



**THAT TIME OF YEAR**

Baseball bats are now being replaced by hockey sticks despite the current popularity with the World Series playoffs and the Montreal Expos. A group of youngsters made use of the tennis courts at the back of Joseph Gibbons Park for a rousing game of ball hockey. In the photo above, goalie Mark Lorito prepares for a stiff challenge from brother Mike. Other players who joined in were Chris Lorito, Jason Arnold, John Lorito and Chris Loftos. (Herald photo)

**Area vandal-fighter at Acton drop-in session**

**Public must take on vandals**

**Herald Special**  
It's up to citizens to do something about vandalism instead of expecting the police to do it all, the chairman of the Oakville Vandalism Committee told those attending the council drop-in last Friday at the Acton YMCA.

Oakville lawyer Cam Hillier said his committee does public relations and liaison work between the community and the Halton Regional Police. They purchase films and speak to groups on many topics from Operation Identification, where the police mark property for future identification in case it is stolen, to Neighborhood Watch, which teaches citizens what to note and what to report on strange activities in their neighborhood.

The committee views part of its role as educating the public said Mr. Hillier. The money regional council allots the committee wouldn't go very far in hiring extra officers to increase patrols but it can do a lot to teach residents how to help themselves.

The committee designs its presentations of films and slide shows to the topic and age group it is addressing. Anyone wishing further information for speakers on vandalism or crime prevention is urged to call the Halton Regional Police at 878-5511 and ask for the Crime Prevention officers or get in touch with the Oakville vandalism committee through the police.

District 1 Crime prevention officer constable Scott Pringle said he would be visiting

Halton Hills schools later this year with presentations on shoplifting, drug awareness and vandalism for the students of middle school age.

Although programs in the past were aimed at a slightly older student, it has been

decided that it is better to teach younger children the dangers of becoming involved in these problems rather than trying to reform them after they're already involved said constable Pringle.

"When time and money are limited," he said, "getting to

the younger students is the best way to get your money's worth in these programs."

Vandalism is on the increase, he said, but no one

knows if that's because there is more of it or because people are now aware it must be reported instead of just grumbling and cleaning it up.

**Red Cross awards night**

Plan to attend the Georgetown Red Cross Annual Meeting and Awards Night next Tuesday (Oct. 20) at 7:30 p.m. at the North Halton Golf and Country Club downstairs banquet room. Refreshments will be served.

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**Province may pool industrial-commercial assessment**

**Trustees reject pooling bid**

Halton trustees voted Thursday against a provincial proposal to pool commercial and industrial assessment across Ontario.

Halton taxpayers because it will increase the mill rate, according to director of education Em Lavender. The concept seeks to provide equitable financing for all school boards regardless of revenue from taxes levied on commercial and industrial property. The

province would effectively gain complete control of educational funding for elementary and secondary schools. The present distribution of sources of revenue for school boards are 21 per cent from residential and farm assessments, 28 per cent

from commercial and industrial assessments, and 51 per cent legislative grant.

**Labor task force**

Continued from Page 1 tax proposal is that it would help the rich, those who are making profits, and not the poor, those who are not making profits, said Mr. McDermid. It would be much fairer to all who train workers for the government to support their training on the same basis as any other education, said Mr. McDermid, and it would be easier to foster training for specific occupations and trades. The two Conservatives also split on a majority recommendation that contract compliance be used by governments to encourage training with more government contract work going to private firms which provide job training. That recommendation means more bureaucracy, said Mr. McDermid, and more intrusion by government into business. —courtesy Brampton Times

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