

Solving crime by forensic hypnosis

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You can't be hypnotized unless you want to be hypnotized, says the only police hypnotist in Ontario.

Halt regional police constable Rod Galbraith, 34, is one of nine forensic hypnotists in Canada. Of them, only five are practising with a police force in the country.

All hypnosis is self-hypnosis, Const. Galbraith said.

Misconceptions abound about hypnosis, fed by television sit-com shows and misinformation. People think they'll lose

control of their mind to the hypnotist, that they can't lie or withhold information when under hypnosis, that they can get stuck in a hypnotized state.

All of these beliefs are false, Const. Galbraith said. You don't lose control of your mind. You can lie under hypnosis. You don't say anything you don't want to say. At most, you'll fall asleep in a session.

New to policing, hypnosis is being used as an aid in solving crimes where witnesses and victims are unable to recall details of the crime.

When all the other investigative tools available to police have been explored, the "court of last resort" for police is hypnosis, Const. Galbraith said.

The technique is only used for serious cases, and he finds his talents are required for six to ten sessions a year.

Murders, missing persons, homicides, sexual assault, attempt rape and robbery cases are usually those in which hypnosis has been used in the past, he said.

CANLIE
"We never do it with an accused person. They can

lie. A lot of people think it's a truth verifier and that's not the case," Const. Galbraith corrected.

Everyone who undergoes hypnosis does so voluntarily, he said. Witnesses traditionally want to help police and they'll volunteer to be hypnotized in an effort to try to remember more details of a crime mystifying police.

"If you're not willing to be hypnotized, we're just not going to get anywhere anyway," Const. Galbraith said. There are people in the community who have a genuine con-

cern about hypnosis. Sessions usually last about an hour and they're undertaken step by step. Half an hour is spent explaining what's going to happen.

"Hypnosis is like day dreaming. You're just focussing your mind on one area. You're aware I'm there and I'm speaking to you. You're totally aware of where you are the whole time," Const. Galbraith reassured. "Some people think you go into a trance then wake up. Most people say it was a very good experience."

For victims of a crime, the hypnotic experience has a therapeutic value.

It's a good way for them to really face the issue. They do it knowing they're safe, re-enacting the drama under Const. Galbraith's step-by-step guidance.

"Where are you? What do you hear?" Const. Galbraith repeatedly asks them, as they try to remember details of the trauma. "Victims still have a lot of emotional attachment to the crime so we have to be careful. We say, 'OK, you're here with us. You know Dr. Hodinott and I are here'."

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Hypnosis is new in policing, and the Halton force is the only Ontario force with a trained forensic hypnotist on staff. Const. Rod Galbraith (left) studied in California in 1982 and has helped out other regional forces including the RCMP in Whitehorse, Yukon.

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CRAFTY IDEAS ABUZZ IN TERRA COTTA

Some mighty unusual species of insects and amphibians are turning up around the ponds and shaded glades of the Terra Cotta Conservation area. Edmonton's Dayna McIsaac, 11, (left) and cousin Sharon Donnahee, 8, of Acton were among last week's participants in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's nature arts and crafts

program through the summer at Terra Cotta. Using simple household items and nuts, pine cones and other natural "debris", kids can make wonderfully weird creations, like Sharon's turtle and Dayna's enormous bumble bee - (fortunately a friendly one).

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Controlled deer hunt for November

Despite opposition, hunt approved

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Another controlled deer hunt is planned for Halton this fall.

The region's planning and public works committee last week approved ministry of natural resources (MNR) plans for a shot gun or muzzle-loader deer hunt Nov. 7 to 10.

For the Cambridge district alone, which includes the northern part of Halton, as well as the townships of South Dumfries, Guelph, Puslinch and Flamborough, 1,035 licensed hunters will be chosen by lottery to hold

validation tags for the four-day hunt. The lottery, a ministry press release states, will be held during the week of Sept. 12, with lottery applications due Aug. 31.

OPPOSITION
Annually a strong opponent to the hunt, Milton regional Councillor Bill Johnson says he'll be printing "No Hunting" signs again this year for people who want to keep hunters off their property.

Meanwhile, Councillor Johnson charges that the ministry is being "inconsistent" in its approach to the deer population issue in Halton.

