

House vandalized

Halton Regional police say sometime during the morning hours on Dec. 25 to 30, somebody smashed a front window in a Victoria Street house in Acton. Area youths are suspected and the owner of the house revealed he's been plagued by petty acts of vandalism lately and reported to police he feels area youths have targeted his house for some unknown reason. Police have alerted area patrols to the situation.

Bank window smashed

Police report another window was smashed at the Bank of Montreal in Acton on December 29 around 1:00 a.m. A witness noticed a suspect banging on the windows who appeared to be in an intoxicated state. The witness later heard the sound of breaking glass. By the time police arrived, the suspect was gone. Damage is estimated at \$400.

Coin machine damaged

A coin machine located at a Halton Hills car wash in Georgetown was damaged overnight on Dec. 28, police report. All four edges of the stainless door on the machine were scratched but no entry was gained or money removed. Police have no suspects or witnesses and no prints were obtained from the door's surface.

Escape attempt foiled

Police say on Dec. 26, two inmates went missing from Maplehurst Correctional Centre in Milton between 9:30 and 11:00 p.m. Centre staff conducted a thorough search of the centre but the two men, from Orillia and K. Swick, couldn't be found. Police were called in and conducted a search. No signs of the inmates or any attempts to break out were found. Some members of the correctional staff told police they suspected the inmates could be hiding somewhere in the facility's ventilation system. A police alert was issued but called off on Dec. 27 when the inmates were located in the facility. Police say the inmates, with help from other inmates, had removed an 18 inch metal plate above the toilet and crawled inside the space behind it which led to the ventilation system. The metal plate is secured to the wall with

screws and these screws were in place when inmates asked for help. Due to the narrowing of the vent, the escapees were not able to get very far. Both men were serving sentences for numerous property-related crimes and could not expect release until late 1991.

Lost control

Icy conditions caused a Georgetown man to lose control of his 1979 Chevrolet and demolish the vehicle, police say. The single vehicle accident took place on Dec. 23 at 6:30 p.m. when a 17-year-old male was travelling westbound on 10 Sideroad near 6th Line and attempted to brake prior to reaching an intersection. But he lost control and slid across the lane, landing sideways in the ditch before the car righted itself. No injuries were sustained.

Two-car collision

Two vehicles were severely damaged, police say, after a two-car collision at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 21. An 18-year-old Bradford woman driving a 1985 Honda was travelling west on 22 Sideroad west of 10th Line when she lost control on the ice, entered the other lane, and struck a Glen Williams woman driving a 1985 Chevrolet. The 52-year-old Glen Williams woman had stopped in her lane because her car wouldn't climb the icy hill. She was prepared to reverse when her vehicle was struck. Neither driver was injured.

Major injuries

Police say a 21-year-old London man sustained major injuries and demolished his car after he lost control on an icy patch. The man, driving a 1983 Chevrolet was eastbound on 32 Sideroad west of 4th Line when he struck an icy patch, slid approximately 15 metres and went off the road into the ditch, striking one tree and continuing to smash into another tree. The incident occurred at 12:30 p.m.

