

# Science fiction fest at Acton Library, AHS

Acton Public Library will focus on the exciting world of science fiction this month with a continuous three-day program at the library and in Acton High School. Several classic science fiction films, special speakers, a game tournament, and an evening "under the stars" will be among the many features.

An extensive program entitled "Close Encounters of the Science Fiction Kind" has been planned as a joint venture of the high school and library and will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 10 through 12.

Norman Elliott of Acton, new vice-chairman of the Halton Hills Library Board and a science fiction buff, says the library staff at Acton and Georgetown has been planning the extensive program in Acton for some time and he is hopeful that it will be well received by science fiction enthusiasts throughout the area.

"It is quite an undertaking," remarked Elliott, "and one of the most extensive programs put on by the library in Acton in recent years. We hope it will be very well received."

Elliott has been a member of the library board for 6 years and was elected to the post of vice-chairman in January. He will be a host at the library on Saturday for the day-long program which will include a Dungeons and Dragons Tournament.

"Close Encounters" will also feature special displays, a book sale at the school,

electronic demonstrations, and will kick-off a busy 1983 program schedule at the library.

Elliott reports that over 1,600 books were discarded from the Acton Library collection during 1982. "The shelves were over crowded with worn and out-dated books. With recent purchases, our members will find that these discards have now been largely replaced with new books for both adult and juvenile readers."

According to statistics gathered for 1982, circulation at Acton Library registered an increase of almost 7 per cent over 1981. A further increase is expected in 1983 with the large number and variety of new volumes that have been added to the collection.

Audio-visual loans, including records, films and tapes, increased by 11 per cent during the preceding year, while library inter-loan requests increased dramatically in the last quarter following installation of the new computer terminal, connecting Acton to the other libraries in the HALINET System. These include Georgetown, Milton and Oakville.

A complete schedule of February's "Close Encounters" and other information is available at the library and high school this week. Special speakers will include David Aylward, librarian at Toronto's Spaced Out Library, Norman Fiset of Northern Telecom, and Francois Van Heerden of the Royal Astronomical Society next Saturday for an evening "under the stars."

## Police beat

# Four shoplifting at IGA

Four people were caught in the space of two days shoplifting at IGA on Main St. North.

Thursday afternoon a 32-year-old Acton woman was arrested for trying to steal \$6.18 worth of food. The same afternoon an Acton juvenile male was charged with trying to steal a chocolate bar worth 99 cents.

The next afternoon charges of theft over \$200 were laid against a 55-year-old Acton man and a 42-year-old local woman. The man was trying to shoplift items worth \$1.98 while the woman was attempting to leave with goods worth \$5.94.

Halton Regional Police are investigating a break and enter at the Acton Community Centre sometime between midnight and 5 a.m. last Wednesday. Nine hockey sticks and 30 rolls of tape were stolen and five candy machines were broken into. A small amount of cash was also taken.

Police laid two liquor charges over the weekend, one on Saturday at midnight on Main St. A 17-year-old Acton youth was charged with being intoxicated in a public place. On Sunday at 1:40 a.m. a 23-year-old male was charged on Mill St. with having liquor displayed in public view.

The Acton Community Centre received \$50 in damages after someone smashed a gun ball machine valued at \$25 and a window also valued at \$25, was smashed on Friday at 9:15 p.m.

Police investigated a domestic dispute on Mill St. at 2:40 a.m. on Saturday. There were no charges laid or injuries.

A 16-year-old Westcott Rd. teenager was charged with theft over \$200 and possession of stolen property after a leather motorcycle jacket was stolen from the olde Hide House.

Police say the theft occurred on January 24 and the arrest was made the next day.

Two electric razors were stolen during a break and enter at a Park Ave. residence sometime between January 22 and 23.

Entry was gained by breaking a window on the porch, according to police. The two razors were valued at \$60 and there was \$30 damage to the home.

Police responded to a domestic dispute on Church St. W. about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 25. There were no injuries, charges or damage in the dispute between a husband and wife.

Police are investigating the break and enter at an Elizabeth Dr. home sometime between 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Entry was gained by smashing out a window. It is not known if anything was stolen. Damage to the window was estimated at \$40.

## Readying for Pope meeting

Halton officials are gearing up for the February 15 meeting with the Minister of Environment, Allen Pope, concerning the aggregate issue.

In a report to councillors, Chairman Jack Rafitis stated that "there remains considerable anxiety and upset among residents in Halton over the need to designate so much land for mineral resource protection."

