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Doberman dilemma

Police arrested a man and interviewed four others in connection with a person unlawfully entering a house after a woman was chased by Doberman Pinschers March 30. Police say a Halton Hills woman went for a walk around her neighborhood when the two Dobermans came running towards her. She started to scream and ran towards a relative's place where she called her husband to come and get her. He arrived with a baseball bat and went directly to the dog owner's home where police say he started swinging at the dogs. The dog's owner and a couple of friends were in the home and chased the man from their property and into the home where his wife was staying. Police were called and all parties involved were taken to the police station. After questioning, police charged a 27-year-old Georgetown man (one of the men associated with the dogs) with being unlawfully in a dwelling.

Break-ins solved

Halton Regional Police have arrested four more Georgetown youths in connection with a break and enter at Marty's Too Restaurant on Guelph Street March 31. Police say the four 15-year-old Georgetown males were arrested earlier this week. A 14-year-old boy was arrested the day after the break-in. All five youths have been charged with break and enter. In addition, two of the youths were charged with break and enter in relation to a break and enter at M and R Book Exchange on Guelph Street overnight March 22. During the investigation, police recovered \$210, Led Zeppelin cassette tapes, Pro-Sets of hockey cards, and an Eric Lindros, Paul Coffey and Wayne Gretzky card. Two of the youths gave money back to police

that was missing from Marty's Too Restaurant. All the youths, who cannot be named under the Young Offender's Act, will appear in Milton Court May 3.

Extremely intoxicated

Police arrested a Mississauga man for his own safety April 3 after he was found trying to sleep in his van parked at Winston Churchill Boulevard near Hwy. 7. Police say the man was extremely intoxicated and attempting to sleep in the back of his van which was stuck in the mud and could not be moved without a tow truck. Police later released the man and gave him a provincial offences notice for being intoxicated in a public place.

Unsafe turn

Police charged a Georgetown man with making an unsafe turn after the 1979 Oldsmobile he was driving collided with a 1986 Chevrolet at Guelph Street and Delrex Boulevard last Monday. Police say the man was turning south onto Delrex at approximately 10 km/hour when he was struck by a 1986 Chevrolet, driven by an Acton woman who was proceeding straight through the intersection. Her car was severely damaged while the Oldsmobile was only moderately damaged. There were no injuries.

Property stolen

Police report \$10,000 worth of property was stolen from a Mofat home overnight Thursday. Police say a chainsaw, mountain bike, stereo, television, trench coats, compact discs, designer suits, a collector's guitar and jewellery were stolen from the residence. Police are continuing their investigation.



Auxiliary Police

Halton Regional Police District 11 in Halton Hills will have five helpers in the form of Auxiliary Police who graduated Tuesday night in a special ceremony at the Georgetown Regional Police station. The new Auxiliary Police are (back row, left to right), Wade Gramada of Milton, Andy Pink, formerly of

Georgetown, John Tatham of Georgetown and (front row, left to right) Grant Taylor of Milton and Pam Douglas of Georgetown. Auxiliary police aid police officers in crowd control, traffic control and emergency situations. (Herald photo)

Compromise developers fee proposed

By BENDUMMETT
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A compromise fee on what the Region charges developers to build in Halton isn't so high it would drive them out of the area, predicts Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce General Manager Doug Penrice.

Mr. Penrice was responding to a Halton Regional Finance and Administration recommendation calling for Halton to charge developers \$1.10 per square foot for non-residential buildings. The committee made the recommendation after a public meeting Tuesday - the third such meeting on the issue of development charges.

The recommendation will go before Regional Council April 17 for final consideration.

Halton staff originally proposed the development charge be increased from .85 cents to \$2.80 per square foot. During the previous two public meetings, developers balked arguing the increase would send them packing.

Halton charges developers a fee for non-residential construction to help pay for services such as roads and sewage systems that need to accompany any new development project.

Mr. Penrice believes that Regional Council will approve the newly recommended \$1.10 per square foot fee. Although the fee, if approved, won't dissuade developers from taking their business elsewhere, it will force them to spend less on the

buildings they construct as compensation for the fee increase, said Mr. Penrice.

He qualified his prediction saying nobody will know for certain what will happen until the economy turns around.

At \$1.10, the fee would cover 39 per cent of the Region's cost to pay for services that accompany any development. The remaining 61 per cent of the cost for servicing would be collected through the general tax rate, said Halton Director of Budgets and Finance Dave Birkett.

The 85 cents and \$2.80 proposed fees represented opposite extremes. If the charge was 85 cents per square foot, 100 per cent of accompanying services must be collected through the general tax levy, while the \$2.80 fee would cover the entire cost of servicing, said Mr. Birkett.

