

Editorial

Say it ain't so

Word that the obstetrics unit of the William Osler Health Centre Georgetown campus may be in danger of closing should concern every resident of Halton Hills.

While the official line from the hospital indicates no firm decision has been made, the words from campus administrator Don Trant drip with political-speak.

Clearly, hospital officials have something in mind for this unit. If they didn't, local doctors would not be asking the public, via a letter to this newspaper, to show their support for the unit and acute care service. We wouldn't be getting phone calls from citizens worried about the unit's closure.

While the Georgetown campus certainly cannot be compared with its sister campuses in Brampton and Etobicoke where 4,000 and 3,000 babies (compared to Georgetown's 320) were born last year, the fact remains the obstetrics unit here is of great value to both local doctors and nurses and our growing community.

As one source said, "If you don't have obstetrics, if people don't have babies here, they're not going to come back for the other stuff."

We also risk losing more of the too-few doctors we have as they follow their patients and jobs elsewhere.

One of our fears when the hospitals were amalgamated a few years ago was that Georgetown would become an outpost for Brampton and Etobicoke. We hope our fears aren't now being realized.



Letters to the editor....

Concept Ice Show a rousing success

Dear editor,

The Georgetown Skating Club presented its Mini-Stars Ice Show Saturday, sponsored by Concept

Ford Lincoln of Georgetown. During the two performances more than 200 local skaters, ages 3 and up, showcased their skills and talents to a medley of music in colourful costumes.

Guest skaters, such as Ken Rose from Richmond Hill, wowed the audience with an exhilarating routine, in addition to synchronized skating teams from Oakville and Mississauga.

"It was a fantastic show. I really enjoyed it," said Peter Catoen, a grandfather of two local skaters.

According to Jennifer Malatesta, president of the Georgetown Skating Club, the show would not have been possible without the support of many local businesses and the hours of hard work from coaches and executives. She would also like to extend a special thanks to all the parents, as well as the volunteers who, without reward, gave their time to ensure a successful event. A big thanks also goes out to staff

and students of Georgetown District High School for the planning, construction and painting of the Ice Show's staging entrance.

The Georgetown Skating Club has grown considerably in the last year, due to the opening of the new Mold-Masters SportsPlex arena. The club would like to extend a warm welcome to any new members who would like to take part in the 2002-2003 season, which will begin this fall.

Doug Law, director,
Georgetown Skating Club

Historic brick missing

Dear editor,

The new Georgetown Little Theatre Studio in Stewarttown is approaching completion, and we plan to hold an official opening ceremony in the near future.

Although we lost virtually everything of our former building in the devastating fire in 1998, we did save a brick that had the year '1948' cast in it.

We were planning to incorporate the brick in the front wall of the new building, but it has disappeared from the site. If any reader knows of its whereabouts, I would be extremely grateful if he/she would contact me at 905-873-8261, so that we can restore it to its original home.

Colin Hoare, president,
Georgetown Little Theatre

Priests should be held accountable for actions

Dear editor,

In light of the recent media attention given to the dilemma in the Catholic church, I would like to draw a comparison between priests and teachers.

If a teacher molests a child, he or she is criminally liable and banished from the profession forever.

If another teacher or a principal or a trustee has knowledge of the crime, yet does nothing, or worse still, takes actions to hide the crime, they too, are criminally liable.

Why should it be any different for priests, bishops or cardinals? A virtuous person would give their own life to save the

precious life of a child. If those men were virtuous, these things would not have happened, regardless of what is said to rationalize it. The law must be applied evenly and vigorously, whether it be the law of the land or the law of the Lord.

Michael Xanthios,
Georgetown

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