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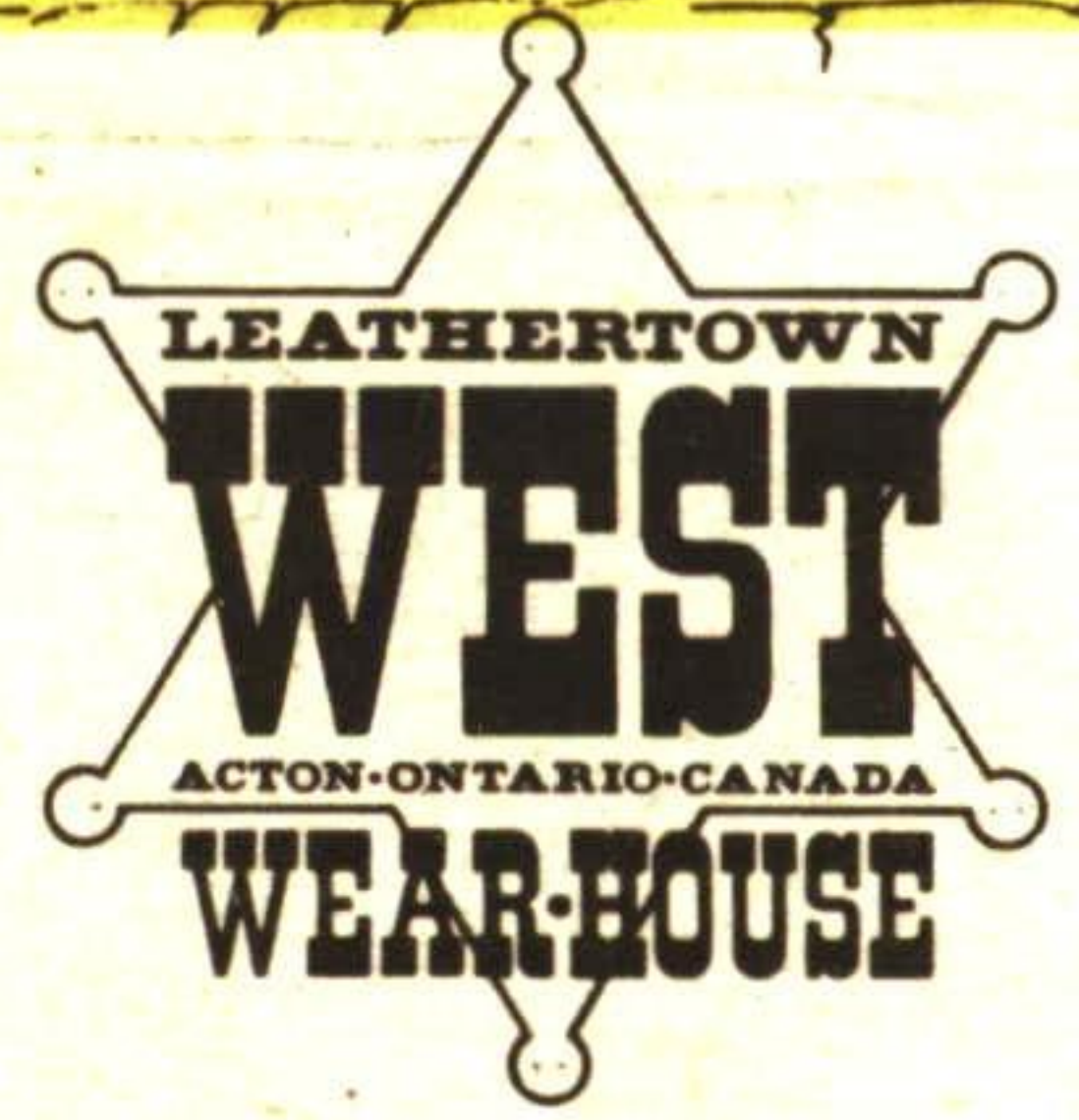
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VOLUNTEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Halton Hills Volunteer Recognition Committee who were responsible for the organization of the Volunteer Recognition Evening, assembled after the reception, Monday night for a photo. The committee included, front row, (from left) Nancy Owen of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Debbie Miethig of the Town of Halton Hills (Rec and Parks Department), Joan Phillip

of the Victim Services Unit, and Judy Rasanen of the North Halton Distress and Information Centre, in back, Geraldine Barnes of the Grandteachers Program, Elaine Chatten of the Canadian Cancer Society, Sylvia Ash of Victim Services Unit, Lynne Murphy of VON, and Linda Berry of the Volunteer Centre. Absent is Karen Pipes of Halton Helping Hands. TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend

Women report indecent exposure by 'same' man

Since February, women have reported five incidents of indecent exposure in Halton Hills to the police.

