

Police Beat

Rash of auto thefts

Police report a rash of thefts from five unlocked automobiles parked in the Dawson Crescent area overnight during May 6 and 7. From a 1982 Buick, a pair of sun glasses, darts and a pair of license plates were taken. The stolen property was valued at \$50. Police report the darts were recently recovered. A car stereo valued at approximately \$400 was taken from a 1985 Dodge. A \$200 amplifier was taken from a 1975 Chevrolet. Two speakers worth approximately \$100 were taken from a 1982 Ford van. A remote control door opener was taken from a 1981 Volkswagen. Police also report three hubcaps valued at \$200 taken from an 1983 Hyundai during the same time period. That vehicle was parked in the Eden Place area, they say. Police say the thefts could be connected.

Man flees crash scene

Police say a man fled the scene of a two-car collision that occurred in a Mountainview Road parking area the afternoon of May 2. Police say a 1987 Ford van driven by an Oakville man, 52, struck a 1982 Audi while reversing from a parking spot. Charges of impaired driving were laid against the Ford's driver, say police.

Family taken to hospital

A Burlington family of five was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries following a two-car collision on Sideroad 10 at the Ninth Line April 30. Police charged a 17-year-old Pickering woman driving a 1987 Plymouth with disobeying a stop sign at the intersection while travelling southbound. Both the Plymouth and the family's 1988 GMC, were severely damaged.

Impaired charges laid

Halton Regional Police laid charges of impaired driving and refusing to take a breathalyser test following a single car accident along Sideroad 20 in Halton Hills April 27 at 10:45 p.m. Police say a 1988 Chevrolet driven by a 22-year-old Georgetown, was travelling at a high rate of speed, when it veered off the road and struck a mail box before landing in a ditch.

Man injured in collision

A Georgetown man, 62, was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital following a

two-car collision. Police say a 1986 Chevrolet driven by the Georgetown man, was struck by another vehicle at the intersection of Guelph Street and Alcott Drive May 5. Police say the man's southbound Chevrolet was struck by a 1987 Hyundai, driven by a 23-year-old Erin man after the westbound car failed to stop for a red light on Guelph Street. Police laid charges of failing to stop in connection with the incident.

Three car collision

Police report charges were laid in connection with a three-car collision at Kingham Road at Doby Road in Acton the afternoon of May 5. The driver of a 1975 Ford, an 18-year-old Acton man, was stopped at a stop sign and letting passengers out of his car when his car door was struck by an unknown vehicle. The Ford was struck as it entered the intersection. A southbound 1986 Plymouth driven by an Acton man, 64, failed to yield for the Ford, police say.

Car windows smashed

Someone threw a brick through the rear window of a 1989 Ford pick-up parked on Faludon Drive in Georgetown sometime between the late evening of May 5 and early the next morning. Police say \$200 damage resulted from the incident.

Truck window broken

Police say a brick was also thrown through the rear window of a 1988 Pontiac parked on Faludon Drive in Georgetown during the early morning of May 6, causing \$250 in damages.

Rules won't keep LDC "squeaky clean"

New Land Division Committee rules won't keep the LDC "squeaky clean," said Regional Coun. Bill Johnson last week.

Coun. Johnson opposed the LDC format brought forward by the Region's Commissioner of Legal Services Mark Meneray.

Mr. Meneray's report says although the public is welcome to sit in on land division hearings, the eight-member LDC reserves the right to go in camera to hear private testimony from applicants.

Coun. Johnson said it was "suspicious" to go in camera with recent charges laid concerning alleged illegal use of land severances. He said he wants to make the LDC "squeaky clean."

But Mr. Meneray said he doesn't "necessarily see an in-camera session (as an) impropriety."

"When circumstances dictate...

it may be appropriate to go into camera," he told Regional council members.

Coun. Johnson was also opposed to appeal procedures for those rejected for land severances. He said the new Regional rules leave the process "wide open for abuse."

He asked who would check the chief planner's "rubber stamp" if the Commissioner of Planning reviews the LDC decisions appealed and sent to the Region. But chief planner Rash Mohammed said any decision made by the LDC can be appealed by a member of the public.

Halton Hills Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson asked that routine land severance grants be forwarded to the Region for information.

Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin agreed with the LDC report saying the new LDC rules

are designed to "streamline" the process of granting land severances.

"All we're saying here is let's cut out the red tape for the benefit of the applicant." He said there should be a committee vote on every severance.

One of the provisions of the new LDC rules is that committee members have the right to view a site before granting a severance. They can "go on site and see where these applications are from," said Coun. McLaughlin.

But he said with more LDC hearings over 400 applications would come in a year. The numbers should stay down to between 100 and 120 to make it possible for the eight LDC members to see all the properties, he said.

