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Hydro Commission after freeloaders

By BEN DUMMETT

The Herald

Halton Hills Hydro Commission is fed up with being nice.

Friday, the Commission revoked an interim policy giving those with an outstanding hydro bill a limited amount of power. Under normal circumstances, if a bill goes unpaid after a certain amount of time, that customer's

power is turned off. The policy allowed these same customers to receive a limited amount of power for heating and to operate a lamp or two.

The policy, which was introduced earlier this year, in response to the hard economic times people are experiencing, was to be in place until May 15.

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Region applauded by province

"Pleasing" is the word John Mackay, Halton Region Director of Waste Management, used to describe the provincial commendation Halton received last week for its work in waste reduction.

Halton Region was one of dozens of Ontario individuals, groups and municipalities commended last week by Ontario Environment Minister, Ruth Grier, at the Recycling Council of Ontario Awards Night in Toronto.

Halton beat out other finalists Peel and Markham for the award for outstanding waste reduction in the category of municipalities with over 100,000 people.

Mr. Mackay said the award is pleasing especially since Peel has an excellent waste reduction program in the area of industrial

garbage.

Barbara Halsall, President of local environmental group Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (POWER) commented the group encourages the recognition of Halton and the work the Region has done in the area of recycling.

She also said, however, Halton has not done enough in the area of encouraging the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors to reduce the amount of garbage these sectors are producing.

Mr. Mackay agreed Halton could introduce more waste reduction and recycling programs aimed at these sectors. The political will is there, said Mr. Mackay, but the money is currently not available.



The Sultan of Acton

Having two beautiful women dance for you isn't something Matthew Bailey can boast of experiencing everyday. But in the play "Don't Drink the Water" to be performed May 1, 3 and 4 by Acton

High School students, his character, the Sultan, treats it as a regular occurrence. The dancers are Julia Prentice (left) and Heather Coxe. (Herald Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)



Robert Knyea and Margaret Chas Besley

Robert & Margaret Besley

Special Anniversary

Congratulatory plaques from regional, provincial and federal government were sent to Harry and Edna Besley in Acton who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton Sunday afternoon. (Herald photo)

Police will crack down on pornographic videos

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

The store manager of Georgetown's Adult Only Video store could be up for a tougher rap than other store managers in Halton if possession of obscene material charges are laid against him.

"Individual crimes have individual relevance to the areas where the charges are laid," said media relations officer for Halton Regional Police, Sergeant Carey Smith. "The judge has to make the call on how to sentence, keep-

Police lay sex charges

A 40-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with sexual interference and invitation to sex touch by Halton Regional Police.

The charges were laid in connection with the testimony of a six-year-old girl who alleged the accused touched her "private parts" says police. The man also allegedly forced the girl to touch his privates on at least one occasion police revealed.

The suspect was arrested at his residence April 7, taken to 11 Division in Georgetown where he was remanded to Hamilton Detention Centre. He was released on \$2,500 bail Monday to appear in Milton Court May 6.

ing in mind the standards of the community."

He explained that standards in a community such as Georgetown would likely differ from standards in a community such as Brampton.

"People here aren't going to put up with the kind of stuff, like strip joints, as the people in Brampton would," he said.

That affects how people are sentenced since the "judge's job is to be in touch with the community."

As of Tuesday morning, no charges had been laid against store managers of the Adult Only Video stores in Halton but in a press release issued last Thursday, police said charges are pending against the store managers at each location.

Stores are located on Guelph St. in Georgetown, Speers Rd. in Oakville, Upper Middle Rd. in Burlington and Plains Rd. East in Burlington. They are still open for business.

Store franchise owner, Randy Jorgensen of Kitchener, will be charged with distribution of obscene material, possession of obscene material for the purpose of sale and possession of obscene material for the purpose of renting, according to police.

Search warrants for all the Halton stores were executed simultaneously by the 1.1ton

Regional Police Drugs and Morality Bureau. A quantity of video tapes and business documents were seized in Halton, as well as 18 other locations across Southern Ontario.

Sergeant Smith said police had previously warned the stores to stop carrying several movie titles on their shelves. Movies considered to be obscene by police are listed by Project 'P', a joint Ontario Provincial Police and Metro Unit that investigates pornography.

Halton's investigation team, headed by Detective Sergeant Graham Barnes, said the movies exhibited "some kind of explicit sex, not compatible with community standards."

Since he hasn't viewed the tapes, he wouldn't say specifically.

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