

348-#4 Guelph Street

Georgetown, Ontario

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## Task Force established

93 Houley Road

Bolton, Ontario

Halton Regional Police in North Halton are taking pro-active policing a step further with the creation of a four officer task force.

Inspector Richard Kivell is coordinating a task force team, which is expected to be in full swing by January, will make community policing more effective.

The prime mandate of the task force members is to take a more active role in policing, whether it be conducting radar checks over an entire shift, visiting local bars throughout the night or walking neighborhood streets during the weekend.

The officers will be doing more than writing report after report, explained Insp. Kivell. It's up to the officers to recognize the needs of a particular neighborhood based on their own observations and the input of residents and even the Town of Halton Hills, he explained.

The officers will take turns, each for a month, at representing the task force in the community. Two officers are currently on the task force, however, the second pair have not yet been selected.

Insp. Kivell said the officers on the task force will also identify increasing crimes in areas using statistics and focus on those areas.

"It's not sufficient to say crime is up in town," he said. Insp. Kivell maintains that pro-active policing involves examining crime reports and anticipating when culprits will strike again.

The police community consultation committees will also participate in setting the agenda of the task force so that committee members can provide insight into neighborhood problems. There's nothing wrong with trying new mothods, insists, Insp. Kivell. It doesn't matter if police have been using the same method for 20 years, he said. "If there's another way to do something then let's try

With the exception of busy summer hours, there is really no reason why officers cannot complete community policing duties on their shift, insisted Insp. Kivell.

Members of the pro-active task force shouldn't be called away from neighborhood stop, lock, walk and talk duty, he said. He understands why officers complain they never have the time to walk the neighborhoods but argues "they can find the time to do it if they look for it."

#### Train fatality

A 38-year-old Acton man was killed Thursday at 2 a.m. near the Guelph and Rockwood border after being struck by a freight train.

Guelph Ontario Provincial Police say Richard Gordon was walking on train tracks in the foggy early morning hours when he was struck by a westbound CNR train.

Guelph OPP are investigating the circumstances prior to the accident.

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# Norval business gutted

It is estimated that \$130,000 in damage was done after flames engulfed the interior of Brampton Collision Limited on Highway 7 in Norval Sunday at approximately 1:30 p.m. Halton Regional Police who were on the scene said proprietor Dean Reid said he heard an explosion after activating an electric compressor and immediately notified the

Halton Hills Fire Department. Firemen brought the blaze under control, but not before flames gutted the body shop. Official fire reports indicated the fire started by a welder's torch which was being used to fix a compound filter. No injuries were suffered. (Photo by Andrew Shone)

# Woolco to play major role in market place expansion

By BEN DUMMETT the Herald

Construction on the expansion of the Georgetown Market Place that would see the shopping plaza double in size and include a Woolco department store is expected to begin in the spring or summer of 1991, confirmed Cliff Levy, a vicepresident with the shopping plaza's owner, ICI Shopping Centres.

"We expect to put the shovel in the ground this spring or summer," said Mr. Levy.

The proposed expansion calls for

## Contract concluded

The Board of Commissioners of Police has concluded their contract with Peat Marwick Stevenson Kellogg. The portion of their contract that was assigned to Peat Marwick was completed at a cost of \$60,426,48.

The change from an outside supplier to an in-house staff will allow the Commission to have more con- trol over the completion of the final phases of the Management Study. Peat Marwick's contribution will assist materially in the final phases.

The Management Study will be completed within the originally allotted budget, with the majority of the work completed by December 31, 1990.

the entire plaza including Zellers and Loblaws to be enclosed and the plaza complex to be enlarged from its current size of approximately 140,000 square feet to approximate. ly 282,000 square feet, according to the company's plan submitted to the town's planning department.

Mr. Levy said a market impact study done by his company shows that Halton Hills is more than able to support the new stores.

"We're doubling in size in anticipation of Halton Hills doubling in size," he said.

The Woolco department store would be located in back of the plaza, and would measure 80,0000 square feet. There would be another 37,000 square feet of commercial retail units and 33,000 square feet of mall floor space.

Woolco spokesperson Eleanor Junkett, confirmed Tuesday the department store's plans to move . into the expanded Georgetown plaza but would make no further comment on the department store plans by press time.

Mayor Russ Miller predicted Halton Hills residents would welcome the expansion and enclosure of the plaza.

"I can't imagine why any of the townspeople wouldn't be estatic to get a closed in shopping mall," said the mayor. The people in Georgetown and Acton have always supported the idea of the shopping area being transformed into an indoor plaza so they wouldn't have to drive out of town to shop indoors, he said.

The mayor predicted the new plaza would increase the business of other town retail stores. The more people stay in town to shop, the more all businesses benefit, said the mayor.

Town Senior Planner Andrew Colley said that the expansion can only take place once the town's Site Plan Committee gives approval. The application will more than likely only need site plan approval instead of council approval because the area is zoned to permit the expansion, he explained. Site Plan Committee will ensure the particulars of the commercial

development application are satisfactory to the town.

Mr. Colley did say however, the Site Plan Committee could request that council make the final decision on the proposal.

From a planning perspective, said Mr. Coley, it's likely the expansion will be approved.

The planning staff will submit the application to the Site Plan Committee later this year, said Mr. Colley, once the planning staff has reviewed comments made by outside agencies and the town's internal departments concerning the proposal.

# Ediconical and TOT HORIGIAY CARE

With the number of road deaths down this year, the Ontario Provincial Police is hoping that Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend fatality statistics will be lower than last year.

Insp. Bill Wicklund says: "We've established a good record during the first nine months of this year." noting that the 563 vehicle and pedestrian deaths investigated by the OPP are down 8.8 per cent from the same period of last year.

Most road deaths in Ontario occur as week's end (on Friday and Saturday) and holiday weekends often result in a higher death rate. During Thanksgiving weekend

Thanksgiving weekend. Failure to wear seatbelts continues to be a contributing factor. Persons killed in 113 of the 380 fatal vehicle accidents recorded so far in 1990, were not buckled up.

last year, 11 people were killed in

accidents investigated by the OPP,

the same number as in 1987. In

1988. 10 people were killed

"October is Buckle Up Ontario Month and we'd like more people to join those of us who do comply with the law, even on short, local trips," Wicklund says. "It's for their own safety to wear their seatbelts, obey the speed limit and not drink and drive," he says.