

POLICE BEAT

Kicked in the head

A 21-year-old Toronto man attempting to stop three people from damaging a car on Rayla'n Crescent was kicked in the head repeatedly and was admitted to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, police said.

He was attacked Sunday at 3 a.m. The car had its windshield broken.

Norval break-in

The Norval Community Centre on Guelph Street was broken into between Jan. 27 and 28. Nothing was stolen, but the inside of a door was damaged, police said. Damage totals \$75.

Internal theft

A 37-year-old Downsview man working at William Neilson Ltd. on Guelph Street in Georgetown was arrested Jan. 27 for theft over \$1,000. The Neilson Ltd. employee was arrested because of an on-going investigation. Money was taken from the company over a period of months last year, police said.

Joyride

A 20-year-old Acton man and two Acton youths were charged with stealing a \$3,300 Ford. They were caught in Thunder Bay.

Car ditched

An Acton man was driven off the road Jan. 23 at 3:45 p.m. while eastbound on 15 Sideroad at the Fifth Line. He was travelling 40 kilometers per hour when he saw a car coming toward him in his lane. He drove into a tree to avoid the car which did not stop but continued down the road in the wrong lane, police said.

Minor injuries

Donald McPherson, 71, of Mill Street in Georgetown received minimal injuries in a car accident Sunday at 11:55 a.m. The driver of a 1979 Chrysler was westbound on Maple Avenue at 50 kilometers per hour when he was hit by a vehicle at Maple Avenue and Charles Street. Damage to both cars was \$2,000.

\$2,000 damage

An Oakville man's Cadillac was hit by a driver entering Main Street South from Brock Street. The Oakville driver was southbound on Main Street South when an Acton man drove his 1979 Chevrolet into it. Damage to the Cadillac was \$2,100 and \$800 to the Chevrolet. The accident occurred Jan. 23 at 2:45 p.m.

'Instant' thief

A man who left his 1982 Ford running outside a Georgetown Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Instant Teller Jan. 29 had it stolen.

In your opinion

Should civilians be astronauts?



Lynn McLaren



Bob McKay



Bruce Andrews



Moe Leeking



John McDonald



Walter Biehn

QUESTION: Should civilians be allowed to fly on future Shuttle missions in light of last week's accident that killed seven NASA astronauts including a school teacher?

BRUCE ANDREWS: "I think if you're going to make space travel something less of a mystique you should let civilians go. Just because one was killed doesn't mean you stop."

WALTER BIEHN: "I think it should be restricted to authorized personnel. I don't think a civilian should have been there (flight last week)."

BOB MCKAY: "I thought it was a great idea to begin with, and I still think it's a good idea now. The civilian was trained and could have brought a lot back to her school as an educator."

MOE LEEKING: "I didn't see anything wrong with it given the shuttle's safety record. Now with the accident maybe they should re-examine it but I don't think they were wrong in sending a civilian up for the first time."

LYNN MCLAREN: "I don't think you can quit. I have no more sympathy for the civilian than I do for the others who put it on the line. I'd say go only because you get swallowed up if you don't."

Can your children say no?

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TDW birthday

There will be something to celebrate at TDW Sales and Services Ltd. in Georgetown next Monday.

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There are three locations of TDW Sales and Services in Canada, one of them on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown.

TDW companies have built a worldwide reputation as a pioneer in the pipeline equipment business, providing engineered equipment and services for pipeline maintenance.

Manor help needed

Haltom Centennial Manor, a Home for the Aged, located on Highway 25 in Millton has an urgent need for volunteers. The Manor Volunteer Program is offering a new service to its volunteers - babysitting. Tentative days and times for this service are Monday to Friday, 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like more information, please call Lorena Smith at 878-4141.

When the Optimist service club of Georgetown formed the Drug Abuse Committee in 1980, the Chicken Club was introduced to 16 area schools and it has been active ever since. Children in grades 4 to 8 can become a chicken club member for just 25 cents. They receive a chicken button to wear, a chicken club membership card and free admission to any chicken club sponsored event.

Each school is provided with a bulletin board known as the Chicken Coop, where activities are announced and the newspaper called Chicken Scratches can be picked up.

