



TED BROWN/Halton Hills Weekend

## Don't Be A Victim

Acton High School students (from left) Alanna Clarke, Christina Trotter and Amy Leslie apply makeup to Mary Bell, making her appear as a senior citizen, as the grade 11 students prepare to present the seniors' awareness presentation, "Don't Be A Victim," May 4, at the high school, at 6:30 p.m. The free presentation will feature four

plays illustrating different scenarios in which seniors find themselves taken advantage of. In addition to the plays, the Acton Golden Age Chorus will perform as well as the Halton Regional Police Choir. Free refreshments will follow.

# Brock Street residents oppose duplex rezoning

Concerned Acton citizens protested an application to rezone an existing duplex dwelling on Brock St. at town council Monday.

The duplex, presently existing illegally as two units at 39 Brock St., is currently zoned as Residential Second Density (R2) under zoning bylaw. Owner Allan Tremills, who purchased the duplex in 1989, would like the property to be designated as a Residential Third Density Special (R3-1) zone. This would allow the building to stay as a duplex with more than one

tenant. Failure to obtain the rezoning would return the duplex to a single family dwelling, said town planner Glenn J. Wellings.

Tremills believed that the duplex had this zoning when he made the original purchase, said lawyer Lynda Townsend, adding later "neighborhoods change." Townsend also said that parking bylaws have been actively enforced at the duplex recently.

Neighboring residents on Brock St. have complained that duplex

tenants have more than one vehicle each and that parking is erratic and messy.

Several Brock St. residents feel that the rezoning would add to the existing parking problems and traffic levels that the street already endures.

"We feel that approval would signal the beginning of the end of the neighborhood's character," said Diane Butler in a presentation to council. "It would further the erosion of our neighborhood character."

Butler voiced a fear that more lawns and residential space will disappear to make parking lots, saying that one block on Brock St. already has three duplex dwellings.

Margaret Hoare stated that the duplex's tenants and related vehicles have proved unacceptable in the past. "It's been quite a problem," said Hoare. "It's very unsightly and unkempt."

"Tenants do not look after their places the way an owner does," said Margaret Toth, who has lived on Brock St. for 35 years. Toth remembers the days when Brock St. was one of the nicest streets in Acton, tree-lined and "a lovely spot to live."

Toth stated her concerns as the lack of adequate parking and the devaluation of the properties surrounding the duplex.

## Cutting back at GDMH

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ing and leaving in the same day. Removal of tonsils, vasectomies and D and Cs would be done on this basis.

Changes are also being made in the obstetrics department which would allow patients of a second obstetrician to work at the hospital, increasing the caseload by 18 per cent: instead of 324 births at the hospital, there would be 380 births.

The hospital is going ahead with some improvements: new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems will be installed at a cost of \$1.3 million, paid for by the Ministry of Health and Halton Region. The Emergency and admitting areas will be renovated, to allow nursing staff to monitor the waiting area and provide more confidentiality for patients being admitted. This will cost \$150,000.

This was a difficult budget year for Georgetown Hospital, and the hospital board has received a lot of co-operation from all employees and unions in making changes, Oliver said.

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