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Lawyer will investigate

Concern over possible excessive force

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

A Toronto lawyer says Halton regional police officers covering the Acton beat appear to be using excessive force when dealing with local youth.

Mr. Bickerton said there were complaints of bruising and injuries requiring hospital treatment from among the 20 complainants he is representing.

The complaints stem from loitering charges laid by police under a municipal bylaw.

Inspector Matt MacPherson said loitering charges are being laid by police to control the problem of groups of young people gathering

in downtown Acton with no purpose. He said the youth are obstructing pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks.

BANDED

"If you're talking to somebody, you're there for a reason," Mr. Bickerton said. "The kids have banded together to fight them (loitering charges)."

Already a public meeting was held Aug. 25 by the youth. It was attended by three members of

the force, local merchants, concerned parents and Mr. Bickerton.

Another is planned for Sept. 9. Mr. Bickerton said a private meeting with his clients will be held prior to the public meeting.

As things stand right now, Mr. Bickerton said he knows of "at least three cases of abuse of power by police" and said they weren't all by the same officer. He said there were three different officers involved.

"I'm trying to not hurl charges left and right. If what I hear is true, it appears there's been excessive force used by police," Mr. Bickerton said.

"We're not out on a witch hunt here. If there are excesses on both sides, we want to resolve them. It's not a pleasant atmosphere for either the police or the young people."

RELIABLE

He said that unless claims of police brutality

can be substantiated and there are reliable witnesses to the use of excess force, complaints won't be registered with the justice of the peace or the Halton force.

"I want independent witnesses and evidence, then I'll recommend they (clients) go to the justice of the peace and lay criminal charges," Mr. Bickerton said.

He said there is "obviously" bad rapport between police and the youth and said he would

like to defuse the situation if he could.

"I'd like to see better relations between the young people and the police department," Mr. Bickerton said.

He said he's handled similar cases before and said that unless the allegations made by his clients can be proved, "all you're doing is making bad friends."

Mr. Bickerton expects to be talking with Insp. MacPherson after the Sept. 9 public meeting.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Fun tent draw

What's new for kids at the Georgetown Fall Fair? One event that's sure to be a favorite will be the Fabulous Fun Tent.

School children will be receiving free tickets for entrance to the Fair at their schools. On the tickets, there is a space for names that will be used for a draw where prizes will be awarded.

Just drop the ticket filled out at the Fun Tent and Ronald McDonald will make the draw.

Drinking, driving forums

As a result of research undertaken by the Halton District Health Council, public forums are planned for September on the topic of drinking and driving.

The forums will be held Sept. 18 in Oakville and Sept. 20 in Milton.

A study identifying the health status of Halton residents revealed that motor vehicle accidents were a major cause of death and injury, particularly among the youth in the region.

As a result the Health Promotion Committee decided to hold two forums to increase public awareness and to encourage public participation to help reduce drinking and driving. For more information call 842-2120.

PC corn roast

The Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative riding association is holding a corn roast for families Sept. 9 3-7 p.m.

The location is at Rowntree Farms north of Highway 7 on McLaughlin Rd. N. For tickets call 877-5155.

Concerns over dump

A study into the potential social impact of having a liquid industrial waste dumpsite next door is being considered by members of the North Halton Social Planning Council.

Planning Council member Maureen McCallum said fellow members at last week's monthly meeting are considering doing a social impact study.

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation is considering two Milton sites for hazardous wastes produced by Ontario's industrials.

Young musicians

There's great news for young musicians who need an outlet for their talents. The Sheridan Symphony, the Halton-Peel Youth Orchestra, is now accepting applications from teens and twenties who want to develop their ensemble playing.

The Sheridan Symphony which includes three different orchestras also has a place for pre-teens who have been taking private lessons and are ready to spread their wings.

The Sheridan Symphony's eighty members perform regularly in Halton and Peel and rehearsals are held every Thursday evening at St. Mildred's Lightbourne School beginning with a registration night Sept. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For information call 845-4893.

Brampton Fall Fair

What's a Fair without a midway? Why it's not a fair of course. There's lots more than just a midway at this year's Brampton Fall Fair, Sept. 13 to 16.

There will be a petting zoo, horse pulling contests, mini tractor pulls, a baby contest, Spaghetti eating contest, Foodland Ontario exhibit, wine tasting, pancake breakfast, demonstrations of horseshoeing, sheep shearing, milking, crafts, and lots of parking too.

For more information call 451-9798.

Businessmen play golf

Businessmen were treated to a special event sponsored by the Halton Region Business Development Department August 30.

