

POLICE BEAT



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\$1,500 damage

Halton Regional Police report unknown suspects cut and removed 10 V-belts that operate a dust collector in the Eagle Dominion factory building on McDonald Boulevard in Acton overnight July 10. Police say part of the plant had to be shut down as a result of the damage and theft. Damage is estimated at \$1,500.

Police spot check

Police say over 60 car loads of youths were stopped on the Erin-Halton Town Line and 15 Sideroad Saturday night during a spot check. Police officers set up the spot check in response to a fax they received from Peel Regional Police indicating a bush party had been planned in the area. Police say some of the youths they stopped were looking for the party but once police explained the situation, they all left the area with no further incidents.

Charges laid

Police charged four men and one woman with liquor license offences over the weekend. Police say one Georgetown man was charged with intoxication in a public place after residents called the police station Friday night to report a man was causing problems in the area.

The same night, police stopped the driver of a van that narrowly missed a hydro pole on Mountainview Road and charged the driver, a Milton man, with impaired driving.

Also on Friday, police stopped a van that was driving 90 km/hour in a 50 km/hour zone and charged the driver, a male Cheltenham resident with impaired driving and breach of recognizance.

Another officer charged a Scarborough man with impaired driving after he was seen speeding on 17 Sideroad and 6th Line and pulled over.

Lastly, a Georgetown woman, who was weaving her car down 15 Sideroad near Highway 25 was charged with impaired driving Sunday night.

Police car chase

Police were involved in a short car chase Sunday night near Beaver Street and Wildwood Road in Georgetown after they caught sight of a vehicle that had been reported stolen to Metro police officers. Police say the chase ended when the driver and suspect fled on foot. Police later witnessed the suspects walking down Mountainview Road and arrested four Toronto youths. The driver of the car was charged with possession of stolen property and breach of probation. The car was a 1976 Dodge Aspen.

VCR stolen

A Mill Street home in Georgetown was broken into overnight Saturday police report. Unknown culprits entered the residence by removing a window and stole a VCR valued at \$279. Police are continuing their investigation.

Motor stolen

A rare outdoor motor, valued at \$2,200 was stolen from an Acton business between July 10 and 12, say police. The owner parked the boat and motor at the rear of his business. The owner said it's rare because it's a six horse power motor.

Girl injured

Police are investigating an alleged assault that took place at a Georgetown home Saturday night where a Georgetown girl was shot in the rear end with a Crossman 357 pellet gun. Police say the girl alleges that she was at the apartment with her boyfriend and an acquaintance of his and when she left, she felt a pain in her right buttock. She went to the hospital where a doctor confirmed that her injury was caused by a pellet gun. Police are still investigating.

Alleged assault

Police say a mother was allegedly assaulted by her son-in-law at her daughter's home in Georgetown Saturday night. Police report the mother attempted to intervene between the suspect and her daughter when he grabbed her by the neck of her dress and pushed her away several times. Police say the daughter alleges she was also assaulted at the time. Police are continuing their investigation.

Charges laid

A man, who engaged in a verbal argument with another man, physically assaulted him and then used his car to smash the victim's car, has been charged with assault, dangerous driving and mischief under \$1,000. Police report the Hamilton man exited his truck after a minor accident with another person, swore and pushed the victim in the left shoulder three times. He then got back into his vehicle, reversed it and smashed into the victim's car, causing approximately \$800 damage.

Vehicles vandalized

Three cars parked on Guelph St. in Georgetown were vandalized over the weekend. Police say unknown suspects smashed the driver side windows to gain access to each vehicle and proceeded to smash the consoles and steal a CB, a fog light, a graphic equalizer and the set of keys from each car. Police are still investigating.