The delegation going to the meeting are the four mayors or their designates, the Chairman of the Regional Planning and Public Works Committee, Pat McLaughlin, regional chairman Jack Rafitis and senior planning staff at the region.

# This week thru the lens

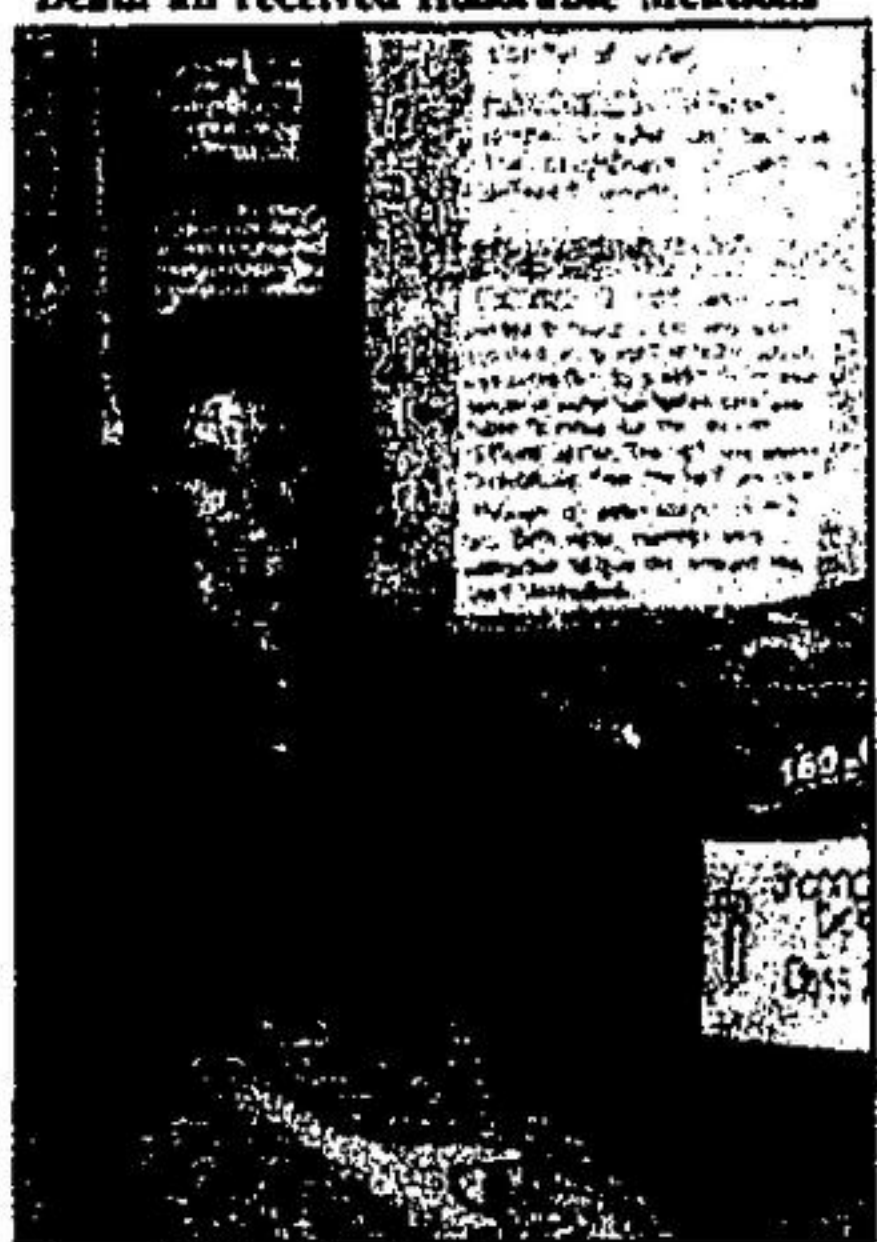
Brookville Science Fair



Josh Death, Katia Chaban, Debbie Bruburst, Manny Neubacher and Sean Death all received Honorable Mentions at the Brookville Public School, Science Fair on Thursday.



Calvin Lawrynowicz won first prize in the Grade 5 category of the Brookville Public School Science Fair.



Shannon Dick placed third in the Grade 7 category of the Science Fair.



Alex Soplnka placed second in the Science Fair, on Thursday.



Tamra Reynolds placed third in the Grade 6 category of the Science Fair.



Karen Topelko won first prize in the Grade 6 category of the Brookville Public School Science Fair.



Jennifer Pearce finished second in the Science Fair on Thursday.

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