

## Police Deal

### Narcotics possession

Police arrested a 31-year-old Milton man for intoxication on Sept. 29 at 3 a.m. and transported him to the police station in Georgetown where the man produced a bag of suspected marijuana from his pant's pocket. The man was charged with possession of narcotics and is to appear in Milton Provincial Court on Dec. 10, 1990.

### Thirsty culprit

Between Sept. 27 and 28, unknown persons entered through a window into a driveway shed on a property of Lot 30 and Concession 2. Once inside, they drank six Molson Dry beers, leaving the empty bottles by a fridge. They also removed half-a-dozen beer and about 10 cans of pop. During the same period of time, a break-in occurred at a neighboring residence, however, nothing was reported stolen. Entry was gained into a farm equipment shed by cutting a padlock.

### Gas bar theft

Approximately \$85 in cash was stolen from the Co-op Gas Bar on Guelph Street between Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. the next morning. Two windows of the gas booth received \$160 damage. Police say the gas attendant closed the station early as he was feeling ill. Windows were found smashed in the morning and \$70 in cash and \$15 in coins were missing.

### Gas bar entered

The only item stolen during a

theft from Cango Gas Bar at Sideroad 10 and Trafalgar Road was a litre of motor oil between Sept. 29 at 10 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 6:30 a.m. However, a large window was broken causing \$152 in damages.

### Television stolen

A \$700 Mitsubishi television was stolen from Terra Cotta Conservation between Sept. 29 at 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. the next morning. Police say the television was removed after unknown persons used a prying tool to force open a metal shield protecting a window. They removed the television and exited through a west door.

### Cigarettes pilfered

About \$377 worth of cigarettes were stolen from a variety store at 45 Main St. North Sept. 29 at 11:30 p.m. Police say the culprits smashed a window to gain entry into the store and removed 13 cartons of cigarettes and did \$376 damage to store windows. The owner reported to police that a suspicious person was observed loitering outside the store. The person was described as male, white, 5'11", 135 lbs. wearing dark pants and T-shirt.

### Home ransacked

A home near Sideroad 17 and Trafalgar Road was ransacked between Sept. 27 at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and jewelry, money and curtains were taken. Police say the culprits entered the home through a rear sliding door and proceeded to ransack the living room, kitchen and bedrooms. Jewelry, a set of new bathroom curtains were stolen. A briefcase was also broken into using a butterknife.

## Region Museum hosts free family event

On Thanksgiving Monday, October 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Halton Region Museum hosts a free family event exploring the long history of Halton's limestone industry. For over a century and a half, from the earlier days of sledge hammers and set kilns to multi-ton Euclid trucks and cone crushers, the Niagara Escarpment has served as a source of limestone, a raw material critical for the construction industry.

From 1 to 2 p.m., the line-up of guest speakers includes John McDonald, local historian and author of Halton Sketches, Rob Cook, Executive Director of the Aggregate Producers of Ontario and Murray Stephen, General Manager of the Halton Region Con-

servation Authority. Their presentations, accompanied by slides, will examine the history, technology an environmental issues surrounding Halton's limestone industry.

Following the presentations, there will be a guided one hour hike to explore the century-old Christie Lime Kilns and quarry and the remnants of the Robertson Kilns set among the autumn colours of the Niagara Escarpment immediately adjacent to the Museum. Suitable hiking footwear is advised.

The Museum is located 5 kms west of Milton on Regional Road 28 in Kelson Conservation Area. Refreshments will be provided. Ample parking is available at the Museum.

## Community Forum

### Were the Mohawks treated fairly?



Peter Carson, Weston: "No, I don't feel they were treated fairly. But I also feel the Mohawks used the wrong tactics."



Ro Palumbo-Coates, Georgetown: "No, they weren't treated fairly. Native people in general in this country are owed big-time!"



David LeBlanc, Brampton: "No, they weren't treated fairly. An agreement should have been reached before the Canadian Army was sent in."

## Vandalism shocks committee

"Amazed" and "flabbergasted" were some of the words used by members of the Halton Hills General Committee Monday in reaction to learning that vandalism to town property has totalled in the thousands of dollars in repair costs and manpower over the past three months.

The town's Department of Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shepard told the committee, which is comprised of the town councillors, that more than 40 incidents of vandalism to town property have been recorded since about the beginning of July. To which Mayor Russ Miller said "I'm amazed to learn the amount of money vandalism is costing the town." The mayor estimated the total cost will approach somewhere close to \$100,000 when the costs in man-hours for repairs is included.

Some of the more expensive acts of vandalism includes \$600 damage to a batting cage at the Georgetown Fairgrounds; \$750 damage to the Cedarvale Park lighting system; and \$3,000 damage to a pay phone located at the Georgetown Fairgrounds, said Mr. Shepard.

According to Mr. Shepard the incidents of vandalism aren't concentrated in one area, instead it is happening throughout Halton Hills.

Incidents of vandalism have been reported in Glen Williams,

Georgetown, Acton, Norval and Hornby, said Mr. Shepard.

The Mayor said "the town must impress upon the public the seriousness of the problem and encourage people to contact the police if they see anything," in order to solve the problem.

Coun. Al Cook was incredulous upon learning that people had actually been stealing the pennies from the bottom of the reflecting pool outside the town Civic Centre.

When asked if the police have responded to the town's reports of vandalism, Mr. Shepard suggested they haven't responded as much as may have been expected.

Mr. Shepard said he expects to meet with the police later this week to discuss this issue and what the town can do to deter vandalism in the area.

Councillors seemed to agree that town residents are responsible for most of the acts of vandalism. It's not caused by outsiders, said Acton Coun. Rick Bonnette.

Coun. Bonnette said the town's bylaw offering residents up to a

\$500 reward for providing information that leads to the conviction of a vandal should be better publicized to encourage the public to help solve the problem. He also suggested police should be stricter in their enforcement of the town's bylaw outlawing people from being in the town's parks after 11 p.m.

"Nobody to my knowledge has been charged under this bylaw," answered Mr. Shepard in response to questions about the enforcement of the bylaws by Coun. Bonnette.

Acton Coun. Gerald Rennie asked Mr. Shepard if the incidents have been caused by individuals or gangs.

Mr. Shepard explained individuals, rather than mobs roaming the town, was responsible for the vandalism incidents. "I can't see a pattern, it's not happening in one place," added Mr. Shepard.

As a result of Mr. Shepard's findings the committee directed Mr. Shepard to inform it every three months about new incidents of vandalism.

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