

POLICE BEAT



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Car stereo stolen

Police report a \$100 Alpine car stereo was stolen from a Georgetown man's 1983 Chevrolet between 3:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. last Thursday. The vehicle was parked on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown and when the owner returned, he found his stereo missing.

\$100 damage

Police were told youths may have caused \$100 worth of damage to a telephone junction box owned by Bell Canada on Main Street last Friday in Georgetown. The investigating officer suggested that police patrol the area more frequently.

Car vandalized

Two plastic magnetic signs were ripped off a car parked at Bellamy's between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Jan. 9, police say. Unknown suspects removed the sign reading "The Epicurian Delight, Georgetown Catering," from a 1985 Plymouth. The signs are worth about \$360.

Severe damage

Police say an accident at Guelph Street and Maple Avenue on Jan. 11 caused severe damage to a 1982 Volkswagen. The incident occurred when a 19-year-old

Georgetown man, driving a 1988 Oldsmobile was turning north onto Maple Avenue at approximately 10 kilometres per hour when he struck the Volkswagen, driven by a 28-year-old Georgetown man, travelling at 50 kilometres per hour. No one was injured and the Oldsmobile was moderately damaged, police say.

Cars collide

Two vehicles were severely damaged, police say, when they collided at Guelph Street on Jan. 11. A 19-year-old Georgetown man driving a 1990 Ford was southbound on Guelph and then crossed in front of a 1986 Chevrolet driven by an Acton man. The Chevrolet skidded and then smashed into the passenger door of the Ford. No injuries were sustained say police.

Guelph St. crash

Police report a car accident on Guelph Street at Mill Street on Jan. 10 caused severe damage to a 1983 Pontiac owned by a 27-year-old Georgetown man. The Pontiac was hit after a 1982 Chevrolet, driven by a 40-year-old Georgetown man, went through a red light, striking the Pontiac which was proceeding northbound on Mill St. on a green light. The Chevrolet received only light damage.

Fire calls

Passengers rescued

The Halton Hills Fire Department was called out to rescue two passengers from a Ford vehicle that was involved in an accident on Guelph Street at 10:56 last Friday. The passengers were removed from the back seat and there were no serious injuries, said a department spokesperson. Further details on the accident weren't available from the Fire Department or Halton Regional Police at press time.

Alarm activated

On Jan. 13, firefighters were called out at 11:53 p.m. when an alarm was activated at Homesway Place in Acton. The alarm was reset and the only problem firefighters could find at the scene was a leaky water pipe in the mechanical room.

Burglary spree in Acton

Halton Regional Police suspect the same culprits burglarized three businesses on Queen St. in Acton overnight Dec. 8.

Police say the spree may have started in Williams and Associates firm where unknown culprits entered by breaking through a ceiling tile. While in the offices, they removed an answering machine and proceeded to break the lock and frame of the door leading to the manager's office. There, receipts were ransacked and a cash box was checked and thrown across the room.

Police say the culprits may have then stood on a corner chair and crawled up into the ceiling again.

The same night, ceiling tiles in the hallway near VECTOR Marketing Canada were broken. Culprits broke the front door lock

to the business causing \$300 to \$400 damage inside. Police say nothing appeared to be stolen and the most damage occurred when the culprits broke through drywall on the east wall to enter the Glenlea Hair Salon.

Here, the rear stock was ransacked and the cash register change drawer removed and thrown. As well, the suspects ransacked a filing cabinet, taking nothing. Police say an envelope containing \$100 cash was removed from under the cash register and four boxes of nail polish, a pack of cigarettes and lighter were also taken.

A brown glove found at the scene was seized by police for evidence. Investigators also believe the burglars must be slight to fit through the hole in the drywall and the space above the ceiling tiles.

Community Forum

Is war in the Persian Gulf justified?



Les Batten, Georgetown: "I'm split in my opinion. I'm worried about two things. If we don't go to war now he (Saddam Hussein) could cause a lot of problems in the future. But if we go to war there is the possibility of senseless death. I'm leaning towards accepting the war and hoping we make the right decision."



Sherry Sharpe, Georgetown: "Yes, because we can't let ourselves be bullied. It would encourage him (Saddam Hussein) to do worse things like take over other countries similar to the way Adolf Hitler acted."



Alfred Vieyra, Georgetown: "No. Personally I think the United States wanting to go to war is a political decision over the price of oil. It has nothing to do with democracy or freedom."

Budget cuts will impact on Halton's less fortunate

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

Proposed cuts to Halton's Health and Social Services 1991 budget would appear to have the greatest impact on Halton's less fortunate.

Halton's Social Services Commissioner Bonnie Ewart said Friday cuts pertain to child care services and programs aimed at low income earners and the elderly.

Just over \$100,000 is slated for elimination from the Health and Services budget which originally called for \$6.8 million to be spent in 1991. That figure represents a 16 per cent increase over the department's 1991 budget, she said. Approximately 50 per cent of the increase is attributed to the General Welfare Assistance program - a program the province requires all regions to operate.

Council's direction to keep department budget increases low this year, explained Ms. Ewart, means her department like all departments, isn't trying to expand programs. "We're only attempting to maintain what we've got," she said.

The commissioner points out she didn't even include the required 150 subsidized child care spaces which are needed for 1991.

According to a Regional 10 year child care space forecast, population growth in Halton means the Region will need 150 subsidized child care spaces more than the existing 1,275, said Ms. Ewart. The current waiting list for this type of day care is 600, the highest its ever been.

The waiting list has doubled

over the last two years. Before 1989 the waiting list usually hovered around the 300 mark, she said.

Asked if the waiting list could grow larger given the economic slowdown, Ms. Ewart said it could but it could also stay the same.

"The terrific list" may discourage people from applying

for day care, she suggested.

Also in the area of child care, cuts included \$14,000 for research and public relations work for child care services and \$13,500 to the region's child care prevention counselling program. The program involves counselling parents who are having trouble raising their children, explained

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