

FOUR BEAT

Sweaters stolen

All they need are the bodies now. Nine white hockey sweaters bearing the hexagonal red and black G for rep hockey were stolen from the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown Saturday afternoon.

Along with the sweaters, 14 practice blis, two water bottles and a first aid kit, bringing the theft total to \$400, were taken sometime between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Halton regional police said thieves broke into a locked wooden box in an unlocked storage room.

Gang beating

Four Georgetown men ganged up on a 17-year old Georgetown District High School student at Cedarvale Park Saturday night, following a verbal altercation after midnight.

The man suffered a cut to the right side of the head and left finger. His left hip was scraped, a tooth was chipped and he had a swollen upper lip.

Halton regional police are investigating.

Oldsmobile stolen

Whoever rode off into the sunset in a 1983 Oldsmobile Cutless overnight Saturday is a wanted man.

Halton regional police are looking for a fern green Oldsmobile, licence number RLW 244, valued at \$17,000.

The car, leased by a Georgetown man, was stolen from the parking lot behind the McGibbon hotel.



Mother Pearl Laura Masales, 12, appeared with pearl drops Claire Langridge, 9, and Kelly Macdonald, 8, in the Acton Figure Skating Club's production of 'Bon Voyage' on the weekend. The group performed to packed houses Saturday afternoon and evening at the Acton Arena. (Herald photo)

Problems for Acton incinerator

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special OAKVILLE - Construction of an energy-from-waste incinerator at Acton's Beardmore Tannery might be economically advantageous to Halton Hills but topography of the area and wind conditions could create problems in designing a smoke stack to meet emission control standards.

At an open house last Tuesday, regional consultant John Chandler said air pollution models are only one tool to give an idea of what will actually happen when construction is complete.

But given the special air current conditions in the lowlands surrounding the Beardmore plant, he would be very reluctant to make a judgement on how to control emission contaminants from an energy-from-waste (EFW) plant.

He said many of the contaminants people worry about can be engineered out and the smoke kept to a reasonable height.

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Man jailed for extortion

Herald staff
A Limehouse man, charged with extortion and four counts of theft over \$200, was sentenced March 26 to four months imprisonment.

Bruce Edward Irvine was given a three month jail term for each "theft over" charge, to be served concurrently. He was given 30 days consecutive imprisonment on the extortion charge.

Robert Edwin McAllister of Limehouse was fined \$150 for failure to comply with a recognisance order.

The two 17 year old Limehouse men were charged following an incident involving a 17-year old Georgetown District High School student.

The student, also 17 and from Limehouse, was leaving the school grounds last February when his gym bag was grabbed by the two men Halton regional police said.

He was told he could have it back if he paid \$40. Police said the men indicated they had a knife, although it was never shown, and that they threatened the student with bodily harm.

Frightened, the student complied with the men, withdrawing all the money for his Canada Trust bank account, a total of \$35, and giving it to the men, police said.

Region taxes up by 5.2 per cent

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff
Halton region will collect about \$18 more for its share of the tax bill from Halton Hills residents this year.

While the region's operating budget, tentatively set by the administration and finance committee last week at \$23,944,828, has to be passed by council today (Wednesday), committee members applauded the fact that the budget increase over last year is only 5.2 per cent.

"Unconditional grants" from the province add about \$9.25 million to the region's budget for a total of about \$32.67 million.

Halton will also work with a capital budget of about \$9,247,000, of which \$3.87 million comes from the operating budget, lot levies (capital contributions) and transfers of money from the region's existing reserves.

For the average Halton Hills homeowner whose property has an assessment of \$5,500, regional taxes will rise from about \$158 to \$178. This does not include school or town taxes.

NO SUBSIDY
Unlike previous years, the Halton Hills portion of the regional tax levy is not subsidized by the province.

That means that of the \$18 increase in regional taxes faced by town's ratepayers, \$7.59 represents the loss of that subsidy.

Another \$4.05 will go to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to pay for special erosion control projects on the Credit River and its tributaries flowing through Halton Hills.

The remaining \$6.65 goes directly to the regional administration.

In Milton, regional taxes will rise about \$9.40 from \$169.83. Oakville ratepayers, where the average assessment is \$7,600, will have a regional tax increase of about \$11. Taxes on the average Oakville home will go from \$192 last year to \$203 this year.

AVERAGE
In Burlington, taxes will rise from \$161 to \$168.87 on the average home assessed at \$6,500.

A latecomer item to the budget, but which surprised no one, was an additional \$110,000 for winter maintenance due to the heavy falls of snow experienced this season. The region will be responsible for about \$55,000 of that, with the rest coming in the form of provincial subsidies. The region's budget actually rose about 7.3 per cent.

INCREASE
But thanks to an increase in assessment growth (a broadening of the tax base) the region can expect about \$400,000 in revenue which helped lower the increase to 5.2 per cent.

Joe Rinaldo, Halton's treasurer, commented that the increase in this year's tax-supported budget could have been even lower had provincial grants been given at five per cent more than last year.

The grants would have added about \$200,000 at the five per cent level, requiring less money from ratepayers to build the budget.

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Hospice volunteers needed

Hospice volunteers are needed. North Halton Hospice is a volunteer service working with the terminally ill and their families.

Next training session starts early April. Full support given. For more information 854-2750.

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Tail lights smashed

Two tail lights on a 1978 Ford were smashed Friday night in the Acton arena parking lot. Damage was \$100.

Go home

A 36-year old Acton man arguing on Acton's Mill and Main Streets Friday night at 1 a.m. was charged with being intoxicated in a public place when he failed to leave when asked to by Halton regional police.

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Zellers CORRECTION

On Page 8 of the Dollar Daze Flyer (April 4-7), the illustrations of Ladies' Stratch Pull-on Pants and Men's Rugby Pants have been reversed.

On Page 2 of the Dollar Daze Flyer (April 4-7), the illustration of the Ultimate Mat is incorrect. The item does not have a fringe.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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