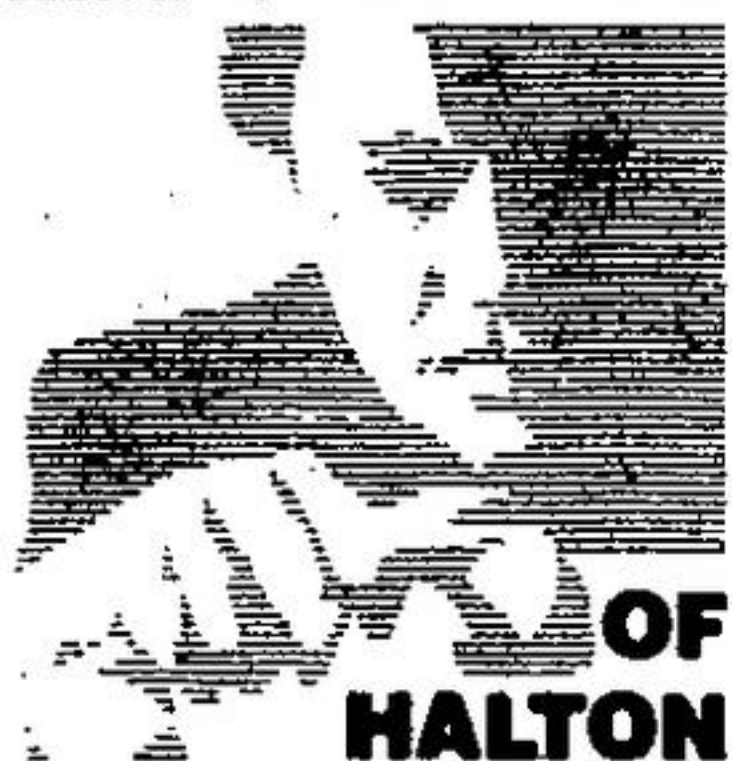
Two-car crash

A two-car collision on Fallbrook Trail west of Ninth Line caused severe damage to a 1985 Mazda, police say. On Dec. 24, at 12:50, a 78-year-old Toronto man driving a 1989 Oldsmobile was westbound on Fallbrook Trail in the oncoming lane approaching the crest of a hill. The driver of the Mazda, a Georgetown man, struck the car at the top of the hill. The Oldsmobile was only moderately damaged and no major injuries were sustained. A passenger in the Oldsmobile received minor injuries.

watch with a diamond at 6 o'clock. Women's silver watch with a link chain and mother of pearl face. Ladies white and black double breasted suit jacket.

A picture called "sand-cape" in oak frame. Red/white kitchen clock. JVC VCR remote control. Cobra answering machine. 14 kt gold men's chain link bracelet. Three star ruby and diamond earrings. 2 boxed chain bracelets with charms.

CRIME STOPPERS



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Halton Regional Police Investigators and Crime Stoppers in Oakville, are requesting the public's help in identifying the persons responsible for damage and theft from an Oakville home.

On Saturday, 1st December, the owners of a home on Weybourne Rd. went out for the evening, leaving a 16-year-old relative in charge of the residence.

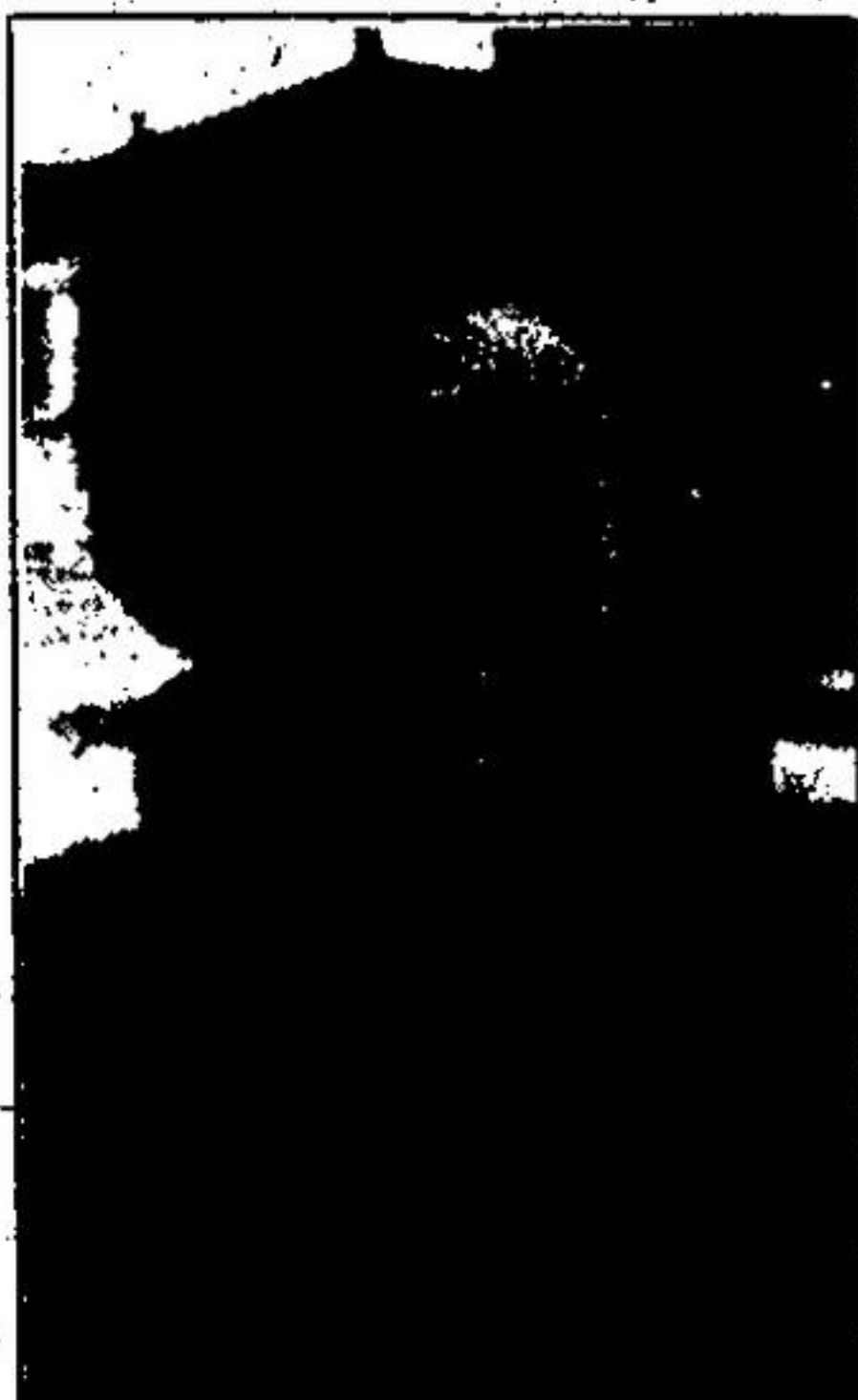
During the absence of the owners, the 16-year-old entertained some friends and the party eventually grew out of hand as close to 100 uninvited teenagers showed up.

