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Police heat

Shy burglars

After breaking a window, reaching in and unlocking a door, thieves took nothing from a Chipper Court home. The home was entered between Friday and Sunday. Damage to the window was estimated at \$75.

Beer break-in

An 18 pack of beer was taken from a Flamingo Court home between 1 and 10 p.m. Friday. Thieves entered the home through an unlocked basement window.

Whiskey heist

A bottle of Crown Royal whiskey and \$100 in cash was taken from a Regan Crescent home Saturday between 2 and 7:15 p.m. The rear door was kicked in. Damage to the door totalled \$100, police said.

Camaro scratched

A sharp object was used to scratch the side of a 1978 Camaro Nov. 9 or 10. Damage to the car parked at 62 Park Ave. in Georgetown was estimated at \$1,300.

Unwanted rock

A rock was thrown through the rear window of a car parked at 42 Mill Street in Georgetown between 12 and 7:50 a.m. Damage totalled \$150.

Brakes faulty

When the brakes of a Georgetown woman's new car failed she ended up driving through the window of Aloha BBQ at 232 Guelph St. Saturday morning. She was eastbound in a parking lot at 9:13 a.m. and about to pull into a parking spot when her "brakes faded to the floor", police said. The car went over the curb and into the front window. Damage to the car was \$1,000 and damage to the window was estimated at \$5,000.

VCR thief

Thieves pried open the window of a rural Halton Hills home Nov. 11 at 3:45 p.m. and removed a 12-gauge shot gun, liquor and a VCR. An estimated \$1,000 was taken from the Lot 6 Concession 9 home.

Microwave stolen

The microwave oven at the Terra Cotta Conservation Visitor Centre was stolen the night of Nov. 11. A window was pried open. Damage to the window was \$100. The microwave is worth \$470.

House robbery

An RR4 Georgetown home that police believe was left open was robbed of \$400 cash Nov. 12. The home was not damaged.

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Father questions dance location

Sunday teen nights not for everyone

By MARY-LIZ SHAW
Herald Special

If you allow your 15-year-old to go to a dance in a bar or tavern, are you encouraging your teenager to drink?

This question has haunted at least one Georgetown parent, Peter Woolgar, who is concerned about the popularity of "teen nights", special outings for teenagers held at Night Crossings and Poppy's Fine Dining, two restaurants holding dining lounge liquor licences.

"In these times, people have strong feelings about drinking and driving," Mr. Woolgar said. "I think we should be careful about sending our children to bars."

But Pam Sheldon, chairman of the anti-drinking and driving committee disagreed with Mr. Woolgar. Reluctant to look for a problem which she is not sure exists, Ms. Sheldon said she would rather view teen nights in a positive light.

"Perhaps we could display anti-drinking and driving literature in these establishments," Ms. Sheldon said. "This may be an opportunity to educate young people on the ill-effects of drinking and driving."

Mr. Woolgar said he was bothered by teen nights in the summer when his 14-year-old son asked permission to attend a dance at O'Toole's Roadhouse restaurant.

O'Toole's began the trend of setting aside a few hours on Sundays to hold special dances exclusively for teens. The bar was locked up and teens served only soft drinks and snacks. However, the restaurant has not held teen Sundays since September.

"We didn't think it was worth it when the teens set fire to our bathrooms," said O'Toole's manager Lorraine Robinson. "But we never had any problems before that."

Although he is wary of teen nights, Mr. Woolgar admitted he is reluctant to criticize them because Georgetown teenagers have little else to do.

"I could swallow the fact that it's a bar as long as no liquor is being served," he said. "I've got sympathy for young people - there isn't much for them to do - but it's a sad thing when it comes to the bars providing the kids with something to do."

Mr. Woolgar's concern increased when he discovered that teen nights at Poppy's are not restricted to teenagers. Patrons over the legal drinking age may attend the outings and they are served liquor.

"I was flabbergasted," Mr. Woolgar said. "I would not allow my son to go."

John Cambouris, Poppy's manager, said he has never had any trouble with minors drinking alcoholic beverages during his Sunday teen nights. Teens are admitted into his restaurant for a small cover charge and stamped to indicate they are minors. Mr. Cambouris said he believes he is providing teenagers with a service.