According to Mr. Birkett, the \$1.10 will cost Halton residents \$7 million over a year to cover the cost of servicing for development.

During Tuesday's public

meeting, Burlington Mayor and committee member Roly Bird, proposed the fee be set at \$1.35 per square foot, meaning development in Halton would only cost the taxpayer an extra \$6 million per year. His motion was defeated.

Developers appearing before the committee, still think the \$1.10 charge is too high, said Mr. Birkett. But since they adamantly oppose an increase to \$2.80, they recognize the \$1.10 to be a suitable compromise, he explained.

Assuming Council approves the recommended increase, a committee comprised of Regional staff, councillors, members of the public and developers will be formed to study possible future development charge changes, he said.

The \$1.10 increase will be in place for a maximum of two years, during which time it could be changed based on any recommendation put forth by the new committee, explained Mr. Birkett.

Thieves sought

The Halton Regional Police and Crime Stoppers of Halton are seeking information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the break, enter and theft at "The Livery" restaurant, ice cream parlour and variety store situated at 254 Main Street South, Campbellville, Ontario.

On the 18th of March, 1991, the culprits gained entry to the premise, by crawling through an old air conditioner vent. Once inside the business, they stole cigarettes, cigars and "Colt" brand cigarillos to the tune of \$2,645.76.

The Livery has been the target of this type of theft many times in the past, as have many other businesses in the Region of

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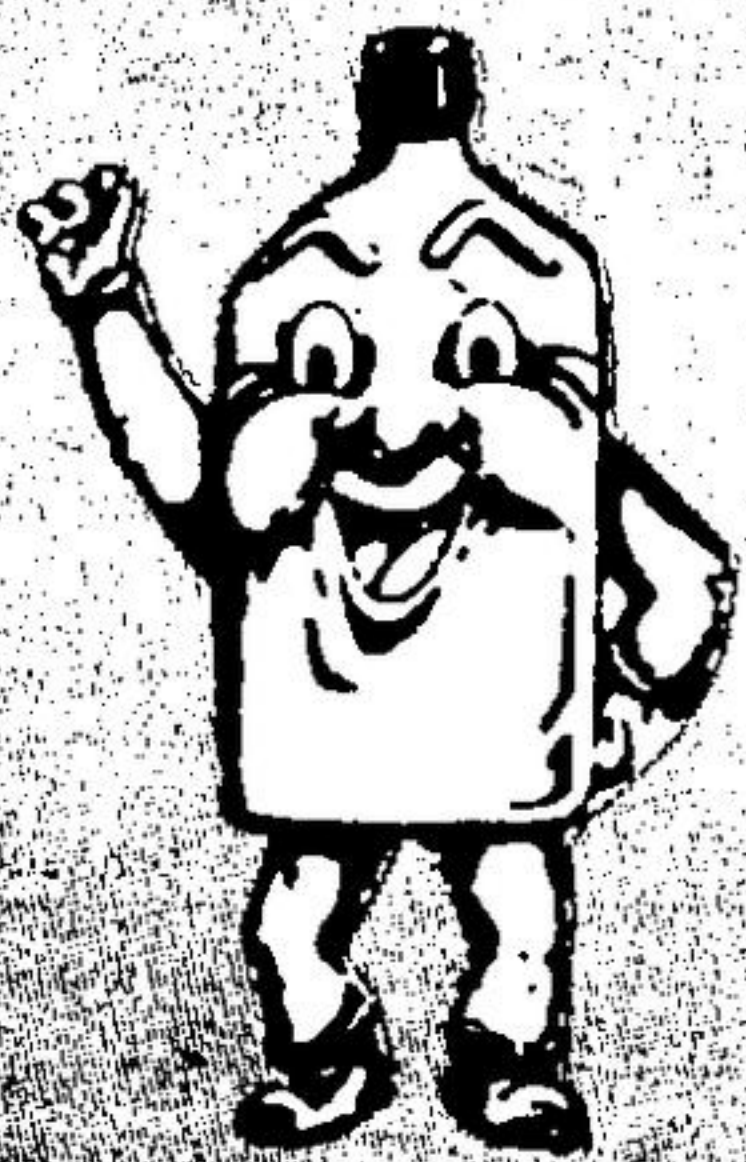


Halton that sell tobacco products. Because of the high cost, ready accessibility and easy resale of tobacco products, they have become one of the most popular targets for thieves, from both inside and outside of the region.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call 1-800-668-5151.

Brush fire

Halton Hills firefighters were called out Wednesday morning to extinguish a fire that got out of control in a field at Lot 15, Concession 3 in Halton Hills, after the landowner started a small brush fire. Firefighters say it took just over an hour to squelch the flames eating up grass and cedar rails in a half-acre area. There was no damage, other than the burned cedar rails, say firefighters.



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