There was an industrial-commercial golf tournament at Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville where companies were able to host their existing and prospective clients for a day of golf.

The event was planned to promote Halton as a business location. The keynote speaker in the evening was Mr. Smith who is president of Urban Development Institute and also president of Shipp Corporation.

Brampton co-alition

The Brampton Birth Alternatives Co-Allition meets Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. at 48 Terryhill Square in Brampton. "Choices in childbirth" will be the topic of discussion. Everyone is welcome.

For further information call Susan Wall at 873-1479 or Andrea Patchett at 846-2161.

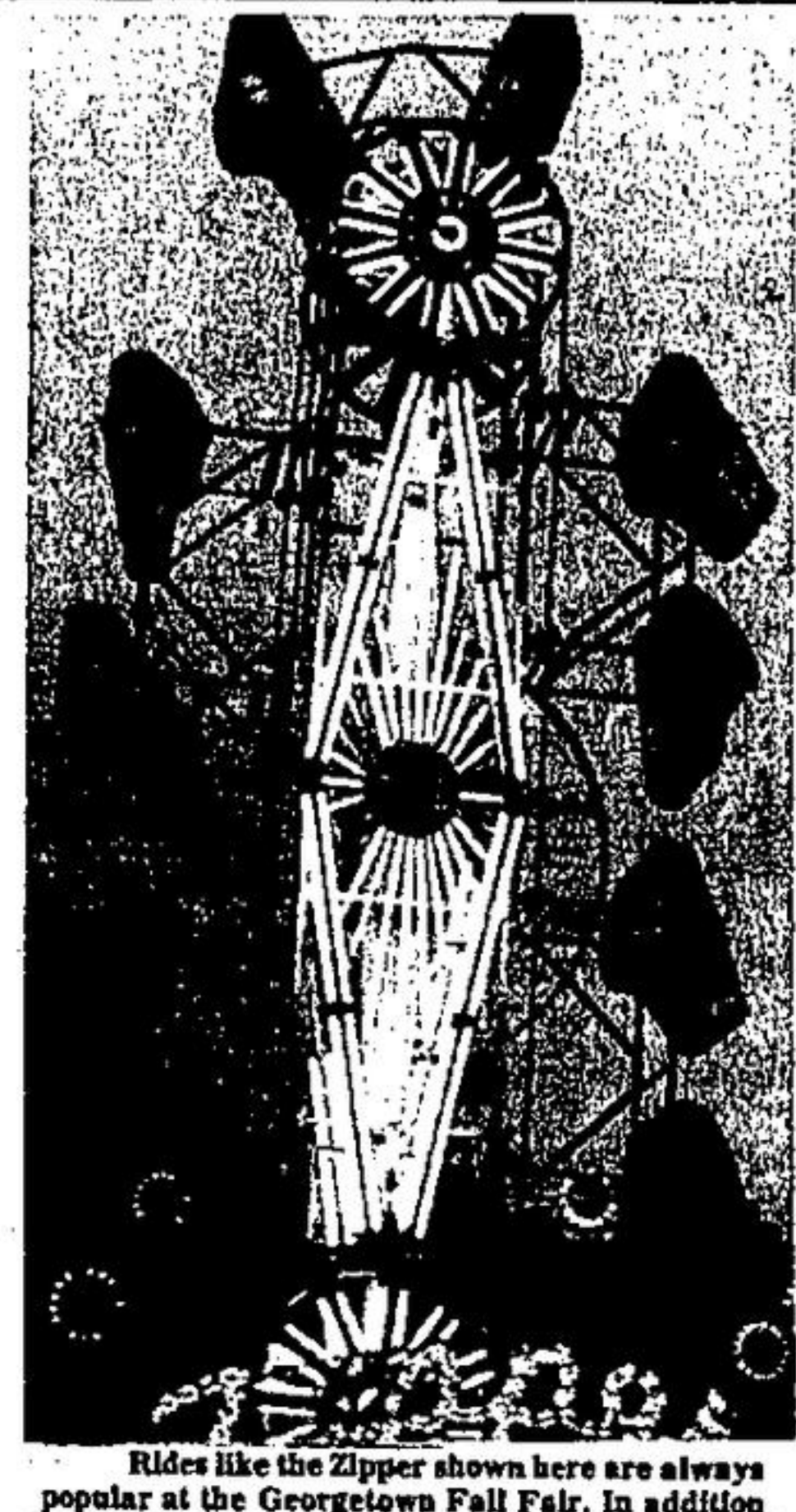
Parenting course

North Halton Youth Services is offering a parenting course for parents of teenagers beginning Sept. 10 and continuing for eight weeks.