The LDC will meet once every two weeks if there are enough applications, says Mr. Meneray's report. One of these meetings will be held in Milton. There will be eight members on the committee with a self-elected chairman. The group will serve the same term as the Regional councillors who appointed them.

If several LDC members are absent, a minimum of five people will be required to make an LDC hearing.

Mr. Meneray's report is a result of a Regional council request made last February. It was decided that 13 per cent of land severances granted in the 18 months prior to February were contrary to the Region's official plan.

Regional councillors voted to accept Mr. Meneray's report but added that appeals should be reported to the Regional clerk who will get direction from Regional council.

Councillor to study teen dances in Hills

Halton Hills teens could soon have a place to dance, says Georgetown Coun. Pat McCarthy.

"There are always a lot of activities," in town, said Coun. McCarthy, but "there's very little in terms of a social environment."

Coun. McCarthy was approached by a local teen who asked the councillor to support him in arranging regular dances. The "specific request," said Coun. McCarthy, is for some form of dancing.

Once a committee is formed to get direction from local teens, a group will be set up to hold dances on a regular basis. There will be no special affiliations with the group, said Coun. McCarthy, but he added that the idea has the verbal support of the Open Door and the

Georgetown Optimists.

The idea is "to provide an alternative without necessarily providing any other message," he said.

The dances would be held in a rented space somewhere in Halton Hills. There would be strict regulations on leaving and re-entering the premises.

Coun. McCarthy said this project will cost money and there will be some "up-front dollars" needed to launch the program.

Anyone interested in helping form a dance committee or in helping with the dance scheme can call Pat McCarthy at home at 877-3251.

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CONTROL

It may be best to remove bentgrass patches or the entire lawn and replace with new sod. Small amounts of bentgrass can be gradually reduced. Reduction may take several seasons but the wait and work are well worth it.

- Identify the problem areas.
- Adjust lawn mower to cut at or above 5 cm (2 inches).
- Water only when desirable grasses show drought symptoms.
- Rake to remove as much of the patch as possible. Raking must be repeated several times during the season. Seed or sod can be planted in the raked areas.

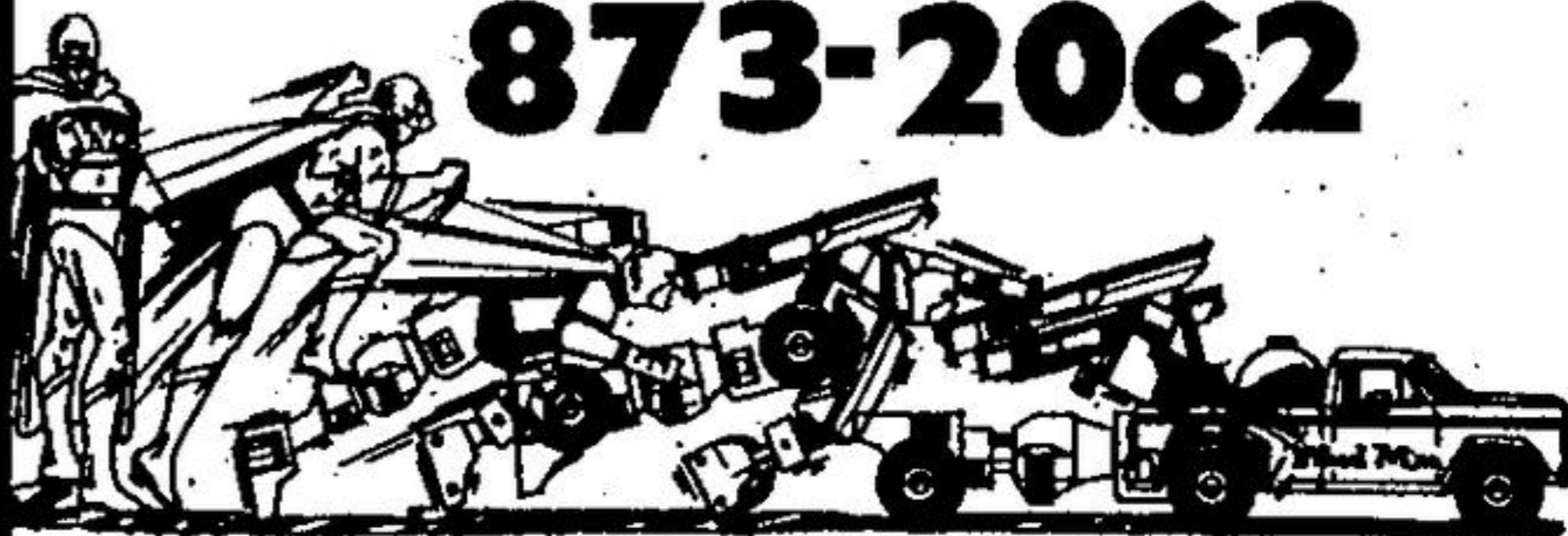
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