POLICE BEAT

Numbers To Note
EMERGENCY

Police, Fire or Ambulance	Dial 911
Fire (Information)	877-1133
Police (Non-Emergency)	878-5511
Hospital	877-0111
Distress Centre	877-1211

Traffic charge

Police say a Georgetown woman has been charged with improper lane change after she collided with another vehicle on Guelph St. west of Mountainview Road Saturday night. Police say the woman, driving a 1991 Chev sedan was westbound on Guelph when she changed lanes and collided with a 1987 Ford van that was also travelling west in another lane. The van was only lightly damaged while the Chev sedan was severely damaged. The woman suffered minimal injuries. No one else was injured.

Arson suspected

Police suspect arson was the cause of a blaze in a dumpster located at Harrison School Saturday night. The fire started Saturday afternoon and police say a six-year-old boy saw six boys light a gas can and throw it into the bin. There was no damage. Police are continuing to investigate.

Rural vandalism

Police report 11 mailboxes, eight on the 8th Line near 27 Sideroad and three on 6th Line near 22 Sideroad were destroyed by unknown vandals Saturday night. Police are continuing their investigation.

Strange behavior

While responding to an alarm at the Glenlea Drug Mart in Acton Saturday night, police say they witnessed a suspect running from the store and arrested him a short distance away where the suspect was hiding behind some bushes. Police say they cautioned the suspect and took him to hospital since he complained of an injury. Once at the hospital, the suspect refused treatment and was taken to the Georgetown police station where he was charged with break, enter and intent. Police say the suspect was exhibiting abnormal behavior and was suspected of being on drugs at the time of arrest. Police are unclear if any items are missing from the drug store and are continuing their investigation.

Sports card heist

Halton Regional Police report $15,000 worth of sport cards were stolen from a Georgetown home Aug. 7. Police say unknown culprits gained entry to the home by opening a rear sliding window in a family room at the rear of the house and proceeded to the master bedroom and then a spare bedroom where several sheets of cards, boxes of cards and binders of cards were stolen. Police say several boxes of cards and made-up sets were left behind. Police suspect the culprits knew the victim had a large card collection and say the victim had plans to open a card business in the area. Police are continuing their investigation.

Impaired driving

Police have charged a 46-year-old Georgetown man with impaired driving. Police say they pulled the man over in his 1983 Dodge car for driving out of control and seized a bottle of Scotch from the passenger seat. The man was taken to the Georgetown station and ordered to provide a breath sample which indicated a blood-alcohol content over the legal limit. The man will appear in Milton court Sept. 23.

House break-ins

Police say while the owner of a Georgetown home lay sleeping in his bed Aug. 6, unknown culprits broke into his home and stole $870 worth of power tools and electronic equipment. Police say the culprits entered the house by kicking open a locked door on the garage adjacent to the house, and stole a VCR, converter, skill saw, drill, sunglasses and fishing rod. The victim wasn't hurt and there was no damage. Police are continuing their investigation.

Maplehurst escapee nabbed in Hamilton

An escapee from Maplehurst Correctional Centre in Milton, whom police termed violent, was captured just after midnight Friday in a Hamilton-area residence.

Halton Regional Police Detective Sergeant Keith Woudstra said 37-year-old Leonard Gary Landry "gave no resistance to his recapture."

Mr. Landry was apprehended by Hamilton-Wentworth Police officers and charged with being unlawfully at large. He was being held at the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre until Tuesday, (yesterday), when he appeared in Milton Provincial Court. Details of the court hearing weren't available at press time.

Mr. Landry escaped from Maplehurst on July 31 while part of a work gang clearing brush at the Elliott Track Conservation Area on 2nd Line north of 15 Sideroad in Milton.

Imagine the year 2006

Director of Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) Doug Young confronted Halton Region's Planning and Public Works Committee Wednesday by asking committee members to imagine the year 2006 and the headlines read 'Leachate is in the Water'. He explained if this were to occur, Halton Region would have a $225 million problem to deal with. He said the time to start protecting our water is now.

Mr. Young's concerns were regarding a recent application by Reclamations Systems Inc. (RSI) to build a landfill site in the Acton quarry. He asked that the region exercise their right to prohibit the use of land for waste.

Mr. Young explained P.O.W.E.R. wants this application by RSI denied before it goes to a council meeting, which he said would only waste time and taxpayers money. He said we must start looking at water as a resource, that in other countries water can cost up to $1.5 per litre because of its scarcity.

He went on to add there are no guarantees a landfill site will not leach and that the quarry site has severe cracking in its foundation which would make it that much more dangerous. He said it is the region's responsibility to supply water to the different municipalities and taxpayers have a right to bring their concerns about this matter before the region.

While committee members seemed to agree that such a project would be dangerous for Halton Hills, the main question raised was, does the region have the ability to prohibit such a project beore it is approved or disapproved by the Ministry of the Environment. The committee passed a recommendation to evaluate this ability. Currently the application by RSI is being reviewed by MOE Minister Ruth Gear.

Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin stated now is the time to take a firm stand on this proposal because the dangers are too great. A similar opinion was held by Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver who said the Region needed to be proactive rather than reactive.

"I'm reasonably pleased with the outcome today," said Mr. Young, who stated that enough evidence was given to show the application by RSI should be denied, "They (Halton Region) have control to change this. We are going to raise a lot of noise this month and do everything in our power to stop this project."

From the Chamber

Tourist information

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is pleased to inform you of our two successful Tourist Information Centres here in Halton Hills. Tourism withinthe Halton Hills region has been growing and to accommodate the needs of tourists passing through our area we have set up two centres for their use. Last year we served over 1,000 members of the travelling public in our area.

You will be able to find one of our centres located just inside the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown. It is also the home of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. Here you will find four brochure racks filled with valuable information about Halton Hills, Region of Halton, information on surrounding areas, material on camping, accommodations, day trips, and much more. This centre operates Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. So why not stop by and have a look or if you have any questions feel free to call our office at 877-7119.

Our second centre is located in Acton. It is located right in front of Acton's largest tourist attraction, the Olde Hide House. The Olde Hide House is Canada's largest leather store and has brought tourists to Acton for years. This centre is a mobile unit which is pictured below. The Chamber purchased this trailer from the Olde Hide House who operated it as part of their promotion for the Flightline Store. The trailer is well equipped for our needs, it has built-in display racks, doors on both sides, and is now signed with the Chamber name. It's hours of operation are as follows: Sun.-Sun. 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., so feel free to stop by and see what we have to offer. If you have any further questions regarding this centre in Acton you can call us at 877-7119.

We hope you are having a great summer and we look forward to seeing you when you drop by one or even both of our Information Centres!

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