Registration fee is \$4. For more information or to register call 853-3310.



Traditional favorites at the Georgetown Fall Fair are the agricultural events and exhibits where farmers display the best of their hard labor. It's a chance for the urban folk to mingle and learn more about quality stock. (Herald file photo).



Rides like the Zipper shown here are always popular at the Georgetown Fall Fair. In addition to the usual amusements for kids there is a new exhibit called the Fabulous Fun Tent which is sure to entertain the young ones. (Herald file photo)

Death threat on policeman spurs action

By ANI PEDERIAN
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Are Halton regional police abusing their publicly entrusted powers?

That's what a Toronto lawyer is wondering.

One of Lawyer Al Bickerton's Acton clients was recently placed under arrest for conspiracy to commit murder, after he refused to talk to police, Mr. Bickerton said.

"They told him they were investigating what appeared to be threats against a police officer," he said. "He was then taken to the police station and questioned."

"It appears it was just an excuse to take him into the police station, because no charges were laid," Mr. Bickerton said.

talking in the heat of emotion, assisted by alcohol, who made statements that could be interpreted as intending to cause harm."

The individual made police aware of the information, the deputy chief said.

"What were we supposed to do? We could hardly sit back on our hands and say we're not going to take any action," deputy chief Middaugh said. "The actions of the officers were proper and justified."

He referred to another case, where an officer laid an unwarranted charge and the force retracted it.

It had to do with a youth sitting at a park bench. Deputy chief

RESISTING

He said if citizens don't go along with police they run the risk of having a charge of resisting arrest slapped against them."

Mr. Bickerton said two witnesses were present when the above incident took place.

When asked about the incident, deputy chief Bob Middaugh said he knew about it.

"We had an allegation that somebody was about to harm one of our officers," the deputy chief said. "We had reasonable grounds, and though we could have arrested five of them, only one was taken in for questioning."

He said others were suspected to be involved and officers questioned them on the road or wherever they saw them.



DEPUTY CHIEF MIDDAGH

Middaugh said the officer was responding to a call to do with narcotics and when he didn't get co-operation from a local youth, charged him with loitering.

The deputy chief said the officer hadn't understood the loitering bylaw when he laid the charge.

"We were wrong, I'll admit it," deputy chief Middaugh said.

He objected to the fact that people with complaints about police don't go to register their complaint with the police and go first to the media. He said people should go first to the force, then if they don't like the answer they get, approach the Halton or Ontario police commissions.

Fall fair entertainment

There's something for everyone

Herald Special

Well, it looks like Steamer Emmerson's done it again. He's put together another terrific show of musical and feature entertainment that will offer visitors to this year's Georgetown Fall Fair more than their money's worth.

Starting at 7:30 Friday evening, the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band will perform until 8 p.m. and will be followed by the feature entertainment on the main stage in front of the new bleachers.

Eddie Dijon, a comic magician, is a sure-fire hit for the kids. His act combines comedy, magic with balloon sculpting, and a number of fascinating tricks.

Also performing are the Alpine Dancers from Kitchener's Octoberfest. Their folk dancing and colorful costumes are sure to be eye appealing and should not be missed.

Providing the musical accompaniment for the evening is the band "Jubilee". This four piece group combines fiddle, banjo, tuba and cymbals for a most versatile musical sound including, ragtime, country polka and Gay 20s singalong music.

On Saturday, the organizers have a giant Invitational Break Dance competition. This is the chance all the local would-be Michael Jacksons to get out and compare their stuff to some of the best break dance crews in Ontario.

Break dancing has really taken off and the organizers expect this part of the show to be a major attraction. 1-6 Saturday.

Saturday afternoon, Grassroots, the bluegrass band from Mississauga, returns again this year, to perform from 5-7 p.m. on stage. This show should not be missed by any fans of bluegrass music.

Saturday night, is a big night at the fair when the Canadian Tire Stunt Drivers take the spotlight with their thrilling show which starts at 7:30. These deliberately-mad drivers - both female and male - show off their high-speed, precision driving skills in hot new unmodified fuel-injected 5-litre Fords.

The breathtaking, fast-paced performance includes two-wheeled driving exhibitions in stock-model Fords that would guarantee breathtaking of another kind if attempted off-track.

In another slam-bang part of the show, a number of condemned vehicles get the final coup de grace in an end-over-end example of "wrecked excess".

