

### Death threat

Halton Regional Police say a 31-year-old Georgetown woman ran to the 11 Division building on Guelph Street and reported that her husband had threatened her with death at approximately 6 p.m. May 13. A domestic argument at the woman's Georgetown residence had the woman fearing for her own safety and the safety of her three children. Her husband was arrested behind a Guelph Street Restaurant two-and-a-half hours later and charged with threatening death. The man had the three children with him. The children, between the ages of one and three, were all unharmed. The husband will face a Milton court judge on June 18.

### Assault charge

A Georgetown District High School youth was charged with assault May 14. A crossing guard was assaulted by a bicycle-riding youth who turned onto the crosswalk from Delrex Boulevard. The crossing guard has been working at the location for three years. He received no major injuries, police say. The incident occurred at 8:30 a.m. May 14. The youth will appear in court on June 15.

### Probation breached

A 17-year-old youth has been charged with breach of probation and two counts of mischief under \$1,000. The Robert Little Public School had two of its \$250 windows broken between 11 p.m. May 11 and 1:29 a.m. May 12. The youth will appear in the Milton courthouse on June 1.

### Stolen barbecue

A \$230 barbecue was stolen from a Main Street, Acton, residence. Police say the theft occurred between 9 p.m., May 11 and noon, May 12. The two-year-old barbecue disappeared from the residence's backyard.

### Stereo heisted

Approximately \$4,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a 1989 Jeep parked in a two-car garage at the bottom of a residence's laneway on Sixth Line in Limehouse, police say. Between 11 p.m. May 9 and 1 p.m. May 10, the culprit or culprits entered the garage and took the radio out of the dash and removed two speakers from the rear of the Jeep.

### Vehicle theft

A 1983 black Volkswagen was stolen from a Highway 25 residence near St. Helena Road. The vehicle went missing between 1:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. May 13, police say.

### Laundromat damage

A Guelph Street laundromat sustained damage to all of its dryers when they were broken into between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on May 11. Police say the people responsible pulled the latch for the cash box and took the quarters that fell out of it. The value of the damaged property and theft is unknown but police are continuing the investigation.

## Beer bottle tossed

A 24-year-old Belle Ewart man has been charged with assaulting a peace officer in connection with an incident that occurred at a farm party May 13.

Between 12:15 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. a Halton Regional Police Officer that attended the farm party was assaulted.

A man swung a closed fist at the officer and missed. The man hit another unknown person who suffered several broken teeth.

The assailant then ran away. While being chased the man threw a full beer bottle at the officer.

The constable caught the man after the chase.

## Police Beat

### Vehicle recovered

Police have recovered a 1984 Mercury that was stolen from a driveway on Elmore Drive in Acton. The car was noticed missing at 11 a.m. May 13. The car was found by a passerby down an embankment on Sixth Line north of Sideroad 5 in Milton. The car was destroyed in the accident, police say. Police are continuing their investigation.

### Traffic charge

Police have laid a charge of passing on the right, not in safety, following an incident involving a two car collision on Highway 7 east of Hall Road. A 1989 Ford, driven by a 22-year-old Acton man, was travelling west on Highway 7. Another 1989 Ford, driven by a 43-year-old Brampton woman, pulled out of a plaza and travelled west on Highway 7 behind the first Ford. The second Ford pulled out to pass the first. When the collision occurred the second Ford went out of control, rolled over and came to rest against a hydro pole. Two people received injuries in the accident.

### Vehicle mishap

A strong wind put a 1981 Vespa, driven by a 16-year-old Milton man, out of control, police say. The car rolled over two or three times and landed in a ditch. The driver received minor injuries. The vehicle received moderate damages. The vehicle was travelling east on Sideroad 5 east of 10th Line at 4:40 p.m. May 10.

### Charges pending

Charges are pending in an incident in which a 1989 Hyundai left the road and collided with two parked cars. The Hyundai, driven by a 28-year-old Georgetown woman, was travelling south on Mountainview Road just south of Guelph Street when the collision occurred. The driver received minor injuries, police say. The Hyundai received severe damage. A parked 1984 Ford received moderate damage and a parked 1975 Oldsmobile received light damage.

