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Restaurant robbing duo sought

Four young Burlington residents were forced into a restaurant freezer while two masked, armed robbers rifled the safe.

On Sunday, May 8, 1988 at approximately 11 p.m., while staff at Harvey's Restaurant, Fairview Street, Burlington, were preparing to close for the day, two males entered the restaurant by a rear door. The four employees inside, two females and two males, were rounded up and placed inside the walk-in fridge. The culprits then removed a large sum of money from the safe.

The first male was white, approximately 18-20 years old, 5'6", medium build, wearing a red ski mask and was carrying a long-barreled rifle. The second suspect, who was armed with a hunting knife, was white, 18-20 years old, 5'8", slim build, wearing a beige ski mask. Both robbers wore black leather jackets.

A burgundy 1978 or 1979 Olds Cutlass, two-door with whitewall tires was also observed in the area and may be related.

If you have any information concerning this robbery or any other serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151. In all cases callers do not have to identify themselves and could be eligible for up to a \$1,000 cash reward.

Yuletide offering



Pineview Public School put on a show for parents last week with their Christmas plays and concerts. Here, during the performance of Grades 3, 4 and 5 students, parents find out what Christmas would be like if dolls could walk and talk. (Herald photo)



Halton Hills area schools are abound with Christmas pageants this week. Here, Mary and Joseph care for the baby Jesus during the play Ebenezer Junior, put on by the Georgetown Christian School on Trafalgar Road Wednesday. (Herald photo)

Elliot takes appointment

Walt Elliot, MPP for Halton North was recently elected chairman of the Waste Management Committee of the Liberal caucus at Queen's Park. This committee has been charged with the responsibility of preparing a co-ordinated approach to the problem of waste management for the consideration of the full Liberal caucus.

"This government has identified recycling as a large component of its waste management strategy," Mr. Elliot said. "The Liberal caucus wants to try to co-ordinate this component with the ongoing review of the environmental assessment process and such initiatives as the promotion of reusable or biodegradable packaging."

Mr. Elliot went on to say, "As a caucus we are also extremely interested in ensuring that in its own operations the government is doing all it can to promote good waste management practices."

Previously Mr. Elliot had been named chairman of the legislative standing committee on general government. In this position he will guide the committee as it examines

the budgets of several ministries, including environment, labor, municipal affairs and tourism and recreation.

Region reappoints Grieve and Oliver to police commission

In a secret ballot Halton Regional councillors returned two councillors to the five-man police commission Wednesday.

Burlington's James Grieve and Oakville's Fred Oliver will represent Halton taxpayers once again on the five-man commission. Three civilians appointed by the province make up the rest of the commission.

The 22 councillors present each had two votes. Coun. Grieve drew 19 votes, Coun. Oliver drew 13 and a challenge by Oakville's John Graham, who advocates radical changes to the composition of the commission, fell short with 10 votes.

Milton's Bill Johnson spoke in favor of holding an open ballot, but no motion was made to open the voting on the commission members. Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said voting on commission members has traditionally been done by secret ballot.

Halton's police force "is as efficient and respected as any police force in the province," said Coun. Grieve in a speech before the vote.

But the commission will have to watch the budget, he said. "A lot of these government services are like a monopoly and the way they deal with a monopoly is to put more money into it," said Coun. Grieve.

"There are tough days ahead," he said referring to ever increasing demands on the police budget.

The chairman of the police commission has recently said the force will need 24 new officers next year, said Coun. Grieve.

Coun. Graham has been a vocal critic of the police commission during the last term. He wants the com-

mission abolished and made a full committee of council. That would give elected representatives a say on how the budget is prepared, he has said in past speeches.

In a public dispute with police chief James Harding earlier this year, Coun. Grieve said the police budget needs to be brought into line with inflation. The budget has increased by much more than the rate of inflation in recent years, Coun. Graham noted earlier this year.

And the three provincial appointees to the commission are often friends of the province who aren't truly representatives of the taxpayers, he argued.

"We need to restore discipline in police budgets," Coun. Graham told his colleagues Wednesday.

"We should hold them to the same guidelines as any other department in the Region. That hasn't happened in three years," he said.

He wants the quality of the police officers "on the front line" examined.

"How efficient are they? How many mistakes do they make day by day?" Coun. Graham asked.

He wants to study how sexual assault cases are dealt with.

He acknowledged that the police have made progress on some fronts in recent years but added, "I don't understand why the police department has moved away from a degree of specialization."

Coun. Oliver was not present at the meeting but he was nominated by Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale who said he "knows where the skeletons are and he knows how to deal with them."

Council meets with great frustration in quest for water

In its quest to find more water to allow Georgetown to grow, Halton Region is running up against a "most frustrating" process set down by the province.

Halton's public works commissioner Robert Moore is trying to sort out contradicting statements made by the Ministry of Environment about the search for more water in the area.

"This is a most frustrating process that staff must follow in order to obtain approval to take water for development which has already been approved as part of the official plan," said Mr. Moore Wednesday.

The wall Halton Region has run up against was built like this: in order to develop beyond the approved 510 homes in Halton Hills Village, the town must find a supply of about 1.4 million gallons of water per day. Testing last year found 700,000 gallons a day at an Eighth Line and Sideroad 15 well and another 200,000 gallons per day at a 10th Line and Sideroad 10 well.

But the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Natural Resources ordered Halton to conduct a groundwater testing operation for one year. The concerns revolve around the effect the water pumping will have on fish in Silver Creek.

However, in spite of the order to test the wells for a one-year period, the MOE has given Halton permission to hook up the water supply before the results are in.

On top of that, one letter from the MOE told the Region it had to make changes to its monitoring program while yet another letter said Halton "has done an excellent job in designing the program."