The only slow driving in the show is exhibited by the Stunt Drivers' clown, Koko, who duplicates the driving stunts in his own fun-car.

The Canadian Tire Stunt Drivers is all 'round entertainment that goes all out to please the entire family. Be sure to catch this act Saturday evening.

Sunday at 1 p.m. Grassroots return for another foot-stomping, toe-tapping show from the stage at the centre of the fairgrounds.

Yep, Steamer's done it again, and the members of the Georgetown Fair Board as well as visitors to this year's 138th Annual Fall Show are going to be glad he did.

Don't miss it!

Western barrel racing a fall fair favorite

Herald Special

The dirt flies as horse and rider round tightly against the first barrel. The rider's hat flies off as they make the next turn. Finally into the third, they cut close to the last barrel and fly home in a race against the clock; the excitement of barrel racing.

Barrel racing is to be a main event at this year's Fair in the Western Horse Show. Brian Butler, Committee Chairman and his wife Debbie, who is the secretary, have once again put together a superb western show with the addition of a class sanctioned by the Ontario Barrel Racing Association (OBRA).

The OBRA has a membership of approximately 180 and Brian is a member. He has sent out newsletters to the membership hoping to attract a large number of exhibitors to this year's Fair.

The sanctioned race is a "B" category run in which horses just starting out in the barrel racing circuit compete. It is a "closed" show meaning that those wishing to compete must pay a membership fee of \$5 and compete the day of the Fair to the OBRA. The cost of this membership is \$5 and entitles the member to a monthly newsletter informing him of show dates, sales, etc. Brian also intends to run a non-sanctioned race as well as ladies and youth barrel races.

The show starts at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Grandstand on Saturday. Starting off the lineup will be the Youth Showmanship at Halter class, in which the exhibitors (18 yrs. and under) are judged on their grooming and handling of their animals.

Ladies pleasure, Youth pleasure and open pleasure are performance and showmanship classes in which horse and rider work as a team.

Open Trail is an obstacle course of gates, fences and tree branches. The horse in this class is judged on discipline and its ability to take commands from its rider.

The excitement mounts in the timed events. Along with the four different barrel races (OBRA, Youth, Ladies and Open), Brian has included in the show a flag race, open pole bending and the pick up race.

The pick up race is one of the most exciting because the rider picks up a passenger at full speed at the barrel half way in the ride. There is an occasional spill and sometimes the passenger doesn't make it onto the horse's back. The pick up really adds to the excitement of the show.

Finishing off the Western Show is the "Dash for Cash". In this event the rider is timed on his ride from the start, down to the far end, around one barrel and back.

Key concepts on business strategies

Halton Hills Public Libraries, in cooperation with the Federal Business Development Bank, will present a series of four lectures with the theme, Key Concepts of Small Business at the Georgetown Public Library Thursdays starting Sept. 13 7-9 p.m. Course fee for the four sessions is \$20 which includes handouts. Registration forms are available at the Georgetown Library.

Session one is on planning and covers the importance of planning in small business setting objectives, marketing, financing, organization, management and staffing.

Session two is on financing how to prepare a loan proposal, advantages and disadvantages of current, term and equity financing, financing and cash flow.

Session three discusses organization, i.e. legislation, taxation, sole proprietorship, partnership, incorporation, insurance and bookkeeping.

Session four entitled government help will provide information on grants and other financial assistance available from government agencies.

'Use of force' police report

Herald Staff

Every time a police officer uses physical strength, his black monadnock stick or his revolver, he has to fill out a "Use of Force" report back at the police station.

Halton regional police deputy chief Bob Middaugh said officers have to fill out the form when there's injury to a person or they suspect the person may complain later about the force used.

The report goes to the officer's staff sergeant and eventually all the way up to the chief of police.

"With a system like that, if one officer continually puts in Use of Force reports, we can assess that something's wrong with them," the deputy chief said.

He said one such officer had been spotted in Burlington a while back and had been disciplined and re-educated.

Asked if officers sometimes don't fill out the report to try and cover for their behavior, deputy chief Middaugh said the report must be submitted or else it "makes an officer look guilty" if a complaint is registered.

When a person isn't going willingly with police, often force is required, deputy chief Middaugh said.

"How do you get them into the cruiser if they're not willing? You have to give them a knock on the shins to get them to let go of the car roof and door handles," he said.

There's a fine line as to what constitutes excess force in people's opinion, the deputy chief said.

However, police have to be seen as able to do the job. If they can't carry out the law and deal with the problems citizens expect them to handle, they are seen as weak and lose public support.