

Police Beat

Dirty dancing

Halton Regional Police report an 18-year-old Georgetown man was treated for injuries to the neck and nose at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning after being assaulted at a Hwy. 7 night club. The man was dancing on the dance floor when he bumped into somebody. That person turned around and reportedly punched the victim in the nose. The victim then went to the washroom to clean up. After leaving the washroom, police say the victim grabbed the man who punched him. At this time an employee of the club grabbed the victim and injured the person's neck. Police report an investigation is ongoing.

Cigarette heist

Someone broke into a gas station located at Maple Avenue and Trafalgar Road in Georgetown overnight Saturday and stole approximately \$1,500 worth of various brands of cigarettes, police say. The culprit(s) smashed the front door window to enter the building. Police say an investigation continues.

8th Line break-in

Police report someone stole \$500 worth of cash, and equipment after breaking into and ransacking an Eighth Line welding shop in Halton Hills overnight Saturday. An investigation is ongoing.

Mischief charge

Police have laid a mischief charge against the ex-boyfriend of a Mill Street resident in Georgetown who reportedly smashed the woman's front door window last Saturday. A Jan. 28 court date has been scheduled in connection with the incident. The 23-year-old man is also from Georgetown.

Van damaged

Someone damaged the lock and driver's side window of a 1979 GMC Van parked outside a John Street residence overnight last Thursday and stole tools, a fishing rod and a tackle box worth a total value of \$590, police report. An investigation is ongoing.

Youths charged

Two Acton youths have each been charged with two counts of theft over \$1,000 and one count of theft under \$1,000 in connection with the police recovery of three snowmobiles, Sunday.

Police say three Acton residents reported their snowmobiles had been stolen overnight Saturday and as part of the investigation police searched the area of the First Line in Acton near the Blue Springs Golf Course. During the investigation police saw two male young offenders walk out of the bush in the area. The youths are aged 15 and 16 years of age. Police say the recovered property totalled \$10,000.

The 16-year-old youth was released while the 15-year-old youth is scheduled to appear at an upcoming bail hearing. No trial date has been set. Police also laid a charge of breaking probation in connection with the incident.

Public intoxication

Police laid a charge of being intoxicated in a public place following a dispute between two Georgetown men outside a Raylawn Crescent house in Georgetown early Sunday morning. After breaking up the dispute police laid a charge of obstructing police when one of the men tried to enter the police cruiser on the scene. One male was 25-years-old and the other was 24-years-old. The 24-year-old male will appear in Milton court Jan. 7 in connection with the incident.

Minor injuries

A 39-year-old Georgetown man was treated for minor injuries at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after being hit by a 1988 Nissan at Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue in Georgetown Saturday afternoon, police say. The Nissan, driven by a 56-year-old Georgetown man was travelling northbound on Trafalgar Road when the 39-year-old male ran out across the road from behind the southbound traffic and was hit.

Out of control

Police laid a charge of failing to stay in the proper lane following a single car collision on Sideroad 5 east of the Fourth Line in Halton Hills Sunday. A 1989 Nissan, driven by a 19-year-old Georgetown man, travelling eastbound on Sideroad 5, went out of control striking a fence post and then rolling over on to its side. The Nissan was severely damaged, police say.

Vehicle rolled

Police report a 1987 Nissan driven by an 18-year-old Georgetown female, travelling southbound on Rexway drive at Chipper Court in Georgetown, Sunday afternoon, when out of control leaving the road and then striking a snowbank. The car then rolled over and came to an upright position, and then hit another snowbank. The car was severely damaged. Police say a charge of failing to stay in the proper lane was laid in connection with the incident.

Window smashed

Police report someone smashed the front door window of a Main Street North Pizzeria in Georgetown overnight Monday and stole over \$200 in cash. The culprit(s) also caused \$200 damage to the front door window. An investigation is ongoing.