When the home owners returned shortly after midnight, they found their home had sustained \$10,000 damage to walls, carpets and furnishings and \$15,000 worth of property had been stolen.

To date a number of items have been recovered by the Police but still outstanding are:

Black and gold, women's Gucci

Community Forum Predictions for 1991



Vera Norton - "There could be another war where a lot of lives will be lost for nothing. I also hope that Brian Mulroney will no longer be in office."



Paul Major - "I think there will be a war in the Middle East and a lot of people will be killed. I think the United Nations will win but it will be a bloody war."



Betty Tooby - "I think things will improve in the new year. A recession is a normal part of the economy and people shouldn't be too pessimistic about it. There will be an upward trend in the economy."

Controversy swirls around complex

Georgetown Royal Ascot Apartment complex on Hall Road remains shrouded in controversy.

Halton Hills Building Department issued a stop work order on the construction of the apartment's recreation centre Dec. 13 and it will remain in place until probably the end of this week, said Town Building Inspector John Holmes Friday who was speaking on behalf of Building Director Ron Shettell.

The stop work order was issued because there was no engineer or architect supervising the project, said Mr. Holmes. As well, the town has yet to receive the necessary engineering documentation concerning the project, he added.

An engineer has been hired, said Mr. Holmes, but the necessary paperwork probably won't be submitted to the town until sometime after today (Wednesday).

It was only on Dec. 19 after two weeks of frantic negotiations between the town, Toronto's Prenor Trust (a trust company involved with the apartment complex), Sam Diamond, the apartment's Receiver-Manager and the Toronto-based Northern Elevator Service Limited, that the elevator company restarted the apartment's elevator.

The elevator company removed the chip controlling the elevator because it was owed \$80,000 by the builder of the apartment, Toronto's Granville Construction, for originally installing the elevator.

The Recreation Centre has been under construction for the past year-and-a-half, said Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Diamond couldn't be reached at press time to answer questions concerning why construction has been proceeding for more than a year-and-a-half without the required supervision. Mr. Holmes explained a architect or engineer is required to be on site during construction.

Meanwhile, a town stop work order has been placed on the con-

struction of a commercial plaza at the corner of Guelph Street and Armstrong Avenue, said Mr. Holmes.

Again, the town is waiting for the necessary documentation from the developer before allowing construction to proceed, he explained. Mr. Holmes expects the paper work to be submitted to the Town sometime today (Wednesday).

The plaza is to house mechanic service bays and a donut shop, said Mr. Holmes.

Minister warns of winter hazards

Ontario Transportation Minister Ed Philip reminds drivers to keep the memories alive for years to come by practicing safe driving during this holiday season.

"During the holidays, we gather with family and friends to share this festive season, reflect on the many things for which we are grateful and take a few moments to contemplate our future," says Phillip. "Too often this seasonal good cheer is marred by needless tragedies on our highways."

The rate of reportable motor vehicle accidents increases during the winter months. Most recent ministry statistics show approximately 35 per cent of accidents occur from November to February.

While the fatality rate tends to decrease, this is the worst period

for property damage accidents, with road and weather conditions contributing factors. Approximately one-third occur on wet, slushy, snow covered and icy roads.

A few common sense rules can make the difference. Slow down ... don't rush - leave enough time to get ready, don't make it up on the road.

As always drive defensively, avoid abrupt acceleration, braking or lane changes that may cause you to skid or lose control of your car. Look well ahead for changes in traffic and increase the distance between you and the car ahead.

With shorter days, longer nights, and the likelihood of unexpected changes in the weather, turn on your headlights so you can see and be seen day and night.

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