The ministry argues that the hunt is needed to control the region's deer herds, often blamed for winter and spring damage to new growth on orchards.

But, Coun. Johnson points out, MNR opposed a land severance application in Halton Hills recently because it believed it posed a threat to deer in the area.

Despite North Halton's largely rural character, Coun. Johnson maintains that this is not a good hunting area.

"The hunting areas are too close to many homes, domestic animals and especially children," he told The Herald Friday.

If the population needs to be controlled in specific orchards or areas, that's something which could be worked out between the MNR, hunters and individual property owners.

The ministry plans to issue 75 per cent of its "validation tags" which are picked up through the lottery and attached to the deer license, to residents living in the area planned for this year's hunt.

The tags are valid for one deer per hunter, are not transferable and cannot be used outside the zone to which they are assigned.

Using dogs in the hunt is also illegal. Under a

farmer's licence, a hunter need not enter the draw for validation tags.

An MNR spokesman said that patrols are stepped up in the hunting areas during the four-day event and during this time they'll lay trespass charges at a landowner's request against belligerent hunters.

Landowners should post "No Trespassing" signs and if they see people crossing or using the land without permission call the police (878-5511).

When the land is not posted, the landowner must give the trespasser verbal notice of any infraction.

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Discontent, caused by low wages, is growing among the 102 civilians with the Halton regional police force.

Police association president Charles Gardner said civilian staff with the 307 member force are underpaid compared to wages earned by their counterparts in Ontario's eight regional forces.

"Civilians feel they're worth more than they're being paid," Const. Gardner said.

He said Halton has always had the lowest paid civilian staff since regionalization in 1974.

Uniform officers earn on par with their counterparts across the province. It's only the civilians who are underpaid, Const. Gardner said.

"We think they're worth more and even the administration thinks they're worth more," he said. "But management won't settle anything until the uniformed officers' contract for 1982 is settled."

Civilians also have their 1982 contract to settle and it's not right that it isn't being settled concurrently, Const. Gardner said.

The majority of the 102 Halton civilians are women and they hold jobs like clerk typist, records personnel, store keeper, stenographer, Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) secretary, dispatcher, switchboard operator and custodian.

"They're pretty responsible jobs and all but the CIB secretary and the stenographers work 12-hour shifts like the officers," Const. Gardner commented.

FRONT DESK
Clerk typists look after the front desk at the police station, typing up routine forms as well as dealing with walk-in requests. Halton pays them \$13,682. The average pay among the forces is \$15,422.

The CIB secretary prepares cases for county and criminal court, typing up court briefs. Earnings are \$1,500 less than CIB secretaries across the region who earn an average \$16,600 annual salary.

Records personnel keep local crime records and files up to date, looking after accident and criminal statistics. They earn \$17,470 with Halton. Regionally, the average pay is \$16,851.

Switchboard operators earn \$13,682 annually with Halton, and \$16,008 is the regional average.

Radio dispatchers, necessary for dispatching calls and performing communications duties, earn \$17,470 in Halton and a regional average of \$17,960.

The store keeper or quartermaster responsible for the upkeep of force equipment earns \$17,470 with Halton. The average regional pay for the position is \$19,637.

Custodians, responsible for the cleanliness of the stations, earn an average \$19,223 regionally. In Halton they're paid \$17,844.

"Really, when you go right down the whole list we're really short of the average and we've always been that way," Const. Gardner said.

HOLDING BACK
Contractual issues are holding back the uniformed officers' 1982 contract. A ratification vote was held in April and

turned down by a good margin of the officers. Since then, there've been no new proposals to bring back to the police membership. Const. Gardner said.

A meeting was held last

month to discuss the issues again, but the police association came back with no resolutions.

"Civilians are unfairly taking the brunt of it all because the commission

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Discontent among police civilians

Head-on car crash kills man

A 57 year old Georgetown man died instantly Friday afternoon when his car was struck head-on on Highway 410, just south of Derry Road.

James William Mackie, of Main Street North was northbound along Highway 410 when a 1974 green Plymouth crossed the centre line and struck his 1977 blue Oldsmobile.

He died instantly from massive head injuries. Port Credit OPP said.

The driver of the Plymouth, Jasinderjit Singh, 16, of Brampton is in critical condition in the surgical intensive care unit of Sunnybrook General Hospital in Toronto.