Pellet gun damage

Someone armed with a pellet gun shot the window and door of an Armstrong Avenue molding company 20 times causing \$350 in damage sometime between Sunday and Monday, police say. There are no suspects at this time.

Community Forum

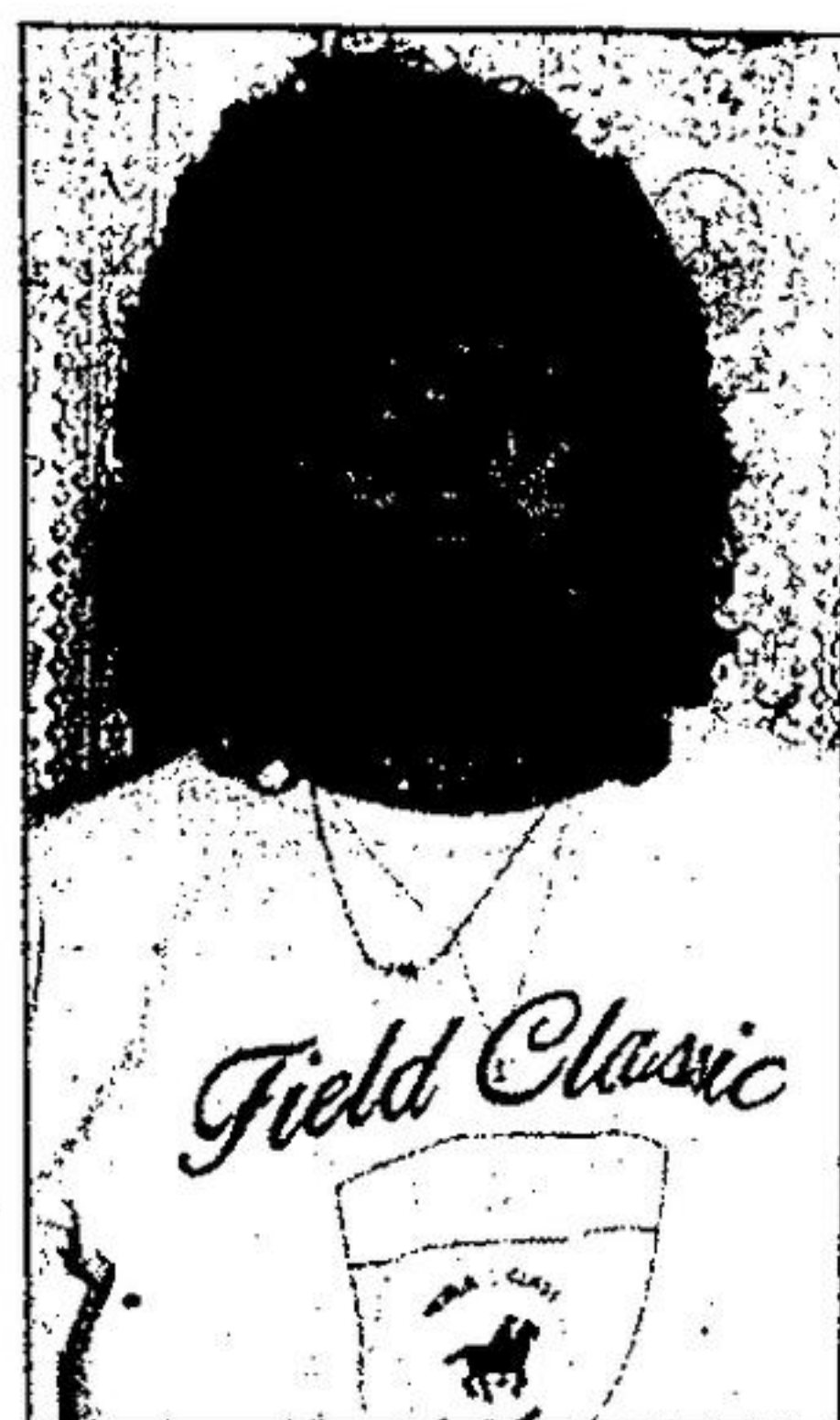
The best things of Christmas



Lou Darcie, Georgetown: "I like the gift of giving to the community and family."



