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IN THE HILLS

Suspect sought

Halton Regional Police are looking for suspects in the attempted murder of Police Const. Dan Beckman.

PC Beckman was hit in the head with a wooden board Aug. 10 when he exited his patrol car to investigate a suspicious person in an industrial area of Milton.

Police have now released information indicating that a "sharp object" was also used in the attack on Const. Beckman. "The officer's bullet-proof vest prevented any possible injury," said Sgt. David Pruitt.

Halton Police are looking for any information relating to the suspect and his or her whereabouts. All information will be treated confidentially and will be taken by Halton Regional Police's Major Crime Bureau at 878-5511, ext. 575 or 411.

Charges laid

Halton police have laid charges in connection with the all-terrain vehicle high-speed pursuit in Acton last week.

Police say a 17-year-old Acton youth was charged Friday under the Criminal Code of Canada with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident. He was also charged under the Highway Traffic Act with driving without a licence and driving without a helmet. Police say further charges of driving without insurance and causing a police pursuit are pending.

The youth, who will appear in Milton Provincial Court Sept. 22, was charged in connection with the three-minute high speed pursuit through Acton's Young, Queen and Peel streets area Aug. 19, where speeds reached 80 kph. Police say the driver of the ATV caused a minor accident, then fled to avoid police apprehension.

Time to quit

There is still time to register for the Milton "Cold Turkey" Smoking Cessation Clinic. This one-week, sudden stop smoking program will be held at the Milton District Hospital, Sept. 12-16, each evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 registration fee for this Lung Association program which boasts a 60 per cent success rate.

For more information, or to register, phone the Lung Association (The Christmas Seal People) at 822-8499.

Separation group

Halton Family Services is pleased to announce a series of groups on separation, divorce and remarriage, starting on Oct. 1. The groups encompass a number of different topic areas and are available to adults, teens and children. For more information or to register contact Susan Peacey, Halton Family Services, 235 Lakeshore Road E., P.O. Box 671, Oakville or phone 845-3811.

Workers needed

Are you interested in working six to 15 hours per week with developmentally handicapped children in their homes? Are you 18 years of age or older? Workers are urgently required in the Halton Region to assist parents in teaching life skills to their developmentally handicapped child. Call Halton Support Services at (416) 849-8000.

Seniors meet

Golden Circle Seniors Club will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1:15 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church hall, on Mountainview Road South in Georgetown. New members are welcome.

Steam show

Don't forget the Steam and Antique Preservers show at the Milton Fairgrounds on the Labor Day weekend Sept. 2-5.

Special feature this year is a display of International Harvester Implements. Also 20 steam engines, a saw mill, antique cars, as well as ladies handwork will be on display and working.

Elliott will run

Ward 1 town councillor Norm Elliott will be seeking re-election in the November municipal elections.

Councillors revealed their intentions in a story in the Herald two weeks ago but Coun. Elliott had yet to decide on whether or not to run again at that time.

He announced yesterday (Tuesday) that he would seek a second term in his Acton ward.

Holiday deadlines

Due to the Labor Day holiday Monday, Sept. 5, deadlines for submissions to the Herald have been moved ahead.

Advertising and editorial material for publication in the Sept. 7 edition of the Herald should be submitted to the office no later than Friday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.

Editorial submissions may also be submitted through the mail slot of the office's front door.

Politi ventures into the political arena

The quest for the vacant Ward 3 seat on town council has now become a two-man race.

Tom Politi, 38, announced he will seek the position left vacant by Betty Fisher when she accepted the job as Executive Director of the Halton Hills United Way.

Pat McCarthy, a sales representative for Telemedia Corporation, announced last week he will run in Ward 3.

Mr. Politi has been a transport truck driver for the last 20 years. He is married to Patricia, a day care worker with Halton Region. The couple have one son, Bill, who attends Centennial Middle School.

Mr. Politi has lived in Georgetown for 21 years. His community work includes serving as spokesperson for the Howard Wrigglesworth parents group, and vice-president and president of the Joseph Gibbons Public School support group. He was a member of the integration committee for closure of schools in North Halton, and has been a fundraiser for the Halton Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is also a former volunteer for the Bennett Health Care Centre and he is a spokesperson for the Elgin Street Area Ratepayers Association.

Mr. Politi thinks politics will be important in the coming years because of the upcoming development in Halton Hills.

"It's going to be an interesting period in the town's life," he said. He is very much in favor of growth but he wants more industrial growth to accompany the expansion in Halton Hills Village.

But he cautioned against too much growth too quickly.

"You don't want another Bramalea. We have to retain our own identity," he said.

Mr. Politi also wants the town to boost its recycling program and fight the proposed landfill site in Acton.

