

Firecracker mischief

A 65 Pennington Crescent was the second home in several weeks to wake up with a bang between July 7 at 10 p.m. and July 8 at 7 a.m. A Supersonic Bang firecracker was placed in the home's mailbox blowing the box off the wall resulting in \$50 damage.

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Nearly \$500 damage was done after a 29-year-old Georgetown man smashed the glass of a sliding door after an argument with a female at 109 Main Street July 13 at 10:15 p.m. Police say the man was inside drinking beer before he went outside and argued with the female.

Bitten by dogs

A Georgetown man and a seven-year-old boy received several flesh wounds after two dogs, running loose near 12 Frederick St., attacked them on July 13 at 9 p.m. Police say the man was walking across the street from the 12 Frederick St. home when the dogs bit him on both legs. The boy, who was riding his bicycle by the home, was bitten on the calf by the two dogs. When the police arrived at the scene the dogs were locked in the owner's home. The investigation continues.

Hashish possession

During a routine parking lot check at Club 2000 in the early Sunday morning hours, police arrested three Brampton men who were found possessing hashish. Police observed the men standing between cars and approached the group. Half a cigarette containing tobacco and brown chunks of hashish were found in the possession of a 20-year-old Brampton man, who is scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court August 13, 1990. The other two Brampton men were released and will not appear in court.

Junk food attack

The Hornby Park concession booth at Sixth Line and Steeles Avenue, was the victim of a junk food attack Saturday evening as several persons removed \$120 worth of pop, chips and chocolate bars. Police say a group of persons entered the booth by prying off the doorknob and took numerous candy items. The culprits were apparently only interested in the food as many baseball items were left untouched. Reports indicated the ballpark, bordered by fields and trees, is frequently robbed on Saturday evenings.

Ladders stolen

Four 24-foot ladders, worth \$2,000, were stolen from the Bell Canada building at Sixth Line and Steeles Avenue between July 6 and July 9. Police say culprits removed three ladders from atop Bell vans and one ladder from the side of the Bell building. Each ladder was marked with Bell stickers on the side.

Assault charges

Police have charged a 30-year-old man with aggravated assault and assault causing bodily harm after the man arrived at his Mountainview Road home after drinking and found his common-law wife in bed with another man. Police say his 22-year-old common-law wife suffered injuries to the face and was taken to Peel Memorial Hospital. The Brampton man was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after he was dragged into a field and repeatedly punched and kicked.

Care, control charge

A 32-year-old Georgetown man was charged with being in care and control of a vehicle while intoxicated July 14 at 1 a.m. Police responded to a call that the man was slumped over the steering wheel of his 1987 blue Chevrolet Van which was running with the lights on, in his driveway. The man is scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court August 27, 1990.

No Blue Jay fan

As an 18-year-old Georgetown man was walking to his car parked near 300 Guelph St., a man approached the car, kicked in the front left signal and threatened to wrap the man's Blue Jay cap around his neck because he hated the team. The culprit is described as in his late 20's or early 30's, medium build, short dirty blonde hair and scarred face. The police do not have a suspect in the July 12, 11 p.m. incident.

Community forum

Should Peterson call an election?



Jerry Ladoucer, Georgetown: "I think he should call it right away. I think his support of Meech Lake made a lot of people (in Ontario) unhappy. It's time to find out for sure if the people supported his stand."



Lorraine Blair, Georgetown: "He should call one before September because all the issues in the news such as Sunday shopping and the Meech Lake Accord are fresh in peoples minds. So they'll know why they are voting and for whom they are voting for instead of only voting for the party they've voted for in the past."



Adrian Mills, Georgetown: "Yes. If he called it soon he'd get a good grasp of how people feel on the different issues, like Meech Lake, Sunday shopping and education underfunding."

Halton Rape Crisis Centre schedules November conference

Two experts on sexual assault will be guest speakers at a Nov. 9 Halton Rape Crisis Centre conference on understanding the effects of rape.

The centre's executive director, Beverly Lafrancois said the conference is part of a five-year strategy to educate public officials about rape in order to provide better help to sexual assault victims.

Rix Rogers, a special advisor to the Ontario Health Department, recently completed a 192-page study on sexual abuse against children and women. The report identified violence against children and women as so pervasive that it could never be eliminated but only reduced.

His report concluded that 50 per cent of women will be subjected to sexual violence at least once in their lives and that 90 per cent of the attackers are male.

Ann Marie Wickstead, executive director of the Barrie Rape Crisis Centre, has been travelling throughout Ontario speaking to police forces and police colleges to help them better understand how to deal with rape victims.

Mrs. Lafrancois is optimistic that if public officials, such as police, were more knowledgeable about the effects of rape, the victims would have more faith in the system. Only one-in-10 victims go to the police because victims fear they will be blamed for provoking the attack, she maintains.

"The victim immediately blames herself," Mrs. Lafrancois

said, adding "society says don't ever have a drink, or she was looking for it by what she was wearing. It's unfair to put the responsibility on women. Meanwhile, men are the ones that are doing it," she argued.

All members of society must be aware each rape victim may respond differently, said Mrs. Lafrancois. People expect stereotyped responses such as uncontrollable crying but often the victims are calm and keep everything inside, she insisted.

It can be frustrating for the victim to offer police any information because much of the attack may have been blocked out and the victim can't talk about it. If the victims can't offer any information it

is unlikely they will go to the police and sexual crimes will go unreported.

Most rapes are committed by acquaintances of the victim and not by an anonymous attacker in some dark alley late at night, said Mrs. Lafrancois. Many high school girls are sexually assaulted by friends or dates but will not tell anyone because they know they were not supposed to be out late at that party, she said.

According to a report released by the Ontario Women's Directorate, 68 per cent of rape victims know their attackers. It also states rapists are not mentally ill or unable to control sexual urges but attack, not for sex but as a form of violence.

Boots stolen from shoe store

Halton Regional Police and Crime Stoppers and Georgetown are requesting the public's assistance in solving the entry and theft where 6 pairs of "Doc Martin", a popular style boot, were stolen.

This entry and theft took place at Rhonda's Runner, a store situated on the east side of Mill Street in Georgetown that sells bikes, skate board equipment and shoes.

There had been two attempts at entering the store. The suspect(s) were successful on the second attempt. The first attempt took place during the early hours of Thursday, 14th of June. The suspects taped a piece of cloth over the business door window and broke the window at the door latch. The suspects were unable to gain entry at this time.

On Wednesday, 27th of June, the suspect(s) returned and taped two green garbage bags against the

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glass on the store door. The window was then broken and the suspects entered the store. The only items stolen were the boots, with a value of \$325.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call 1-800-668-5151.

P.O.W.E.R. meeting

The 8 p.m. P.O.W.E.R. general meeting on July 25 at Limehouse Hall, will show a video made by Halton Cable TV concerning the discovery of chemicals in Elmira drinking water.

The video was made from the citizens point of view. The showing will follow the business portion of the meeting.

Limehouse Hall is on the corner of the 5th Line and the 22nd Sideroad. All are invited.

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