Police said he suffered severe injuries and went through the windshield.

Three other cars were also involved in the accident as the Singh vehicle split in three even parts on impact and struck them police said.

The accident took place after the Singh vehicle passed a tractor trailer on the gravel shoulder on the right, turned back onto the road and lost control. There were no passengers in either the Mackie or Singh cars.

The two cars were total write-offs, police said, estimating damage at \$12,000. There was an additional \$2,000 damage to the other three vehicles involved.

No charges have been laid yet, police said. See Sportsweek, page B3.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Knife threat

A knife was recovered in the wooded area surrounding 62 Park Avenue, after a resident in the apartment building was charged with weapons dangerous to the public peace.

Halton regional police said the man had pulled a knife and threatened persons at a second floor apartment. Police had responded to a call involving a breach of the peace involving the accused and his girlfriend.

The man will appear in Milton provincial court Aug. 29.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Sports

Georgetown swimmer Kim Harnois set three Canadian records last week in Brampton. See Sports Page B1 for details.

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Clowning around comes naturally for some people, but for Dalia Gesser, it's a studied art. Page A8.

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Lobsterfest

If you've got a craving for fresh lobster, plan to attend the North Halton Golf and Country Club's first Lobsterfest buffet. The event is to be held July 30 (Saturday), with things getting underway around 7 p.m. On the menu besides delicious lobsters (from Main) are prime rib of beef, baked potatoes, coleslaw, jellied salads, drawn butter, and rolls. Tickets for the lobsterfest range in price according to the size of lobsters, or \$10.95 for beef entrees. Special refreshments will be available at the bar. Thanks to the efforts of a DJ, there will be dancing afterward. For more information or reservations, call 877-9901 or 457-1695. The North Halton Golf and Country Club is located in Georgetown near the Maple Avenue-Trafalgar Road intersection.

Waste blueprint Aug. 10

Local and regional councillors will be involved in whatever response Halton presents to the province's blueprint for waste management in Ontario, as issued by the ministry of environment in June. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson told town council that since waste management is both a local and regional concern it was decided to involve both bodies in a co-ordinated response rather than have all four municipalities work independently of the region. Ministry representatives will outline the blueprint for all councillors on Aug. 10. Then a regional task force, the same one already working on the regional-area transfer station task force, will prepare draft comments. A workshop session Sept. 15 will allow councillors to comment on the task force's outline and the final response will be drafted and brought to each council for approval. The responses must be back to the province by the end of October.

Young cyclist hit

A 13-year old Acton boy riding his bicycle was struck by a passing motorist who failed to remain at the scene of accident July 12 at 4:30 p.m. Geoff Malby suffered abrasions to his right knee and a large scratch to the upper right shin after he fell off his bike.

The older model two-door beige car overtook him on Church Street and while doing so, its right front quarter panel struck the boy's left bike handle, causing him to fall.

Horse injures rider

A female was injured July 13 when the horse she was riding at Cloud 9 Farm on Highway 25 and Sideroad 10 reared suddenly and knocked her off.

Sarah Budworthy of Burlington sustained back injuries when the horse fell on top of her. She was transported to Joseph Brant Hospital by ambulance, Halton regional police said.

Photo bug contest

Halton Region Museum, located at Kelso conservation area near Milton, is pleased to announce Time Exposures, a new photography contest.

Visitors who arrive on the site, with their camera, between 4 and 8 p.m. on July 28 will be given free admission to the Museum.

Each participant will be allowed to enter one photo in the contest. Prints may be color or black and white up to a maximum size of 5" x 7".

Gift certificates of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded for the three best photos as determined by the judges.



BEAUTY QUEENS

It was a beautiful evening for a garden party and three young ladies added their beauty to it. Winner last September at the Halton Plowing Match, Susan Livingston (left), 20, of Hornby is Queen of the Furrow and will be competing in the international plowing match this September. Another Hornby winner is Kathy Galbraith (centre), 18, who is 1982 Milton Fair Queen. Aug. 16 to 18 she'll be competing for the Miss C.N.E. Utles Ellen Hurren, 20, of Campbellville will also be a competitor at the CNE, out for the Ontario Dairy Princess title. She's the 1982-83 Halton Dairy Princess.

(Herald photo)