

POLICE BEAT



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Sticks and stones

Halton Regional Police report a Milton woman was allegedly assaulted by a 13-year-old Milton boy as she was walking out the rear of E.C. Drury School in Milton. Police say the woman alleges the boy threw stones at her and walked up behind her, swinging a piece of 2 by 4 wood which she alleges narrowly missed her head. Police have a suspect and are continuing their investigation.

Carting away cement

A thief carted away a cement mixer, wheelbarrow and scaffolding from a construction site at Cedar Road in Acton between Sept. 27 and 30 police report. The equipment belonged to Frank's Masonry in Oakville.

Smashed equipment

A construction site at 300 Guelph St. in Georgetown was hit twice by vandals police report. The first time, unknown culprits climbed onto a construction machine between Sept. 24-25 and smashed all its gauges, causing \$150 damage. Two days later, unknown persons threw a rock through the rear window of a roadbuilding machine and smashed a 13 inch long length of 10 inch pipe, causing \$470 damage. Police have no suspects.

Fur folly

An Acton woman who left her \$2500 fur coat in the front seat of her locked car reported it stolen Monday. Police say unknown persons opened the driver's door with a coat hanger and removed the three-quarter length, black, mink fur coat. The car was parked on Willow St. north of Mill St. in Acton. The coat likely has the initials JR stitched on the inside right lining. Police have no suspects.

Chicken killer

A man who shot and killed a dog will not be charged because he acted within the guidelines of the Livestock and Poultry Protection Act, say police. The man, Norman Corp of 22 Side road east of the town line has lost 32 chickens to dogs in the last one-and-a-half weeks. The farmer told police on at least two occasions, a white sheep dog with black markings was responsible. On Oct. 6 when the dog was attacking his free-range chickens, he shot and killed the dog. Police say the dog has no tag or collar.

Stolen chairs

Police report approximately 10 unassembled chairs worth \$1,000 were stolen from an unlocked trailer owned by Georgetown Terminal Warehouse on Armstrong Boulevard. Police are continuing their investigation.

Unwanted lunch guest

Police say an 11-year-old boy who went to his Norton Crescent home Oct. 3 to eat lunch had an unwanted person in his home who ransacked the drawers in two bedrooms. Police say while the boy was heating up his lunch, he heard the side door open and close and saw a tall, white male in his late teens,

with long, straight, black hair and wearing a black, leather jacket and black pants leave the house. Police say nothing was stolen from the house and have encouraged the owners to lock their doors.

Marijuana found

While tending a cornfield at Trafalgar Road and 15 Side road, a farmer discovered 42 marijuana plants in his field and reported them to police. The plants had all been stripped of their leaves say police who added the plants have been destroyed.

Foiled B and E

Police say an alarm likely scared off would-be thieves who attempted to break into Outdoor Power Equipment on Guelph St. Friday night. Police say they responded to the business as soon as the alarm went off and discovered two broken windows, worth \$40. The glass had been picked out of the panes but police say no entry was gained. The Halton Regional Police K-9 Unit searched unsuccessfully for suspects.

Money stolen

Police report Home Hardware in Acton had a considerable amount of money stolen from one of its offices after an employee left her desk for a few minutes. Police say a book-keeper at the store had the previous days receipts on her desk and left the office to discuss a book-keeping problem with a colleague. When the employee returned a few minutes later, the money had disappeared. An employee at the front counter told police she noted a suspicious male who hurriedly left the store at approximately the same time.

Assault charges

Police have charged an 18-year-old Ballinafad woman with assault after she allegedly pushed and body-checked a 16-year-old Georgetown boy Oct. 3. The male youth told police he was walking through the parking lot at Nectar Donuts when the girl took his hat and pushed him several times. The victim went to Pizza Delight to wait for his friends but said the girl pursued him and body-checked him causing him soreness in the neck. The girl will appear in Milton court Nov. 4.

Slippery pavement

Police say a Georgetown man severely damaged his 1988 Ford car Oct. 4 when he lost control on wet pavement on 15 Side road and rolled over. Police say no charges will be laid.

Flipped over

A Scarborough mans' 1991 Chevrolet sedan was demolished Sept. 28 after he flipped his car on Old Pine Crest Road west on Winston Churchill Boulevard. Police say the man was eastbound on Old Pine Crest Road when he hit the ditch, hit a metal drain, flipped over and hit a post. He was taken to Georgetown hospital with major injuries and was charged with impaired driving.



I want a dolly

Craftmaker Karen Harrison's (right) mop dolls were a big hit with children like four-year-old Katie Trainor, seen here with dad John. The mop dolls were just one of the many crafts for sale by 15 craft and baking vendors at the Optimist Club's Craft and

Bake Sale held at the Optimist Hall on Hwy 7 Saturday. The money raised from the sale goes towards charitable foundations like meals on wheels and homes for battered women. (Herald Photo)

Day care list lengthens

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

There are currently 881 children in Halton Region, 114 of whom are from Halton Hills, on a waiting list for subsidized day care spaces and the situation is expected to get worse before it gets better.

According to Bonnie Ewart, Halton's Social Services Commissioner, the waiting list is expected to increase 15 per cent by January 1992.

The majority of children on the subsidized day care waiting list belong to families who make a net yearly income of between \$10,000 and \$19,000 and have one or two children, said Ms. Ewart.

Not surprisingly, the recession and Regional budget constraints are two of the reasons the waiting list is so high.

Ms. Ewart explains the combination of job layoffs, because of the recession, and Regional Council's decision last year not to increase funding for subsidized day care in 1991, have both contributed to the lack of subsidized day care spaces.

Two other reasons for the large waiting list include population growth in the Region and an increased number of women in the work force, said Ms. Ewart.

Ms. Ewart points out 251 of the 881 children now on the waiting list are classified high priority. That means these children meet one or more of the Region's priority



Bonnie Ewart
criteria, including emergency care, and medical referrals.
The 15 per cent increase to the waiting list predicted by the begin-

ning of next year will only be avoided if Regional Council decides to increase day care funding beyond current levels.

Ms. Ewart said she will request additional funding during the upcoming 1992 Regional deliberations, but she wouldn't predict if the money will be forthcoming.

"That's a political decision," said Ms. Ewart.

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette, who is a member of the Region's Health and Social Services Committee, said the 881 figure is unacceptable.

Despite making this claim, he said it was too early to say if he'd support an increase to day care funding next year.

"It's (day care funding), certainly a priority, but at this stage you don't know if there will be higher priorities," said Coun. Bonnette.

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