The Chicken Club is kept alive by volunteers and funded by donations to the Drug Abuse Committee, largely from Chairman Pete's Annual Golf Tournament. Also, the DAC awareness week committee are bringing Art Feltig, an internationally known author, speaker and humorist to the schools during Drug Awareness Week, Feb. 22 to March 1.

Mr. Feltig is president of Growth Unlimited, a publishing firm dedicated to bringing positive living concepts to parents and their children.

His presentations for Drug Awareness Week will dwell on positive attitudes relating to alcohol and drug abuse, self-image and positive parenting.

Mr. Feltig will explain one of his books on positive self-image and success - specially written for parents to read to their kids while they hug them.

Sweetheart carnival

On Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., you and your family are invited to join the fun at the fifth annual Terra Cotta Winter Sweetheart Carnival at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

This year's Carnival, sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, promises a variety of fun-filled events scheduled throughout the day.

At 10:30 a.m. a timed cross-country ski race begins; 11 a.m. the horse drawn sleigh rides start, followed by a broomball game, mini golf tournament, snowshoe races, tandem ski races, toboggan distance races, and the highlight: the crowning of the 1986 Sweetheart (any girl under 12 years of age who enthusiastically participates throughout the day). Prizes will also be awarded to event winners.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located on Winston Churchill Boulevard, just two kilometres north of the Village of Terra Cotta.

Stuck to their guns

Despite objections in the past, town councillors have stuck to their guns in naming Sideroad 26 in Concession 10 "Clay Hill Road".

Monday night's general committee decision has to be formalized by the forthcoming council meeting.

Holly's Hollywood will have to wait

After a month of anxious waiting, Holly Shields got her letter from Los Angeles, California.

Although the 10-year old Robert Little Public School student didn't get the lead role in the film Pippi Longstocking, she was told she was in the top 25, out of 7,500 girls who tried out for the part.

A nice letter from film director Ken Annakin told her not to be too disappointed.

"The fact you have not won the part is nothing personal against you, your talent or your looks. I hope you'll get over your disappointment and enjoy the movie when it comes out," Mr. Annakin's letter, dated Jan. 21, said.

The letter arrived Thursday and says the world-wide selection process that was undertaken by Longstocking Productions of Los Angeles is now down to three girls.

The freckle-faced Acton girl auditioned last November for the part of Pippi Longstocking, a popular European children's character.

Pippi is a very independent little girl with red pigtails who goes to school when she feels like it. After the audition, Holly decided to grow her hair long, so she could braid it, like Pippi. It's in a serf-cut now.

Asked to come back for a screen test with two other girls also auditioning in Toronto, Holly next received a letter in mid-December saying she was still in the running and that the final decision was to be made in January.

This final letter means Holly can relax and not have to rush home for the mail or phone calls each day after school's out.



Holly Shields

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School closures known Feb. 12

The Halton Hills Consolidation Committee decided last Tuesday which elementary schools will be permanently closed for the 1986-87 school year. They will not release the names of closed schools until Feb. 12.

A subcommittee of eight will prepare the final report to go to the Halton Board of Education. That report will be approved next Tuesday by the remaining 23 consolidation committee members.

After it is approved, the report will become public. On Feb. 17 the report will be presented to the executive committee of the Halton Board and will appear as information at the Board Feb. 27.

Between Feb. 27 and March 20, there will be as many as six public meetings, Ron Chapman, Chairman of the Consolidation Committee, said. The Board will vote on the report March 20.

Closures and students having to move from one school to another will be discussed at the meetings. Teachers will not lose their jobs because of the study, Mr. Chapman said.

If enrolment continues to decline some teachers may lose their jobs. But closing schools does not mean there will be fewer children in school next year. Remaining schools will have more students in them, so all teachers should remain employed, he said.

Principals displaced by school closures will probably receive jobs at other schools in Halton where principals have retired or left the system, Mr. Chapman said.

The results of school closures means more flexible programming for some schools, Mr. Chapman said. Schools with increased enrolment will be able to offer more courses, he said. "The Halton Board of Education has never overturned a consolidation report," Board Chairman Arlene Bruce said. If the Board approves the report's recommendations, an integration committee will be formed in Halton Hills. The committee will help children and parents affected by closures adjust to changes.

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