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Cathy Longhurst (left) of Art Effects Gallery and Framing Centre is happy that the mystery of the identity of the man in a painting in her gallery and the artist who painted it has finally been solved. Judy Casey, a Georgetown woman, painted the picture of then-Georgetown mayor Joseph Gibbons more than 35 years ago. She had given the painting to local artist Frank Black in the late 1960s, and hadn't seen it since until it turned up on the front page of a recent edition of *The Independent & Free Press*. Photo by Ted Brown

Mystery solved: Man in picture is former mayor

Judy Casey could not believe her eyes. Staring up at her from the front page of the August 19 edition of *The Independent & Free Press* was a painting she had done more than 35 years earlier of long-time Georgetown mayor Joseph Gibbons. After studying art through a correspondence course Casey, then a teenager, joined the Palette and Pencil Guild in town. She had done the oil painting of Gibbons, who served as Georgetown's mayor for approximately 15 years between 1934 and 1968, from a black and white newspaper photo in a class at the club

taught by local artist Frank Black in 1969. She was 19 at the time. She used artistic licence in the portrait— removing Gibbons' glasses, adding some hair and a hat— and Black took her brush and put the pink on Gibbons' cheeks. When it was done, she wasn't happy with how the painting turned out but Black said he wanted to keep it as an example of a student's work. She couldn't understand why he would want it, but gave it to him. He traded her one of his landscape paintings.

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'We should be alarmed' Study reveals many local teens have considered suicide

About four per cent of Halton youths who participated in a regional mental health program have at some point in their lives tried to commit suicide. That's one of the startling findings in a report from Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal that details data collected over the past five years from area youths who participated in Youth Net, a mental health promotion and early intervention program. The report, which was received for information by regional council recently, revealed 12 per cent of youths who participated had serious thoughts about killing themselves, while six per cent in the last three months had contemplated killing themselves. "Our data shows that an average of two youths in each discussion group indicate suicide ideation and/or behaviours," the report says. It notes that over the past five years, anywhere from 20 to 50 youths in the program each year needed to be referred to a mental health practitioner due to serious issues like acute suicidal thoughts. While Halton Manager for Youth Health Josée Coutu said the numbers presented in the Youth Net data are fairly consistent with statistics from its sister programs across Canada, she still considers the number of youths who have tried to commit suicide "a very sad and concerning figure." "Should we be alarmed? Yes," she said. Coutu said one of the goals of surveying those who take part in the Youth Net program is to identify individuals who need help. "We try to identify them before they've fallen off the track altogether," she said. Those youths who do need assistance would then be connected with a mental health liaison nurse, and the best course of action for their situation would be determined.

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