"I think they're going to find it an unviable operation," Mr. Politi said of the Acton dump proposal.

As a councillor Mr. Politi would



Tom Politi

"support everyone" who vows to fight the dump but he said most of the decisions lie in the hands of the province.

He also supports Halton's pursuit of energy from waste. "I think it's a great thing," he said of energy from waste.

Mr. Politi also wants to help establish a seniors' centre in town.

There's movements in Acton and Georgetown to establish such a centre and it would prove useful, he said.

"Sooner or later all of us are going to wind up using it."

Road maintenance is another issue Mr. Politi wants to deal with.

Before regional government, town councils kept budget raises to almost zero which didn't allow for good road maintenance, said Mr. Politi. Now road reconstruction has become a massive undertaking that will have to be dealt with gradually, he said.

On the Sunday shopping issue Mr. Politi thinks the ideal solution would be for the province to make a decision either in favor or against it. However, since it is likely the power will lie in the hands of municipalities, Mr. Politi wants Sunday shopping only in designated tourist areas such as the Olde Hide House in Acton.

Such a tourist area would bring in people from outside the town "to see something unusual," said Mr. Politi.

"The people may not necessarily want it. That's the feedback I'm getting."

Local mail still flowing

Local mail in Halton Hills will be unaffected by the Canada Post strike, but out-of-town delivery could be slowed according to a local union spokesman.

Although the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSE) representing striking maintenance and trade workers at Canada Post has no members in the Georgetown/Acton area, processing at the Gateway facility in Mississauga could slow mail service, said Ron Ritchie of the Letter

Carriers Union of Canada, Local 154, Georgetown.

But, said Mr. Ritchie Friday, "we've got a stack of mail this morning from Gateway, and we're delivering it."

In-town mail will be unaffected by the strike, he added.

Members of the PSE began their strike last Wednesday and will continue the walkout if their demand for a 3 1/2 hour work week is not met, said Stephen White of the PSAC.

Dump meeting this evening

One of the most important and controversial topics will be discussed at the study group sessions looking into the Acton quarry dump proposal tonight (Wednesday).

Detailed hydrogeology is on the list tonight for discussion with hydrologist Vern Dixon.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the meeting room at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Board of education selects new director

The Halton Board of Education has announced the appointment of Bob Williams as the new Board director.

Mr. Williams, 43, has served in various academic positions since he started with the Halton Board in 1960. He replaces Wally Beavor, director for the past seven years.

"We're fortunate to have people like Bob to take over the mantle of leadership," said Mr. Beavor at Thursday's Board of Education meeting.

And Mr. Williams welcomed his new role, saying, "We're a pretty good team here. The transition should be a very smooth one."

Some of Mr. Williams' roles have included presidency of the Ontario Business Education Co-ordinators, and his present involvement with the Superintendents Organization. He has been a secondary school teacher, department head, business education co-ordinator, administrative assistant, assistant superintendent of employee services and superintendent of employee services.

"I'm fortunate, being an internal candidate," said Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams takes up his new position at a time when funding for new schools in Oakville and his home town of Burlington, is a crucial issue.

"We require accommodation. It's one of the Board's top priorities... We have some serious space problems," he said.

But Mr. Williams said he would be realistic with his approach to the Board of Education spending. "We're always going to be looking for more funding, (but) we have to be realistic and responsible," he told a group of reporters after Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Williams was chosen from four candidates and his position was advertised nation-wide, said Board Chairman Pat Hillhouse.

As director, he promises the public he will be accessible. "You



Bob Williams

can expect to get direct answers from me," he told the local press.

Pat Hillhouse looks for a "fresh" approach from Mr. Williams, but says the Board won't be "throwing out the baby with the bathwater."

"Every new person who comes on the Board brings his or her new ideas and vision," said Mrs. Hillhouse, but she added that the Board was also built on "past success."

Mr. Williams said his expertise in business will help him run a "well-managed, financially-responsible institution," but he maintained that he is still primarily an educator.

"I have a strong feeling our business is about teaching and learning," he said.

And the new director for the Halton Board of Education said there will be no radical change as he takes his seat at the Board table. "We have a darn fine education system," he said.



In the swim of things

This water baby made a splash at Georgetown Pool aquatic registration for both Georgetown District High Friday morning during a private lesson: mom Linda School pool and Acton Indoor Pool is Sept. 10 at both Stein helps Carly, 19 months, swim through a hoop. Fall locations, from 9 a.m. to noon. (Herald photo)

MPP Elliot set to go down under

The provincial government is thinking about expanding the jurisdiction of the ombudsman and Halton North MPP Wait Elliot will be flying half way around the planet to study the issue.