Community Forum

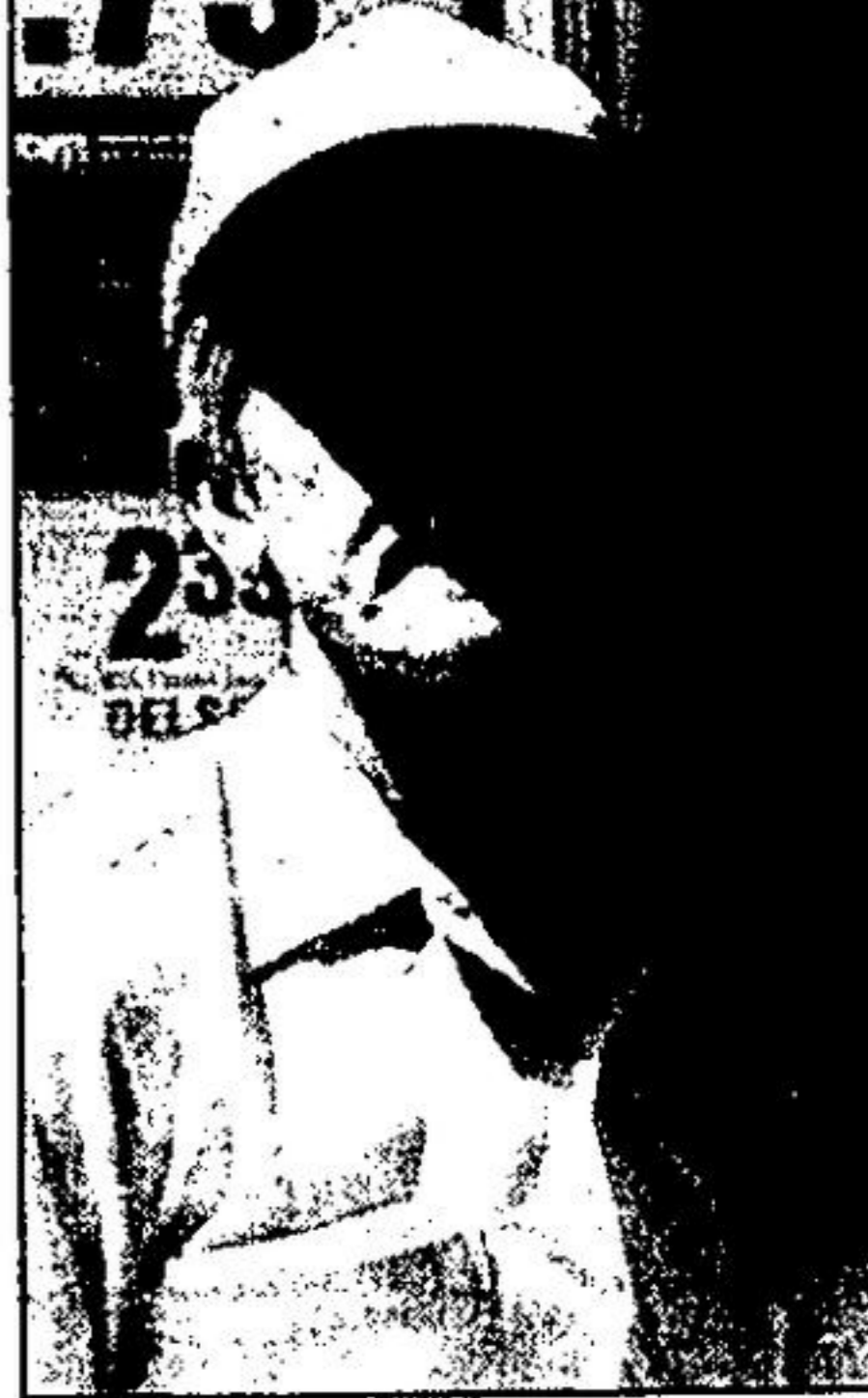
When should local candidates declare their election intentions



Edna White, Georgetown: "Now. People need to be aware of who's running so they can get an idea of what the candidates can do for them."



Ellis Hounsell, Georgetown: "They should declare as soon as they decide to run for office. We should know why and what they are up to."



Lech Ner, Georgetown: "I don't think they should announce their intentions any sooner or later than they already are doing, because we don't just have municipal elections, we have federal as well. We are always bombarded with changes in government so municipal elections shouldn't drag on too long."

Shell of Erin home too unsafe for firefighters to investigate

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
 The Herald

No one will ever know what caused the fire that left a century-old home, owned by Georgetown resident Mike Adams, a blackened shell July 9.

Hillsburgh Fire Chief, Fred Cox, who was investigating the blaze at the home situated three lots past the Halton-Erin Town Line on Concession 6, has listed the cause as unknown and closed the investigation.

"We just don't know what caused the fire," he said. "The house was so badly burned, it could have been anything that started the fire."

Due to the severity of the fire, investigators couldn't even determine with any certainty where the fire started," said Mr. Cox.

"We think it may have started in the porch at the back of the house but we're not sure," said Chief Cox.

Though the brick exterior of the house is still standing, Chief Cox has deemed the place dangerous and refuses to allow any firefighters entry into the building.

The house, which was built in 1872, was owned by Remax sales representative Mike Adams who'd recently purchased it from Erin Township resident Thomas Givens.

He was renovating the home with the intent to move into it by August 9.

"It was just about all finished," he said. "We had fixed about 70 per cent of the house up."

Now that the initial shock of losing the home has passed, Mr. Adams has even been able to find

some humor in the situation.

"The kitchen cupboards came in that day. I paid for them and because the house was still being renovated, I stored them in the shed on the property," he said. "So now I have a kitchen but no place to put it."

Mr. Adams had also constructed a large shed on the property. The new building along with an older shed and barn were kept watered by firefighters and were not damaged by the fire.

Now Mr. Adams is trying to decide what he's going to do and where he'll be living come August.

The Hillsburgh fire department estimated it will cost \$300,000 to rebuild the house while the Halton Hills Fire Department, which was also on the scene fighting the fire, estimated damage at \$150,000.

Both departments spent several hours at the scene but could do little to save the home which was engulfed in flames when they arrived. The fire had been detected by passing motorists who saw smoke in the air.

Hillsburgh Chief Cox said the fire must have been burning a long time before it was ever noticed.

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