

Fair Board meeting

The Georgetown Agricultural Society will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please plan to attend as this will be the final general meeting before our September 10, 11, and 12th Fall Fair. Everyone welcome.

Foot clinic

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch will hold a Foot Care Clinic at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital - Emergency Department on Sept 7 and Sept 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Cost is \$15.00.

Living With Cancer Group

Group discussions to provide emotional support and practical guidance to patient, families and friends. Groups are sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society and led by nurses. Held at Living with Cancer Group, Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch 751 Main Street East Milton, ON (West of Bunsmaster Building on 2nd floor) every 2nd Thursday from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. September 2, 16, 30, 1993. For more information call: Cancer Society - Milton Unit 878-5228, 878-1876.

Indian Summer

On Sunday, September 12, 1993, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Crawford Lake Conservation Area is celebrating the end of summer with its Indian Summer Festival. A day filled with Native arts and crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides to the spectacular Nassagaweya

Community
CALENDAR

Canyon Lookout, crafts for kids; a tasty barbecued corn roast; exhibits, displays and tours of the reconstructed Iroquoian Village. Crawford Lake is located at Steeles Avenue and Guelph Line, 5 km south of Hwy 401, or 16 km north of Hwy 5. The Esqueving Historical Society will be conducting a walking tour of downtown Georgetown on Wednesday September 8th. The walk begins at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main Street S., Georgetown at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Girl Guide Registration

Local guides will be registering girls for: Sparks (Age 5), Brownies (6 to 9 years), Guides (9 to 12 years), Pathfinders (12 to 15 years) and Senior Branches (15 to 17 years) on Tuesday, September 14, 1993, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Georgetown East registration will be held at Centennial School, Delrex Blvd. Georgetown West (including Limehouse Brownies) will be held at Knox Church Hall, Main St. South. Volunteers are welcome to assist with our program. For information please call Lynda Strathdee, 877-1787 -

Georgetown East District Commissioner; or Linda Hunter, 877-1305 - Georgetown West District Commissioner.

Child Care Association

Do you look after Children? Well here is a group for you! Halton Child Care Providers Association is holding its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs. October 7th at Oakville Central Library, Navy St. and Lakeshore. In the Children's Department Room #3. You are asked to bring a donation for a Silent Auction. This is a non-profit group for child Care Providers - that offers support and services to all people who run Home Day Care. Workshops, seminars, business advice, referral system, daytime outings with the children and evening social events for providers. For more information call: Michelle 845-3320.

Outdoor Show

Hillsburgh Snow Roamers are hosting an Outdoor Show and Auction at Erin Fair Grounds Saturday, September 18, 1993 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor Booths are available contact Sue 833-9108 or Kim 833-2748.

Seniors meeting

The Golden Circle Seniors Club will hold the first meeting Sept. 7, 1:15 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church Hall, Mountainview Rd. South, Georgetown. Members are reminded to please bring dues of \$3 in an envelope with name, address, phone number clearly printed on outside. All welcome.

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DETHATCHING YOUR LAWN

Before discussing dethatching, you must first know what thatch is and how it develops. Thatch is the build up of dead and live grass stems and roots which form a layer on the soil surface. This layer acts and looks just like a "sponge." This sponge like material absorbs water and nutrients (preventing them from reaching the roots in the soil) and forms a good harbour for insects and diseases. One half inch (1/2") is a good thickness to maintain. More than 1/2" of thatch may create serious problems down the road.

Dethatching is a word used quite frequently when discussing lawns. Quite simply it means to remove part of the thatch or control the thatch layer from building up. Dethatching can be accomplished in several ways. The two most common ways are by using either a "dethatcher" or an "aerator".

A dethatching machine is often used improperly. This machine was designed to help control thatch from building up, not to reduce an existing thatch layer. Vertical spinning knives thin the lawn out by cutting groves through the grass. Once completed, the excess grass must be cleaned up to avoid smothering your lawn. As long as the thatch layer is less than 1/2", this method can be effective in "controlling" the thatch from building up. Once thatch has reached a serious level (greater than 1/2"), the dethatching machine will have a tough time cutting through this layer of thatch. If this is the case, an aerating machine would be your best bet.

An aerator does more than just allow air, water and nutrients into the soil. It also "dethatches" your lawn. It does this by physically removing plugs of soil and thatch. Once these pieces of thatch are removed from your lawn, the remaining thatch will automatically begin to break down and thin out. The soil from the plugs will break down in approximately 1 week and fall back into the thatch. This soil is filled with micro-organisms and bacteria necessary in the decomposition of thatch.

Based on the above information we feel that aeration is a better way of "dethatching" your lawn. The process of controlling the thatch in your lawn, whether the thatch is 1/2" or 2" is ongoing and should be part of your annual maintenance program.

