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Assault charges

Halton Regional Police have charged a Ballinacorney man with assault and assaulting a police officer after he struck a bouncer in the face and kicked a policeman April 11. Police say the man was ordered to leave a Georgetown bar because of his intoxicated state but refused to leave and hit the bouncer in the face. Police arrested the man and brought him to 11 Division where the man kicked a Sergeant in the abdomen. The man will appear in Milton court May 27.

Tunnel vision

Police report a thief dug through two walls to enter an Acton gas station and steal \$150 overnight last Wednesday. The culprit entered the establishment by damaging a lock in the door of the women's washroom, police say. He then dug a hole through two layers of drywall to crawl into the establishment's storage room. He then dug another hole through the wooden panel wall leading into the office, where the \$150 was removed. Police say a bent screwdriver was found at the scene and suspect the culprit must be of small build to have been able to fit through the holes in the wall. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Break-ins solved

Police were able to solve two Georgetown break and enters that occurred March 6 when police in York Region captured a 29-year-old man in the process of breaking into a York store. Police say York Regional Police investigated the suspect and recovered property taken from the two Georgetown break-ins at houses located on 6th Line where VCRs, cameras, costume jewellery and cash were taken. Halton police aren't charging the man because York police have charged him with possession of stolen property but are continuing to investigate to see if he's responsible for other break-ins in the area.

Property recovered

A Georgetown man's \$18,000 front end loader and backhoe tractor along with a flatbed trailer have been recovered by Halton Regional Police near Durham after the owner received a tip from a person responding to his request for information. The man's loader was stolen overnight Feb. 27. He put an ad in a Halton paper in April offering \$2,000 for any information leading to the recovery of his equipment. As a result of the tip, police were able to track down the equipment south of Durham, Ontario, at a woodworking business where all the property was recovered. Mount Forest OPP charged the operator of the business with possession of stolen property, and he will appear in Mount Forest court May 8. Halton police are conducting their own investigation.

Thief foiled

Police suspect a would-be-thief fled from the scene of a crime

empty-handed after he smashed a sink at a gas station in Acton last Thursday. Police say an unknown person smashed a window above the men's washroom and attempted to step down onto the washroom sink but the sink fell from its mount onto the ground.

Copper theft

Four rolls of copper tubing worth \$2,000 were stolen from a Norval establishment April 8, police say. The tubing was removed from behind the establishment. Police say copper wire is frequently stolen and melted down for sale at scrap metal dealers since it's a valuable metal.

Theft from golf course

Police report \$500 in bills and \$200 worth of rolled coins were taken from a Halton Hills golf course overnight last Wednesday. Police say unknown suspects used a screwdriver to pry open a window to the golf course office, crawled through the window, removed the money from a cash register and left. The place wasn't vandalized and nothing else was stolen say police, who are continuing their investigation.

Dog owner found

The owner of the dog which bit an Acton girl in the face last week has been found, say police. A man who recognized the dog owner called police who visited the man and learned he didn't realize the dog had actually bitten the girl. No charges have been laid.

Car engine stolen

A 340 Chrysler Trans Am engine was stolen out of a shed by unknown culprits overnight Thursday, police report. The engine was recently renovated and looked like new, say police, who report the entry was gained to the shed by kicking in a wooden panel door. The engine was worth \$4,025.

Glen Williams break-ins

Police suspect four break-ins on Main Street in Glen Williams overnight Thursday are related. Four neighbouring home owners reported their sheds were broken into. Two owners had their whipper snippers stolen while another had a chainsaw stolen and the other a barbecue propane tank and shovel stolen. Property loss so far is estimated at almost \$1,500 and police are continuing their investigation.

Mailboxes smashed

Police are looking for the persons responsible for smashing mailboxes along the country roads. One box was smashed Sunday night on the 5th Line south of 15 Sideroad causing \$50 damage. Numerous mailboxes in the area have suffered the same fate, police say.

