

Police Beat

Suspect released on bail

A suspect, in the sexual assault of a 20-year-old Thunder Bay Beach woman, was released on bail after appearing in Provincial Court in Barrie yesterday morning.

Thunder Bay Police arrested a suspect last Wednesday evening after an identification was made from a composite drawing of the attacker.

According to Penetang Town Police, the victim, who was seven months pregnant at the time of the attack, was walking down Poyntz Street towards Owen Street around 2 a.m. on June 14, when she was grabbed from behind and forced into the backyard of a Robert Street residence where she was sexually assaulted and beaten.

After the victim managed to get away from her attacker, the assailant fled down Robert Street, and she notified police.

With the assistance of the 20-year-old woman, the Town police were able to come up with a composite drawing and a suspect was identified.

After an extensive investigation, the Penetang Police issued a warrant for an arrest on Wednesday. By Wednesday evening, with the help of the Thunder Bay Police, a suspect was in custody.

Resignation rejected

In a special meeting of the Penetanguishene General Hospital's (PGH) Board of Directors, last Wednesday evening, the resignations of the chiefs of medicine, surgery, general practice and out patients and anaesthesia at the hospital were rejected by the board.

According to PGH Executive Administrator Sister Joan Whelan, the board has put off accepting the four resignations of the chiefs to display the doctors' discontentment with the provincial government's proposal to ban extra billing of patients by the province's doctors.

Sister Joan Whelan said, despite the resignations the board was assured that the

Officers from the Penetang force left early Thursday morning for Northern Ontario to pickup the suspect.

Although the suspect was to appear was in Barrie Provincial Court on Friday, the bail hearing was remanded until yesterday.

Accused is 32-year-old Thomas Ronald Tucker of Thunder Bay. The accused will appear in Provincial Court in Midland on June 28.

Police warn ball players

As a result of a number of incidences of wallets and money being stolen from parked cars at the ball fields around the Town, Penetanguishene Police are advising players to lock their vehicles during games.

According to Penetang Police Chief Robert Cummings, police have investigated a number of calls in the last few weeks from players in the local baseball leagues who have had articles stolen from their vehicles while out on the playing field.

Cummings added all valuables should be locked in the trunk so incidences like this are unlikely to happen.

Quality of patient care

would not be affected in by the doctors' actions.

The Administrator added the quality of patient care at the hospital has not been interrupted in any way as a result of the doctors' actions.

"Everything has gone normally and there has been no interference of services before or after the passing of Bill 94," said Whelan.

"The doctors have assured me the supervision and quality of care would remain up to our standards."

The hospital is now waiting to see what will happen with the passing of Bill 94 in the House on Friday.



VIP winners

This pair of youngsters with Constable Don Penrose of the Penetang Police Force (right) and teacher Corpus Christi teacher Donna Kirk Beatty show off the calculators they won

for their winning essays. They were presented their awards during their classes graduation ceremonies last Wednesday afternoon at the school.

Corpus Christi students are VIP's

Last Wednesday afternoon, a group of 30 grade six students at Corpus Christi School in Penetanguishene took part in a short ceremony marking the successful completion of the Value, Influences and Peers (VIP) Program, run by the Penetang Police Force.

Constable Don Penrose, who was responsible for the first programs of this kind at Corpus Christi and Burkevale Public School, told the students he was extremely pleased with the results of the course.

The Constable added although the students were at a disadvantage being one of the first classes in

the Town to undertake the program, they have done very well.

Not only the students learned through the program, Penrose said the students taught him alot and hoped they gained as much from the program as he did.

Each of the students who successfully completed the

program were given a VIP hat and pin to mark the celebration.

As an added bonus two students were awarded a pen and calculator set for the top prizes in the essay contest.

Although Constable Penrose said he had a difficult task in coming up with the winners, Kirk

Beatty's and Julie Pilon's essays on the project were chosen.

The Penetang Police Force are already gearing up towards next year's program with the grade six students and are planning to expand by adding St. Anne's School to the list of participants in the program.



Le Caron grads

Grade 12 and 13 students were out in fine form last Thursday night at the graduation

ceremonies at Ecole Secondaire Le Caron. Thirty-nine students participated in the

graduation exercises in the gymnasium.



Health walk donators

PGH's Doris Shirriff was on hand last Tuesday afternoon at the Pizza Delight in Penetang to receive a cheque from one of the grade six students from St. Joseph's School for their contribution to the PGH Health Walk last month. Bernie Desroches, a member

of the Penetang Richelieu Club was also on hand to pick up the tab at the restaurant for the group's pizza lunch. The class won the lunch, compliments of the club for raising the most money in the school in the walk.

Chamber's Town Dock office staffed for summer months

The Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce's kiosk at the Town Dock is all set up and ready for business.

With the help of Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) Program and the Futures Pro-

gram the booth is now fully staffed for the summer.

According to Chamber Secretary Joyce Sauve, the new staff are busy getting ready for the tourist season ahead.

Behind the counter of the kiosk visitors will be

welcomed by Sauve herself, or any of the four staff members who have been hired for the summer.

This year's staff is comprised of Ann Mayes, Kelly Bredin, Pauline Quesnelle and Bonnie Akerman.

Canada Day fireworks display cancelled

Plans by the Penetanguishene Rotary Club to hold the second annual Canada Fireworks Display at the Scott Street Park in the Town have fallen by the wayside.

According to Rotary member Pat Marion, three main factors were instrumental in the organization's decision to cancel the event that was schedul-

ed for July 1.

With increases in the cost of fireworks, liability insurance and deductibles by \$5,000 along with a lack of funding from the Canada Day Committee the club is looking at a possible loss of over \$4,500 with a fireworks display.

Marion said the Rotary had applied for a \$3,000 grant from the Canada Day

Committee, but the local group were allotted only half of their request as a result of Federal budget cuts.

The member added the group was hoping to make other plans for the July 1st holiday, but it's really too late to get anything off the ground with the statutory holiday being next week.