

Cable cut causes customer concern

Telephone users as far away as Kitchener and St. Marys were affected by a major cable cut just outside of Georgetown last Thursday. Telephone service within the area code 416 normal, but customers attempting to call out of the area received nothing but a busy signal. Customers in the 519 area code trying to call anyone in the 416 area found the same problem.

Del Linstead, cable tester, said the cause of the damage is still under investigation, but did reveal the cut was made on Highway Seven just west of Georgetown.

Mr. Linstead also said the majority of problems involved people attempting to call Acton from Georgetown, and vice versa. Large companies in the Kitchener, St. Marys area with Brampton lines were also affected.

Telephone operators were swamped with calls, and were able to put customers through to their desired numbers.

It took repairmen several hours to repair the damage and restore service to normal.

Jelinek may not run in Halton

A few weeks ago Otto Jelinek was certain that he would be seeking the Tory nomination in Halton, but now it is all up in the air.

In a recent interview Jelinek said he had been contacted by party executives in Ottawa and by Party Leader Joe Clark. Both contacts were made with a view to persuading Jelinek to run in Toronto instead of Halton.

While Jelinek said he probably wouldn't make a decision until the spring, he did say he was a party man and would probably go where the party felt he could serve best.

That could very well mean that he'll stake his seat against cabinet minister Alastair Gillespie in a race in Etobicoke Centre. That riding will encompass part of Gillespie's Etobicoke riding and part of Jelinek's High Park-Humber Valley riding.

Jelinek has been encouraged by people within the Etobicoke association, the national executive and leader Joe Clark to stay and help the party gain some strength in metro. The Tories currently hold only two seats there.

In a recent letter to Jelinek, Clark asked Jelinek to look seriously at a Toronto riding, particularly the Etobicoke-Centre Riding.

"As you know, I want the Party to have as strong representation as possible from Metro. You now are one of only two P.C. members from Metro proper and have earned a strong national reputation as our spokesman on small business. On those grounds, I think it would be helpful for you to seek a nomination in the metropolitan area.

"Your present constituency divides into four constituencies under redistribution, and I understand that a number of your supporters from one of those ridings, namely Etobicoke Centre, have asked you to consider standing in that constituency. That makes

Girl screams man flees

An Acton girl's screams were enough to ward off a man who had grabbed her as she walked alone on Acton Blvd., at 11.30 p.m. August 17.

Halton Regional Police say the man had been following her. The suspect grabbed her from behind, police report, and when she screamed, the man fled down the street.

The suspect is described as a 160 pounds, medium build, approximately 18 years with short dark hair, and clean shaven.

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VIC BRISTOW, LEFT, and Sherry McNabb give Canadian National Institute for the Blind superintendent Peter Corless a cheque for \$2,600 from Acton. The donation results from the canvassing of town by 80 people during June. The amount is down \$100 from last year, Mr. Bristow said.

Group is formed for single parents

There will be a Halton Hills chapter of the Parents Without Partners organization, according to Florence Boys, zone administrator.

The organization is designed to help single parents, whether male or female, divorced, separated, or widowed. Custody of the children is not necessary to join the group.

The members are encouraged to come out to meetings and attend social functions.

Mrs. Boys said 20 people showed up at last week's meeting in Stewarttown, and a pro-tem executive board was set up. On the board are president, Terry Harris; secretary, Margaret Gordon; membership director, Janice Allen and treasurer, Gerald MacMillan.

Parents Without Partners stresses the family, and all funds raised go towards children's activities.

Hotchen choices

The planning department will be making a proposal on the Hotchen purchase which will involve three alternatives, councillor Peter Marks explained this week.

Every merchant and business person involved will be notified what the alternatives will cost over the next 15 years.

The first choice is that everyone in the Business Improvement area would pay for the purchase of Hotchen's for parking.

The second alternative would have the business people in the four major business blocks pay for it in its entirety.

The third plan would have the people outside the four major blocks paying considerably less than the people in the major area.

Estimated cost of the Hotchen project for public parking would be about \$70,000.

Council is still working on the problem, Mr. Marks says.

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Cats, kittens welcome to fair's pet show

Local cat owners who think their pet is the best will have a chance to prove it at this year's Acton Fall Fair.

A household pet show for cats and kittens only is being held Saturday, September 17 at the Spot in the Park at the fair. Animals are to be at the site by 9 a.m. and judging will commence at 9.30 sharp. Kittens must be at least four months old.

Norman Auspitz, a licensed Canadian Cat Association judge, has offered his services for the day. Only the first 40 cats will be able to take part in the show, and they will be divided up into various categories.

Mr. Auspitz will be looking for good health, good grooming and manageability of the cats. Organizer Barb Miller stressed they want only clean, healthy animals and do not want felines which could spread germs to the other contestants.

The judge will also be looking for good color. Mrs. Miller explained that the color category will be broken down to solids, bi-colors and tri-colors. There will also be another category for short hair and long hairs.

A special category of "judge's choice" will go to the cat who overall, impressed the judge the most.

Pedigree, unpedigreed, siamese and mixed breeds will all be welcome at the show, Mrs. Miller said. She said that although cages will be provided at the show, the owner should have another box for the animal, or keep it on a leash. Covers, such as towels or a blanket, should also be brought to put over the cat's cage. Mrs. Miller explained the contestants must wait for approximately two hours while the judging is going on. She said a towel or similar covering over the cat's cage will keep him/her calm throughout the morning.

Mrs. Miller said litter pans and water should be brought at the owner's discretion, but neither will be provided at the show. Distemper shots are recommended, she added.

The purpose of the show, Mrs. Miller said, is "just for fun". Prizes and ribbons will be presented to the winning cats, and a table will be set up by a cat food producer with information on cat care, food, etc.

Mrs. Miller will be representing the Canadian

Association for the Advancement of Abyssinians in the show. She emphasized however that she is in no way trying to advertise this breed of cat.

Mrs. Miller and her husband Richard, of R.R. 5, Georgetown are cat breeders themselves and provide a stud service for Abyssinians cats. They also have three dogs.

For further information on the show, Mrs. Miller can be reached at 877-4321.

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Truck/car collision

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A dump truck, driven by John Miller, 15 Cameron St. received \$50 damages when it was in collision with a car driven by Erika McLeod, 129 Elmhor Dr., police say.

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