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Young offenders arrested

Halton Regional Police report two young offenders were arrested for theft under \$1,000 and possession of stolen property after two hubcaps were stolen off a parked vehicle at Guelph Street on Jan. 29. Police were called after a person saw two youths remove the hubcaps, and police were able to locate the suspects by the witness's description. At the residence, the stolen goods were recovered and both suspects taken to 11 Division where they admitted the theft on video. Consequently, the suspects were arrested, lodged in cells and their parents notified, police say. Suspect one is from Glen Williams, the other lives in Brampton and both are 16-years-of-age.

Severe damage

Two vehicles were severely damaged after a car accident involving three vehicles occurred on Jan. 23, police say. It began when a Georgetown woman, driving a 1984 Honda was struck in the rear by a 1987 Ford driven by a Brampton man. The Ford slid off the centre of the road and entered the northbound lane. Then, the third vehicle, a 1987 Mazda, driven by a Georgetown woman, came down the road and swerved to the east attempting to avoid the Ford but ended up colliding with the car leaving the road. Police say poor visibility was the cause of the accident and no charges were laid. The Mazda

was severely damaged and a passenger in the car, along with the driver, received minor injuries. Passengers in the other vehicles were not injured.

Car demolished

Police report a 1988 Chevrolet was demolished in a two vehicle accident on Jan. 28 on Churchill Avenue in Acton. Police say the Chev was northbound on Churchill when the driver lost control and struck a 1979 Ford which was parked in the east shoulder. The Ford was severely damaged.

Lost control

Police say a 1985 Dodge was severely damaged after it crashed into a traffic signal pole at Trafalgar Road and Steeles Avenue on Jan. 25. The Dodge was driven by a Milton man who was travelling east along Steeles and applied the brakes in order to avoid hitting a slow vehicle in front of him. Police say he also turned his vehicle to the right, lost control and collided with the pole in the centre of Trafalgar. The driver and a passenger in the car received minimal injuries.

Vehicles entered

Police report five vehicles were broken into overnight on Jan. 28 on Jocelyn Crescent and Cleaveland Drive in Georgetown. In three vehicles, a 1987 GMC, a 1985 and 1984 Chev and a 1982 Oldsmobile there was no damage done and no property taken. But unknown culprits also broke into a 1988 Ford and stole \$15 in American currency. Police have no suspects.

Acton residents support Canadian Gulf effort

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

It would appear Acton residents don't share the views of those in Burlington over Canada's involvement in the Persian Gulf War.

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner told those attending a Town Hall meeting at Trinity United Church in Acton Wednesday he encountered a lot of opposition to Canada's participation in the war during a similar meeting in Burlington the previous night.

The MP, however, received the opposite reaction from the sparse crowd attending Wednesday's gathering.

Audience member Ian McCallum reflected the views of others saying "he almost cried when he first heard about the outbreak of war "but if it hadn't happened when it did, it was only a matter of time before Saddam Hussein 'carved up' the Middle East."

To prove his point, Mr. McCallum compared Canada's population of 25 million and its relatively small army to Iraq's population of 18 million and an army that is comparable to that of Hitler's in full flight. "He's a war minger," he said.

Audience member Bill Drake stated he thought Canada should be more committed to the war effort.

"I feel embarrassed to be a Canadian when we are just mamby-pambying around compared to the French, British and Americans. I believe when you start a job you do it to get it done," he said.

Mr. Turner countered by explaining the French, British and Americans have larger armed forces and therefore can commit more resources to the war effort. He went on to say Canada has contributed what has been asked of it and the MP predicted "we will do more if asked, that's what Minister of External Affairs Joe Clark is saying."

Mr. Turner reiterated his support for Canada's involvement in the war, stating, "If we expect to enjoy the advantages of being a member of the United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) then we have to be able to pay the price."

Those in Burlington opposing Canadian involvement in the war did so for either religious or political reasons or because they oppose the idea of war, said Mr. Turner.

Although supportive of the war effort, one audience member suggested some of the countries in the United Nations coalition should partly be blamed for the war.

Pointing to such countries as Germany, France and the United States, John Forsen said these countries contributed to the size of Hussein's war machine by exporting arms to the country.

He also said the United States was "hypocritical" to oppose Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and yet support Israel's occupation of Palestine. "It's just hypocritical," he added.

Mr. Turner agreed it was hypocritical for the world to support the resolution concerning the Iraqi invasion and ignore other



MP Garth Turner

UN resolutions concerning the Palestinians.

That's why, said the MP,

Canada wants a peace conference on the Middle East to happen at the end of the war.

Arena not dead issue

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Mayor Miller said there is no chance the Fire Hall won't go ahead this year but he suggested construction of the arena may be postponed another year beyond 1993. Council must find an appropriate piece of land and decide how many different services the arena should offer. Each additional service adds that much more to the building's cost.

Asked how Acton residents would react to the committee decision, the Mayor said, "I don't know." Some will be pleased while others will be disappointed, he added.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, unlike the mayor, is still optimistic the arena could be included in the 1991 capital budget. It's not a dead issue until council votes on the capital budget this March, he explained.

Mr. Rennie said the project wouldn't cost the Town any money for at least another year or two if it was included in the 1991 budget.

By including it in this year's

budget, said Mr. Rennie, the Town Recreation and Parks Department Director, Tom Shepard, could apply for provincial grant money. The Town wouldn't see any of that money until 1992, meaning the Town wouldn't have to commit funds until that time, he said. Meanwhile, the Town could attempt to sell some of its land to raise funds and thereby reduce the impact the arena would have on future tax rates.

Acton Coun. Rick Bonnette concurred with his colleague saying the Town will be required to spend \$400,000 for repairs during the next two years to keep the arena up to provincial standards. This cost implies it may be more expensive in the long run to maintain the existing arena instead of building a new one, he suggested.

Both Acton councillors were pleased the new Fire Hall will be built this year, saying it was necessary for safety reasons.

"There was no ifs, buts or maybes about having the new Fire Hall," said Coun. Bonnette.

No parking on Maple Ave.

Halton Regional Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday no parking signs should be posted on the north and south side of Maple Avenue between Guelph Street and Trafalgar Road in Georgetown.

The recommendation will go before Regional council Wednesday for final approval.

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