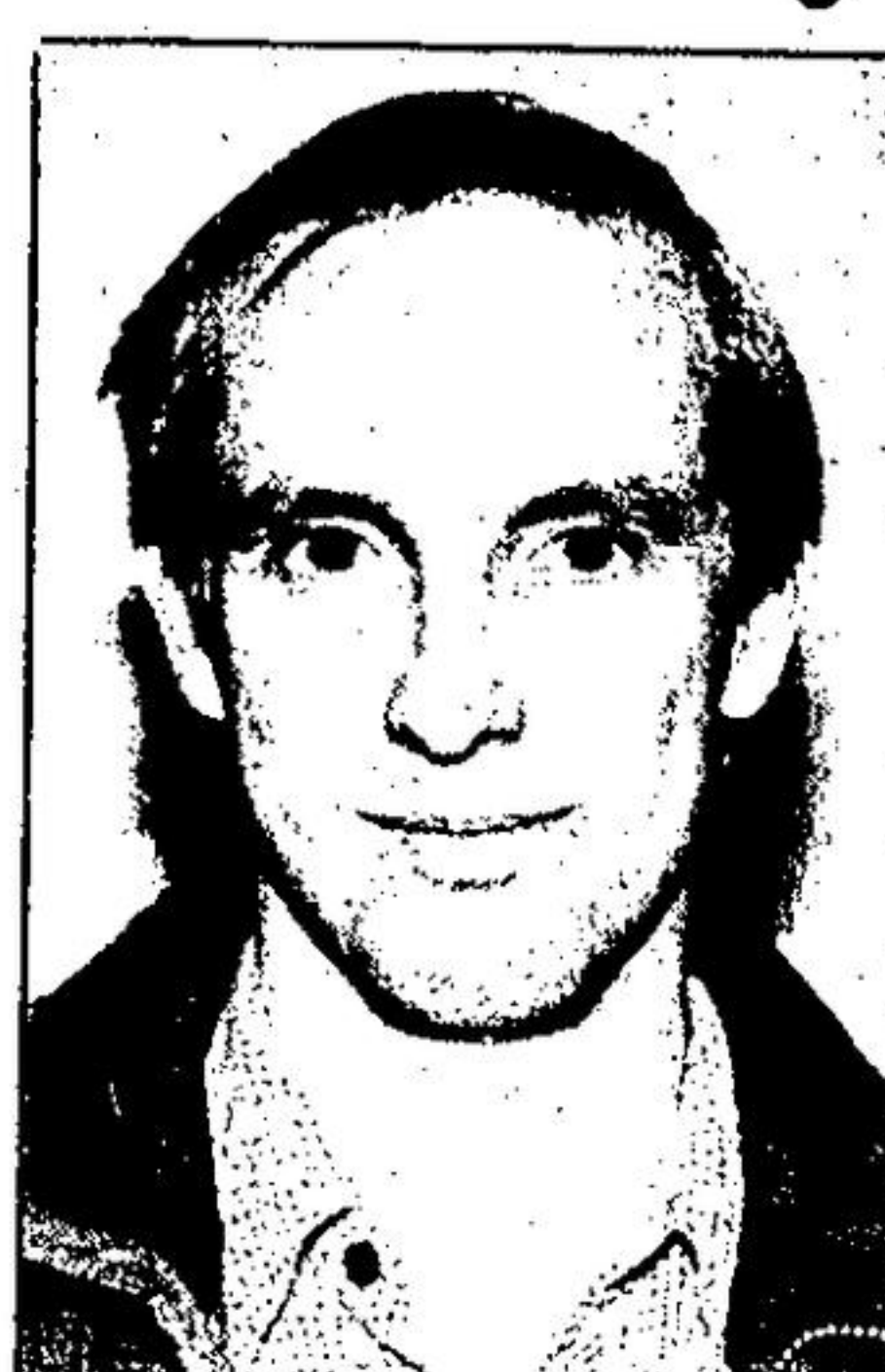
Community Forum Opinions on the Reform Party



Gerry Gilkes, Georgetown: "I'm thinking of considering the Reform Party because we seem to have career politicians who don't care about the ordinary man, in all three major political partys. Their policies don't reflect reality."



Karen Frawley, Georgetown: "I don't know all their policies, but at least they will provide an alternative to what we have now."



Doug Silk, Cheltenham: "I wish they had been here sooner. I would vote for them now."

Incineration decision a positive one

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Last Thursday's announcement by Ontario's Minister of Environment Ruth Grier to ban all future municipal solid waste incinerators in the province should stop Halton's attempts to identify possible incineration sites in the Region, predicts North-Halton MPP Noel Duignan.

"It would make the most economic sense," he said, for the Region to discontinue attempts at locating possible sites for an energy from waste - incineration site.

Halton is studying 17 possible EFW locations throughout Halton, four of which are located in the southern part of Halton Hills.

Mr. Duignan said he opposes incineration as a means of disposing garbage because the existing incineration technology has yet to show all toxic gases resulting from the EFW process can be prevented from entering the atmosphere.

Ms. Grier said during her announcement that incineration is "inconsistent with reduction, reuse and recycling because it relies on a steady, large quantity of mixed waste. It is a superficial solution which does not attack the root of the problem - we must waste less."

Halton Director of Waste Management John Mackay, said Monday he would have to review the announcement more thoroughly before offering authoritative comments.

He did suggest the announcement will have no effect on Halton in the short run but may in the long run.

Under the previous Liberal government, Halton was ordered to investigate the possibility of establishing an incineration plant before receiving approval for the Regional landfill site in Milton.

The EFW plant was to be established by the year 2000, said Mr. Mackay. He explained, however, the Region's recycling programs are proving to be more successful than originally thought. That means if 50 per cent of the garbage now being produced in Halton can be diverted from a landfill site through recycling in the next eight years, Halton won't need an incineration facility, he said.

Under this scenario the Region would have no problem abiding by the province's ban on incineration. If Halton fails to divert 50 per cent of the Region's waste stream by the year 2000 through recycling, then Mr. Mackay doesn't know what Halton will do given Ms. Grier's announcement.

Rita Landry, spokesperson for

local environmental group Incineration Counteracts the Environment (I.C.E.) said Monday Ms. Grier's announcement is a small victory for incineration opponents. The ban will prevent private companies from even consider-

ing the establishment of incineration facilities, she said.

Ms. Landry qualified her reaction saying ICE won't be completely satisfied until the province bans incineration facilities in Ontario for all types of waste other than municipal.



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Herald holds special meeting

On Tuesday (yesterday) the Halton Hills Herald Advertising Department held a special Downtown Revitalization presentation at the McGibbon Hotel.

Over 80 invitations were sent out to downtown core business people and a large number attended the special meeting.

The meeting featured a marketing program to help promote the downtown area as "Georgetown Centre," a friendly place to shop and outlined various promotional ideas and artwork geared to help the merchants attract more shoppers to the area.