Gloria Sinclair, Georgetown: "I like the church services and getting together with family and friends."



Janet Fournier, Georgetown: "I like spending time with my family and the shopping."

Boyes record described as "deplorable"

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has made so far in overcoming her injuries.

"Harmony has been making progress that has been beyond anyone's wildest dreams," said Ms. Jago. She has her speech back and now walks with the aid of a cane, noted the Crown Attorney.

Harmony expects to return to her Grade 11 studies at the Georgetown District High School this February.

Mr. Boyes pleaded guilty to two counts of careless driving causing death and one count of careless driving causing bodily harm. Aside from receiving five years in connection with these charges, Mr. Boyes also must serve 18 months in connection with the theft of the Mustang he was driving May 26.

Defense lawyer Ed Scofield asked Milton Court Judge Chris Speyer, Mr. Boyes receive three years, while Ms. Jago argued for six to eight years.

Mr. Scofield asked for the three year sentence, arguing when Mr. Boyes started drinking, to what finally amounted to "probably" 12 beers around 9 or 10 p.m. May 25 at his house, he had no intention of driving that night. The defense lawyer said a friend of Mr. Boyes gave the 21-year-old the tranquilizers at about 3 in the morning.

Mr. Boyes has no recollection of stealing the car or the accident, said Mr. Scofield. He was like a zombie driving the car, he said.

Evidence submitted to the court included a statement from a witness who saw Mr. Boyes' head "bobbing up and down" as he drove at speeds of up to 80 miles an hour just before the accident.

Mr. Scofield also said, contrary to press reports, Mr. Boyes was remorseful about the incident. "One thing that motivated the guilty plea was to not put the girl (Harmony) through a trial. I say he does have remorse," continued Mr. Scofield.

These circumstances, Mr. Scofield told the judge, should be mitigating factors in the sentencing. The maximum sentence ever handed down in connection with a charge of careless driving causing death in Canada is six years.

Ms. Jago countered by saying Mr. Boyes has been involved with the law since he was 15-years-old. She recounted how Mr. Boyes had only been out of a reformatory two months before the incident. Before that, Jago told the court, he had been sentenced by a Toronto Youth Court three years ago to 18 months for stealing a car, dangerous driving and

failure to remain at the scene of an accident. During this incident six police officers were injured and over \$45,000 in damage was caused to several police cruisers, noted Ms. Jago.

In asking for a six to eight year sentence, Ms. Jago noted his police record is "horrendous" adding that Mr. Boyes voluntarily took alcohol and drugs and therefore they cannot be viewed as mitigating factors at arriving at a suitable sentence.

Before handing down his decision, Judge Speyer recognized Mr. Boyes' record as deplorable. He then went on to say there is nothing the court can do to undo the tragedy that has occurred.

Upon arriving at his sentence, Judge Speyer emphasized general deterrence is the predominant factor. "People shouldn't have to live in fear of meeting a drunk driver," he said.

Fire Calls

Arson suspected

Arson is suspected as the cause of a fire that broke out at a vacant house on John Street in Georgetown Sunday morning and caused approximately \$25,000 damage, according to a Halton Hills Fire Department spokesperson.

The Provincial Fire Marshall's Office has been called in to carry out an investigation, said the spokesperson.

Medical assist call

Halton Hills Firefighters responded to a medical alert call Friday night at a Stevens Crescent house in Georgetown. The firefighters attended to a 69-year-old Georgetown man, who was experiencing breathing problems, until an ambulance arrived, said a department spokesperson.

Volunteer needed

Would you like to help a Georgetown single mother trying to cope with many stresses in her life? If you could look after her two daughters - both school age - for about 3 hours once a week while the mother enjoys some time alone, your help would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer for this, contact Corrie Galloway at 878-2375.



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