerry Gale at 873-0676.



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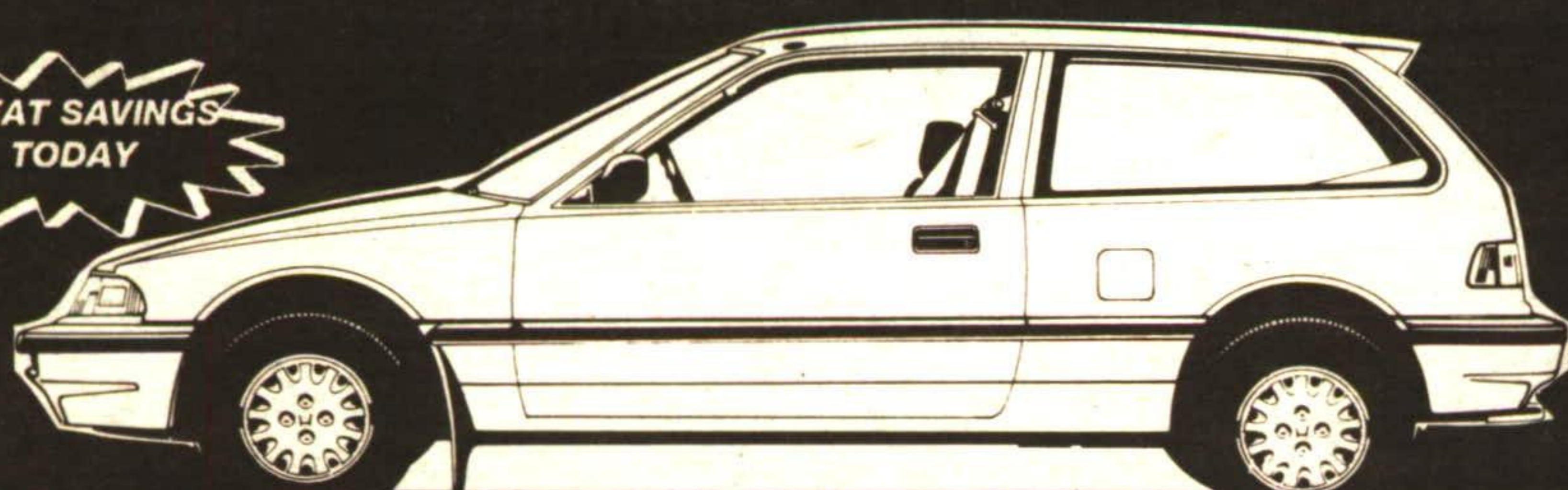
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