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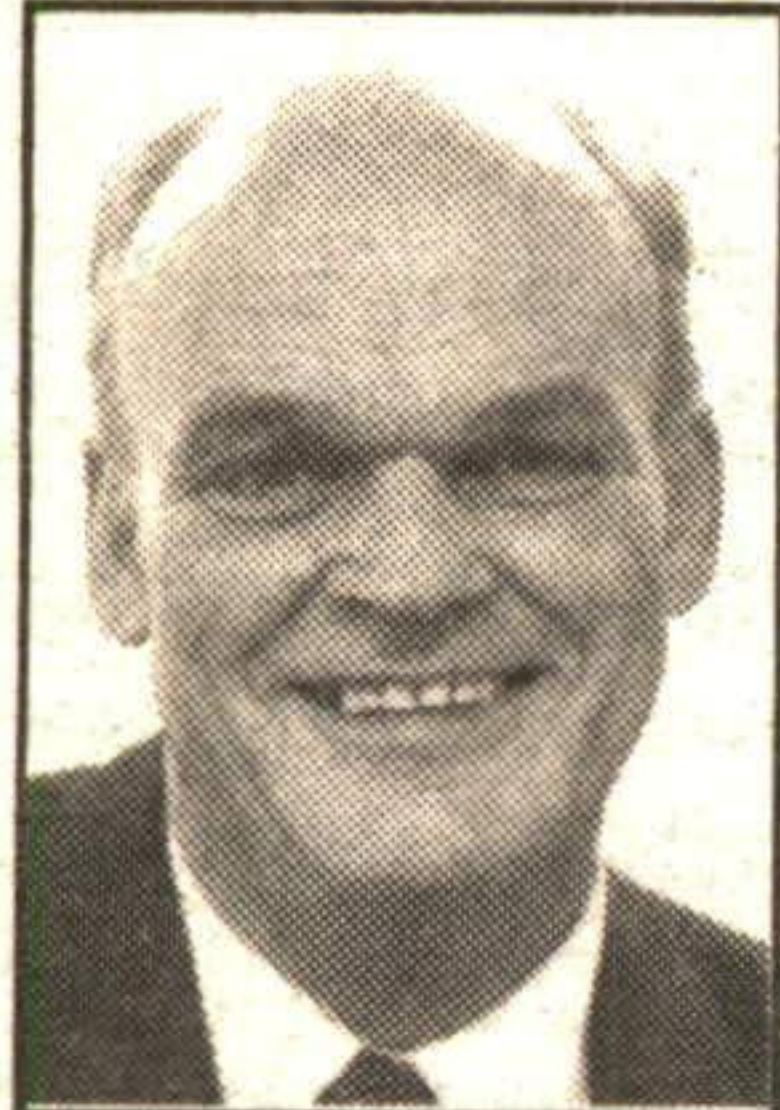
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News

Digest

Chatten declares

Ward 4 councillor Ron Chatten, registered on Tuesday to run for the position of Ward 4 councillor in the November municipal election.



RON CHATTEN

Chatten, a retired Halton Board of Education principal, is currently finishing his first term as on council.

Obstetrics unit reopens

The obstetrics unit at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is reopening Monday after a six-week closure.

The department was closed temporarily because the new obstetrician, Dr. Raj Ramanna, wasn't found in time to start working July 1, when Dr. Valerie Kumar gave up the obstetrical part of her practice.

The 12 full and part-time staff at the department were laid off during the six-week period, said hospital assistant executive director of patient care Marlene Quackenbush.

Quackenbush said the obstetrics department will be running Monday, but she expects it will get busier as Dr. Ramanna's practice develops and people will again begin having babies at Georgetown Hospital. Tours of the obstetrics unit for expectant parents are once again underway as well.

Blood clinic tomorrow

Don't forget the blood donor clinic, sponsored by the Georgetown Independent and Arthur F. Johnson and Associates Ltd. Realtors on Monday, Aug. 8 between 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, Maple Ave. Healthy individuals age 17 to 70 are encouraged to attend. Bring identification and a friend.

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Summer flutters



One-year-old Estelle Radley-Walters-Wall of Georgetown learned how to do the flutter kick from instructor Krista Rose at the Dick Licata Pool. Estelle along with her three sisters were among the approximate 100 children from different swimming classes participating in the

Halton Hills Recreation Department's annual water show, July 29. The children and instructors demonstrated what they learned about swimming and water safety, during their summer lessons.

Photo by LAURA SALVERDA

Boy now in good condition

Dog attacks five-year-old

By JANET BAINE
 Staff writer

There are no hard feelings between two Georgetown families after a one-year-old rottweiler attacked a child and sent him to hospital.

Five-year-old Richard Pilon is in good condition at Peel Memorial Hospital and is expected to stay in the hospital for seven to 10 days recuperating from Wednesday's attack. His left leg was broken in two places, and surgery was required to set the bones. He also had bruises on his back and hips.

The rottweiler, named Jake, will be put down after a 10-day observation period at a veterinary clinic.

"Richard's coping very well," his stepfather Brian Ventry told reporters at a press conference at Georgetown Division. "He said, 'when I see Jake in Heaven, maybe he'll lick my face and like me.'"



BRIAN VENTRY

Richard was at the Terrell home on Rexway Dr., where he was playing in the sandbox with his friend, four-and-a-half-year-old David. Jake was locked up in a dog run, a fenced off area about 16 ft. by 20 ft. Somehow the dog attacked the child.

The police investigation has not clarified whether the attack took place because the children entered the dog run, or if the dog came out of the area and attacked the children by the sandbox. Police have yet to speak to the two children.

The sitter, whose name police will not release, had gone into the Terrell home to check on a sleeping baby, heard a scream and came out. She pulled the dog away from Richard and locked him up, police said. Ventry said Richard's sister ran home and told him Richard had been hurt. Ventry got his stepson in the car and took him to Georgetown Hospital, where he was stabilized before being taken to Peel Memorial Hospital.



BRIAN TERRELL

Owner of the dog, Brian Terrell was clearly very upset by the incident, which attracted television, radio and newspaper reporters from across southern Ontario, leading to a very trying day Thursday for both families.

"Word can't describe how I feel," he told reporters.

Terrell was comforted by Ventry who said, "These people have been so great. They came down to the hospital and spent the time with us there. We don't hold anything against them...It was a freak accident."

Brian and Lori Terrell paid \$650 for Jake, who was registered and the best of his breed. He was also a family pet.

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