### Deer struck

A deer jumped onto Regional Road 43 west of Fifth Line and was struck by a 1990 Mazda, driven by a 53-year-old Rockwood man, at 11:45 p.m., May 11. Police will not be laying any charges.

### Moderate damage

A deer travelling east across Sixth Line north of Steeles Avenue collided with a 1988 Ford, driven by a 20-year-old Georgetown man. The Ford was travelling north when the collision occurred. The Ford received moderate damage at 11:55 p.m. May 12.

# Halton Hills farmers face provincial registration system

A proposed formal registration system for farmers in Halton Hills and across the province will mean all farmers will pay their fair share for farming related benefits achieved through provincial and federal government lobbying, said the president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, Harry Brander.

Members from various farm lob-

by groups in Ontario are currently putting together a registration system that will be designed to collect fees from most farmers who benefit from strong government lobbying, said Mr. Brander. The proposal is scheduled to be presented to farmers in the province at the end of this month.

According to Census Canada, there are 75,000 farmers in the province but the majority are not paying fees to be a member of a lobby group such as the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and its local sub groups like the Halton Federation of Agriculture, said Mr. Brander.

That means a minority of farmers are paying the share of the majority, he explained.

Currently there is no registration system for farmers. Groups such as the OFA and HFA raise money to support their lobbying efforts through members' fees. Area farmers pay \$130 to belong to the HFA, said Mr. Brander.

Under the new system the provincial government would be required to provide financial incentives to registered farmers. For example, Brander explained, registered farmers would receive a certain amount of money from the province in relation to the amount of crops they produced. The registration fee would be \$100.

Mr. Brander, who is a farmer in Norval, also said the more united farmers are, the better they can lobby the provincial and federal governments.

Farmers are currently going up against government in an attempt to seek protection against the Goods and Services Tax and the free trade deal, said Mr. Brander.

As well, the new system will allow lobby groups and the government easier access to the various types of farmers across the province which will in turn allow the farmers to be better serviced, said Mr. Brander.

## Composters coming

Halton Hills residents will soon be able to buy backyard composters at a cost of \$25 each.

The town general committee recommended Monday night that the town buy 500 composters at a total price of \$5,000. But the town has applied to the province's Ministry of the Environment for a grant of \$2,500 to help purchase the composters.

The MOE has a program to fund 50 per cent of any home composting program set up by a municipality.

The recommendation still has to go before council Monday for final approval.

Composters mulch "wet" forms of waste such as potato peels, into fertilizer. The composters are expected to save about 300 lbs. of garbage per family every year. No date has been set when people will be able to purchase the composters but the public will be notified well in advance, said town engineer Bob Austin.

All Halton Hills residents will be eligible to purchase one of the composters.

The town staff had recommended the town only sell the composters to urban-area residents at a price of \$20 each. The town would subsidize the extra \$5 per composter.

But councillors decided that to not offer the composters to all residents would be unfair. They also decided that the town shouldn't have to subsidize any amount of the purchase price. The town's administrative clerk, Dan Costea, told council staff recommended the town subsidize the price as proof it was behind the project. But councillors deduced those who really want the composter will be willing to pay the full amount.

After reviewing several different types of composters the town plans to buy the type called "The Soil Saver". "It is sturdy, easy to erect and esthetically pleasing," according to a staff report. Also pointed out in the report is that the Soil Saver is the choice of Peel Region, which is running a similar home composting program.

## Escapee captured

The Calgary City Police Department have apprehended the man who escaped from Maplehurst Correctional Centre in Milton, Halton Regional Police say.

Between 8:15 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. April 30, Mark Andrew Johnston of Stratford, Ontario, was helped to escape the correctional centre, police say.

He was caught by Calgary police with his 17-year-old girlfriend. Police have charged her with assist in a prison break.

The two will be brought back to Halton, police say.

The Halton Regional Police sent two officers to bring the prisoners back to Halton yesterday (Tuesday) morning, police say.

Mr. Johnston made his daring twilight escape through a north-west basement window of the institute. He got out of the building by cutting a screen with wire cutters and lifting the window bars with a vehicle jack. He then escaped the institute by going through a hole cut in the perimeter fence.

The hole in the fence faced Highway 401, police say.

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