"I feel that it's up to the parents to decide whether their kids go," Mr. Cambouris said. "I have three men patrolling the floor to make sure the kids don't drink because that's my responsibility. But I won't turn the kids away."

Despite the interest piqued by Poppy's live band teen nights, many young people are attracted to the dancing at Night Crossings. Night Crossings manager Kosts Touroumtzas stores the liquor away and serves soft drinks and snacks.

The outings on Sundays between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. are reserved entirely for teenagers aged 13 to 19. No other patrons may enter the

restaurant which Mr. Touroumtzas said resembles a dance hall on Sunday evenings.

Julie Ward, a Grade 11 student at Georgetown District High School (GDHS), said the teen night atmosphere at the restaurant she sometimes attends is relaxed and sociable.

"It gives teenagers a chance to socialize and it keeps people out of trouble," Julie said. "It's a novelty - I think it makes kids feel better because they are in a bar."

Mr. Woolgar added he would like to see Georgetown council take a position on the issue of young people in bars.

Betty Fisher, Town Councillor, said although she is aware of the concern surrounding teen nights, she is not convinced that placing teenagers in what she called the "trappings of a bar" will encourage them to drink.

"Kids can go down to their parents' basements and sit at the family bar," Ms. Fisher said. "But if a restaurant is serving liquor to other patrons, while the teens are there, then I'm dead set against that."

Ms. Fisher added although the issue of teen nights has not yet come up at council, some councillors would like to check the town's bylaws to see if they can prevent liquor being served to patrons in the same room as minors.

Georgetown's Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bob Ustrzycki said he has fielded some complaints from concerned parents about teen nights, most of which he directs to the police department. He noted it is unlikely any substantial changes can be made to the existing bylaws since the matter is outside of the town's jurisdiction.

"There are certain conditions we can set such as limiting dates and times," Mr. Ustrzycki said. "But otherwise I don't think there is much else we can do."

Detective Sergeant Robertson of Halton Regional Police District No. 1 said he was aware a few complaints had been lodged with the police about teen nights. However he added that he knows of no incidents of under-age drinking in either Poppy's or Night Crossings.

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Library board opposes \$12,000 lottery loss

Losing out on \$12,000 annually from provincial lottery grants isn't to the Halton Hills Library Board's liking.

Monday, councillors endorsed the Board's stand against Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon's Bill 38.

The bill would do away with lottery proceeds for recreation and culture.

Council also plans to send a resolution Mr. Nixon's way, and has advised town staff to prepare a resolution.

Library Board trustees strongly urged this move on the part of the town. They want a guarantee that a specific percentage of all lottery proceeds will go to recreation and culture. In 1985, that was \$25 million in capital grants.

"This is a really big issue," Coun. Norman Elliott said Monday. "With

Bill 38, the library feels there is no way to guarantee monies coming

back to the community."

As it is, the provincial government has set many conditions to qualify for the lottery money and there's at least \$250,000 sitting in this fund that hasn't been allocated, the councillor said.

"People are suspecting there is a very large windfall there that the provincial government will be able to channel anywhere," Coun. Elliott said. "Nobody wants to speculate whether that money will be turned to health care or something else."

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Motorists should be aware that the set fines will escalate in units of \$5.00 excluding court costs if the parking ticket is not paid during the prescribed period of time.

Motorists are urged to pay parking tickets promptly to avoid the additional costs being added to the original out of court payment.

R. J. Ustrzycki,
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Ad No. 729

PUBLIC NOTICE

NAMING OF A STREET

Take notice that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills gave first and second readings to By-law Number 86-158 at a meeting held on 1986 10 27, to name the subject street "Brick Lane" as shown in the diagram below.

The Council will hear any person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, who claims that he or she will be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard at a meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Offices, Trafalgar Road, on the 24th day of November 1986 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., prior to the third reading of By-law Number 86-158.

All requests to appear before Council are to be submitted in writing to the undersigned no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on the 20th day of November 1986.

This notice published on the 29th day of October, 1986.

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