Mr. Elliot will represent Ontario at the worldwide Ombudsmen's Conference in Canberra, Australia in late October. The vice chairman of the 11-member standing committee on the ombudsman will join Ontario's Ombudsman Daniel Hill, his executive director and a member from each of the opposition parties to "gain up to date information" on the ombudsman's office.

Currently, the ombudsman's office looks into complaints concerning government-oriented agencies, said Mr. Elliot.

But the committee is looking at expanding the ombudsman's responsibilities to include public hospitals - mainly in the area of psychiatry, children's aid societies, and the Ontario New Home Warranty program.

There are about 5,600 boards and agencies in Ontario which are elected by the groups that they represent, said Mr. Elliot.

If the expanded responsibilities were to take effect, the ombudsman would be able to investigate complaints about those boards.

The expanded responsibilities were suggested in a 1986 report which actually named 19 areas which receive enough complaints to warrant an ombudsman's services, said Mr. Elliot.

The committee examined the

three most important areas in detail.

In September Mr. Elliot and several committee members will also fly to Manitoba and New Brunswick to meet with ombudsmen in those provinces whose jurisdiction already takes in the suggested areas.

The only ombudsman with jurisdiction in a New Home Warranty program is in New South Wales, Australia, said Mr. Elliot.

He plans to meet with representatives from that state at the conference to discuss the idea.

In Ontario the ombudsman handled 17,000 complaints in 1987 and that could increase to as many as 22,000 this year, said Mr. Elliot.

Olympic Youth Camp

Carmen heads for Seoul

For one Georgetown youth the upcoming summer Olympics will be a personal experience she will never forget.

Carmen Lamothe, 21, has been chosen to accompany 18 other Canadians who will attend the International Olympic Youth Camp in Seoul, Korea this September.

The youth camp brings together 1,000 people from participating nations and 200 Korean youths to share experiences and the sportsmanship of the Olympic Games.

The 20-day camp in Seoul is preceded by a four-day orientation period with the other Canadian youths in Vancouver.

Then it's off to Seoul where participants will stay at the Unification Centre about five kilometres from the Olympic stadium. Amenities in the Camp include a medical centre, information centre, library, bank, post office, laundry, photo service, shopping centre, discoteque and exhibition halls.

The extensive work which must be done by those youths vying for a spot in the Camp proves it's not just a contest for a free holiday.

"You have to want to go," Ms. Lamothe said of the work involved.

Participants had to write 11 essays on topics including Canadian history, the Korean political structure, the history of sport and why each participant felt they should be chosen to go.

Participants were also chosen on their athletic accomplishments as well as their knowledge of Canadian history and culture and the Olympic movement. Ms. Lamothe is an experienced gymnast who competed with the Halton Hills Jills and Georgetown District High School. She has also taken jazz lessons, learned dance, piano and coached gymnastics. Ms. Lamothe is now going into her second year at Seneca College for coaching techniques. Next year she plans to attend the University of Waterloo to earn her Bachelor of Independent Studies.

Ms. Lamothe found out she had been picked for the youth camp in May. She was supposed to have been notified in writing but "I was so excited I phoned" she said.

On top of the five or six weeks preparation for the essays, Ms. Lamothe has spent the last few months reading and learning all about Korea.

Asked what she is looking forward to the most, Ms. Lamothe said: "Meeting people from other countries and sports."

The trip begins Sept. 8 and the youths will land in Seoul on Sept. 12. The trip is being sponsored by the Royal Bank. The participants will be completely outfitted with Canadian

attire including a track suit, shirts, a cardigan and even socks.

The itinerary for the 17 Canadians and their counterparts from the rest of the world is sure to keep them busy.

There's a tour of the city, religious ceremonies, folk dances, sight seeing, home visiting, a news debate, a youth debate, disco nights, a Nation's Day, conversations with great Olympic athletes and a visit to a Korean university.

"We'll be going to the opening and closing ceremonies, 10 events of our

choice and cultural exhibits from youth camps around the world," said Ms. Lamothe.

The Canadians will also be staying with a Korean family for three days.

Ms. Lamothe plans to attend the gymnastic events, swimming, equestrian events, volleyball, track and field, and basketball among her events.

It all wraps up with closing ceremonies and Ms. Lamothe will return with the other Canadians on Oct. 4.



Carmen Lamothe holds some of the literature she has poured through in the past few months to prepare herself for the trip to Korea. Carman was one of 17 Canadians chosen to take part in the International Olympic Youth Camp. Some 1,000 youths between the ages of 18 and 22 years old will join 200 Korean youths in the camp in Seoul. The youths will also attend ten events of their own choice. (Herald photo)