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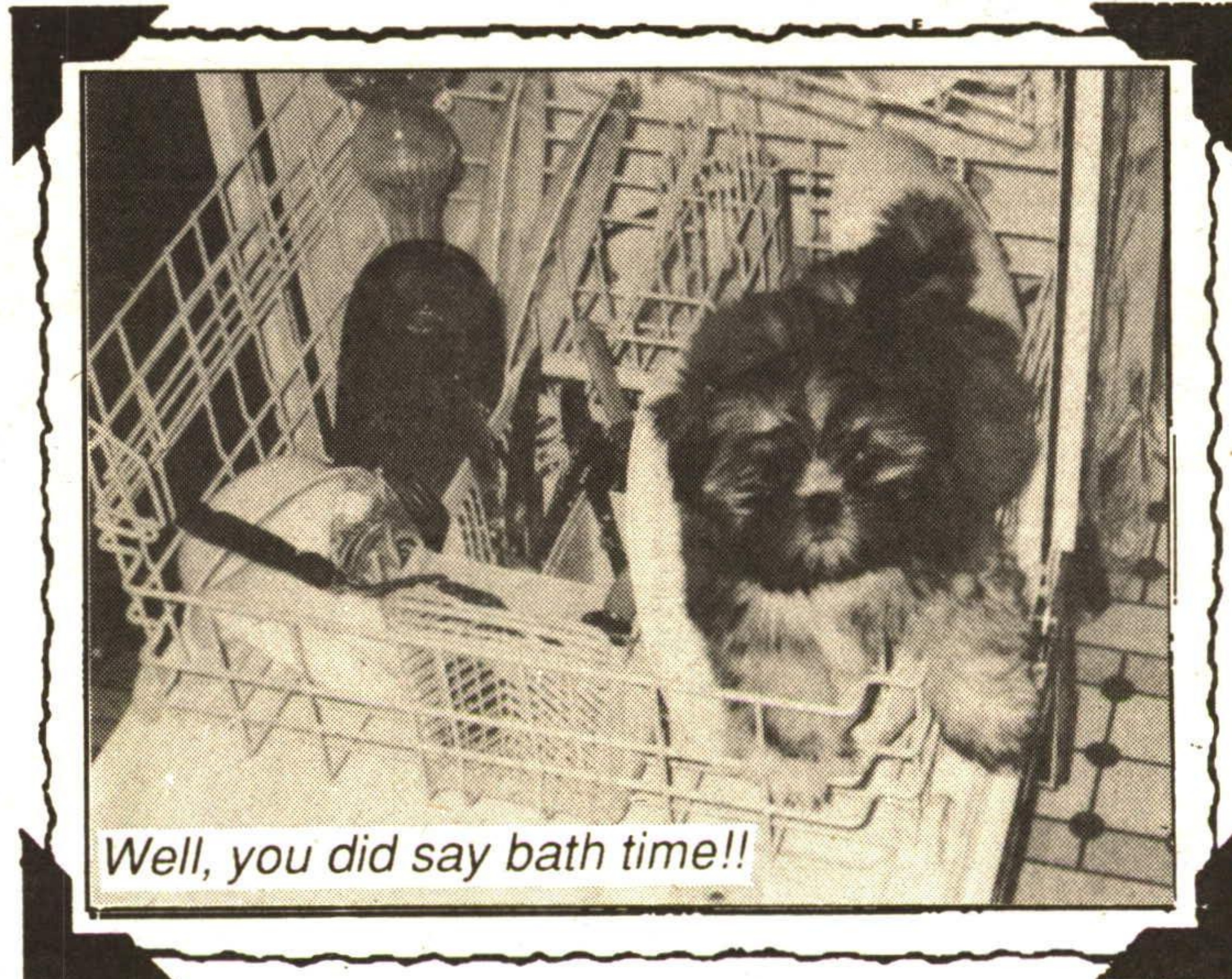
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For additional information contact Duncan or Eileen
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2. Ozzy Osbourne	"Live And Loud"	17. Janet Jackson	"Janet"
3. Rod Stewart	"Unplugged"	18. Soundtrack	"Sliver"
4. Neil Young	"Unplugged"	19. Aerosmith	"Get A Grip"
5. Jimi Hendrix	"The Ultimate Experience"	20. Spin Doctors	"Pocket Full of Kryptonite"
6. Soul Asylum	"Grave Dancers Union"	21. Cypress Hill	"Black Sunday"
7. Soundtrack	"Last Action Hero"	22. SWV	"It's About Time"
8. Cry of Love	"Brother"	23. 13 Engines	"Perpetual Motion Machine"
9. Lenny Kravitz	"Are You Gonna Go My Way"	24. Pornos For Pyros	"Pornos For Pyros"
10. I Mother Earth	"Dig"	25. Eric Clapton	"Unplugged"
11. Tea Party	"Splendor Solis"	26. Depeche Mode	"Songs Of Faith & Devotion"
12. Dave Clark Five	"Glad All Over Again"	27. UB40	"Promises & Lies"
13. Stone Temple Pilots	"Core"	28. Duran Duran	"Duran Duran"
14. Billy Ray Cyrus	"It Won't Be The Last"	29. Cult	"Pure Cult"
15. Anthrax	"Sound of White Noise"	29. Tool	"Undertow"

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