"I believe it may be the same guy," said Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett, of the Halton Regional Police. He said descriptions of the man differ, but may be close enough to indicate it is the same person.

The most recent incident was on April 17, when a woman in her mid-20s was raking the leaves at her Acton residence. She looked into a ravine to see a man staring at her, masturbating. Eacrett said she ran into the house and called the police.

On April 16 at 2:30 p.m., a teenaged girl noticed a red car follow her as she drove her car into the parking lot at Zellers, Eacrett said. When she got out of her car, she noticed the man was sitting in his car masturbating. She walked over to the store, and the man followed her in his car. She ran into the store, and he drove away, police said.

On April 12, two women were leaving work at a Main St., Georgetown business just after 5 p.m., when they noticed a man standing beside a dumpster exposing himself, Eacrett said. When he saw them, the man began masturbating, police said.

On March 31, an 11 year old girl was walking her dog on Fagan Dr., in Georgetown, when she saw a man in the trees with his pants around his ankles, Eacrett said.

On Feb. 26, two high school students were walking to GDHS, when a man whistled at them, Eacrett said. They saw a man standing between two stores with his pants open, his penis exposed, pointing to himself.

Eacrett released the information on Thursday, and said the investigation is ongoing into these incidents.

Several of the suspects said they would be able to identify the man. He is described as a white, in his late 20s or early 30s, with shoulder-length hair feathered back, a slim to medium build and a moustache.

"The descriptions vary somewhat, but they're close enough that it is probably the same guy," he said. Police have an idea of who the man might be.

"I'm asking women if they do see this guy, contact the police as soon as possible so we can catch him in the area," Eacrett said, adding he doesn't think the man is dangerous.

Policeman pleads guilty to obstructing justice

By JANET BAINE

A north Halton police officer has been told to resign after he stole his friend's speeding ticket from another officer's briefcase.

Const. David Lowe, 35, pleaded guilty in Provincial Court in Milton on Wednesday to attempting to obstruct justice. Judge Donald August, who ordered the resignation, told Lowe in court he had a misguided sense of loyalty to a friend, said Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett. Eacrett heads the Criminal Investigation Bureau of Division 1 (Acton, Georgetown and Milton) of the Halton Regional Police and he investigated the incident, arresting Lowe in September 1990.

In April 1990, a Milton officer issued a speeding ticket to a

Campbellville resident, a friend of Lowe, police said. The ticket was issued after the Campbellville man went 75 kms in a 60 km zone. The man received a fine of \$43 with no points lost on his licence.

Const. Janice LaRose, who issued the ticket, noticed it was missing from her briefcase, and reported it to her supervisor.

Lowe was suspended from the police force at that time. Since his guilty plea, Lowe has been discharged of his criminal offence but was ordered to resign and must go on probation for 10 months and perform 75 hours of community service work, Eacrett said.

"The investigation was difficult to conduct because the officer is

very popular and well-liked by his fellow officers," Eacrett said. He doesn't know of any other incidents which required discipline during Lowe's 15 years on the force.

"It's a case of a promising career that just went down the tubes," he said. Eacrett thinks it's unlikely another police force will hire Lowe.

"I was satisfied that his friend never asked the officer to pull the ticket," Eacrett said. "That's what makes this unique, that the officer did it out of misguided loyalty to a friend with no financial gain or reward in any way."

Eacrett said he has boxes of files related to the investigation, and he was ready for a trial, had Lowe not pleaded guilty.

Lowe will resign from the force

on May 6, the same day as a Police Act Hearing scheduled to look into Lowe's conduct. Because of the resignation, the hearing will be cancelled.

"The investigation was very significant to me," Eacrett said. "It has a rippling effect, it goes out through the whole police force. It's certainly the subject of conversation among police officers. But I feel it's important that members of the public are assured that having friends in the force won't help them when they have trouble with the law."

Lowe had been working in Division 1 of the Halton Regional Police for five years, and while he has worked in Georgetown, most of that time was in Milton.

Sunday Brunch

The Tradition Continues

A casual relaxing mid-day meal among family and friends is a delightful activity for many on Sunday.

The cosy, country setting offers a warm and inviting feeling for your gathering.

For your enjoyment our chef prepares new & seasonal breakfast specialties each Sunday.

Traditional favorites include our carving

station and the popular Create Your Own Omelette Station.

Plus - fresh made waffles, a selection of country breads, fresh fruits and berries, pastries from Dufflets. Fruit Juices, homemade desserts and other creations to please your palate.

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