Halton is not going to do any water testing "until such time as we are fully aware of (the MOE) requirements and the potential risks to Halton for construction of a well which ultimately may not be able to be put into continuous service because of its impact upon the fish life in Silver Creek," said Mr. Moore.

Regional landfill site accepts its last load

The last green garbage bag has passed through the gates of the Regional landfill site in Burlington.

Halton closed the site, which had remained open to accept small amounts of municipal waste, on Dec. 3 following the opening of a new transfer station in Burlington.

Now, waste from southern Halton is taken to the new station, then shipped to an energy from waste plant in Niagara Falls, New York or to a private quarry in Thorold. Waste from northern parts of the Region comes to a transfer station in Georgetown, then to Niagara Falls

or Thorold. Halton is now exporting 100 per cent of its waste out of the Region at a cost of more than \$1 million a month.

A consolidated board listened to evidence by various groups on two possible landfill sites in Burlington and Milton for the past 18 months.

A decision on which site will be Halton's new landfill site is expected in early spring.

That decision, however, can be appealed by citizens groups or by the City of Burlington or the town of Milton.

Citizens' forum Great support for program

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the over 40 participants at the Special Needs Drop-in Christmas Party held Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Acton Legion, we would like to thank the following merchants who donated refreshments and gifts:

From Georgetown - Zellers, Delrex Smoke Shop, Bargain Harolds, A and P, Miracle Food Mart, Dairy Queen, Bulk Klub Foods, and Loblaw's. From Milton - A and P, Karate Klub, and from Stoney Creek, Kentucky Fried Chicken.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have made this such an enjoyable program to date and a

special note of thanks to our friends at the local newspaper office for their fabulous support in helping us to get this program under way.

We hope to continue on with our monthly drop-ins in the New Year and ask anyone interested in participating, volunteering or donating to this program to call myself (Jeff Bitton, 877-5185 ext. 262) or our chairperson, Shirley Raszewski at 875-1531.

Once again, thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you in January.

Sincerely,
Jeff Bitton,
Supervisor of Adult Services

Christmas ball a success

Dear Sir,

As chairman of the fundraising committee for the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary I would like to thank each and everyone who attended our 30th Annual Christmas Ball, held Dec. 2 at Holy Cross Auditorium.

Thanks to the Hospital Board of Directors, the doctors, nurses from Ward A.B. Thanks to our friends from Brampton, members of Poel Memorial Auxiliary, and our friends and neighbors from Halton Hills and area.

Thanks to our own Auxiliary members for supplying and preparing the lovely meal and floral arrangements for tables. Thanks to

Mrs. S. Van Hockma and friends for their help and use of the kitchen; to David Smallwood for supplying the music and Carlos Domingos for his help; to the barmen; and the Community Services for their help Saturday morning.

"Many hands make light work." Again, many thanks to all who helped in any way to make this 30th Annual Christmas Ball such a success.

With your attendance and our time to prepare, together we can help our hospital and patients. Wishing you and yours a very merry, happy, healthy, jolly Christmas holiday.

God Bless.
VI Haines

Four-way stop goes despite town's plea

Halton Region has ignored a plea by the town to retain the four-way stop at the intersection of Ninth Line and Sideroad 5.

Responding to area residents concerns, Halton Hills councillors asked Halton to retain the four-way stop sign in October, but Halton recently said the intersection does not meet minimum traffic volumes for a four-way stop.

The four-way stop was placed at the intersection in July to prepare motorists for an eventual reversal of the stop sign from the Ninth Line to Sideroad 5.

That move was made because of an unusually high number of collisions due to restricted sight lines to

the west of the intersection, a report by Halton's commissioner of public works, Robert Moore, says.

But now trees and foliage surrounding the intersection have been removed and it's time to remove the stop sign on the Ninth Line as a part of the planned reversal, he says.

"An unwarranted all-way stop condition causes the development of poor and dangerous driving habits, creates an unjustified sense of security for pedestrians, increases vehicular noise levels and causes undue fuel consumption," said Mr. Moore.

And contrary to public opinion, all-way stops are not effective at controlling high speeds, said Mr. Moore.

Bargaining activity monitored

From the Ottawa Bureau of Thomson News Service

Public sector bargaining will likely set the pace and direction of activity on both the national and provincial labor scenes in 1989, according to the federal labor department.

In its year-end analysis of upcoming bargaining activity, the department notes that over 60 per cent of all bargaining units facing contract renewals next year are on the public payrolls.

The department said that in Ontario, almost 65,000 teachers at all levels will be negotiating on agreements to replace contracts that expire in August. The Ontario teachers represent the largest single employee group in the country facing negotiations next year.

More than 6,100 construction workers and 3,050 municipal employees in Ontario will also be

working on new agreements over the year. And the province can also expect to feel the effect of any disruption in postal service if bargaining between the federal government and 48,000 Canada Post workers is interrupted in July. The federal government will also be negotiating with 2,990 employees in its electronics group.

Several thousand clothing industry workers, 1,500 employees of CP Express, 8,000 Toronto Transit Commission employees and 3,400 McDonnell Douglas workers will also be represented at the negotiating table.

In all, there are 254 major agreements up for renewal across the country next year. The agreements cover 498,000 employees.

The labor department monitors bargaining units and collective agreements that involve 500 or more workers.

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The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown would like to say "Thank You" to the following for helping to make this year's Seniors Tour of the Lights such a big success:

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- Foodstuffs
- Georgetown Fruit Market
- Loblaws
- Miracle Mart
- Zellers
- Oxbow Books
- Irma's Beauty Chalet
- The Final Touch
- Delrex Smoke Shop
- Nectar Donuts
- The Georgetown Independent
- The Halton Hills Herald
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