Employees charged

Two employees have been charged with stealing railway anchors from CN Railway. An Acton man and a Milton man were charged Wednesday after \$2,140.50-worth of the anchors, used to bolt rails onto railway ties, were stolen, Halton Regional Police said. The anchors were likely sold for scrap metal, they said. According to police, the two men were caught in the act of stealing and a third man was questioned and released, when he didn't appear to have any knowledge of the theft. Police are still investigating the incident.

\$6,100 stolen in break-in

A Georgetown home was broken into and \$6,100-worth of goods were stolen Monday morning. According to police, when the owner returned home, she found the front door wide open and some items left there, as if the suspects had been scared off. The culprits loaded items into a vehicle in the driveway, police said. Stolen items included a VCR, stereo equipment, a portable phone, \$500 cash and some jewellery. The home is secluded from neighboring properties by trees, Halton Regional police said.

Credit card stolen

Two men were arrested by police after one of the men bought 10 cartons of cigarettes using a stolen credit card, Halton Regional Police said. The men entered Speyside General Store on Sunday afternoon, asked to buy the cigarettes, and used a stolen credit card to pay, police said. One of the men is from Malton, and the second is from Mississauga. They drove away from the store, but were later caught by police. The Malton man is charged with possession of stolen property, and the Mississauga man is charged with the additional crime of using a stolen credit card, police said.

Woman assaulted

A Georgetown woman says she was assaulted Saturday at 1 a.m. outside the Hollywood Tavern. The woman said her former boyfriend slapped her across the left ear and neck area, causing reddening, police reported. The man has been summoned to appear in court in Milton next month.

Causing mischief

A Glen Williams resident was charged with mischief Sunday, July 20, after he called police to tell them his car had been stolen. According to police the vehicle had previously been in an accident and left abandoned, and when the suspect was confronted, he admitted to driving the car at the time of the accident and that the car had not been stolen.



Ernie Skrow, (right) president of Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd, and Robin Kirton, vice-president of marketing, were joined for lunch, Monday, by Doug Woodside (left) vice-president of marketing for Wendy's Restaurants, as Georgetown Wendy's general manager Andy Voelker served up a stack of the new Bacon Mushroom Melt hamburgers at Wendy's. Meadowglen will be supplying all 146 Canadian Wendy's restaurants with mushrooms for the new gourmet style sandwich, one of six new "Dave's Favorites" offerings added to Wendy's menu. "Dave's Favorites" include three chicken and three hamburger sandwiches and will be featured in a full scale advertising campaign in September.

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Services lacking for mentally ill in Halton

Mental health services in Halton should be more readily available and could be more efficiently delivered, says a report on the subject from the Halton District Health Council.

The council, an autonomous board which makes recommendations to the provincial government, presented the document to Halton Region's health and social services committee recently.

The report cites a lack of follow-up mental health services throughout Halton Region, as well as a shortage of addiction counselling services in north Halton.

It speaks to a need for a more comprehensive range of mental health services, as well as enhanced accessibility to that

Currently \$14 million is spent annually on mental health related activities in Halton (including OHIP medical billings), said Marlene Langdon, executive director of the Halton District Health Council, when she presented the report.

There are roughly 1,200 people in Halton with "serious mental illness," noted Langdon - about four in every thousand people. Such serious ailments include schizophrenia and heavy depres-

Langdon cited the chronically mentally ill as those most in need of better facilities in Halton. Another high priority is creating housing for people with substantial psychiatric disorders, because they can still live independently and be treated on an out-patient

Achieving the goal of removing red tape in mental health care and providing improved service "will require a team approach," Langdon told councillors, and "a lot of hard work in the years to come."

One of the big pushes in Halton should involve "an emphasis on de-institutionalization," she added.

An option the health council is considering for making such health care delivery more efficient and effective is the creation of a region-wide governing board to manage it. That would mean various agencies now tendering mental health services would surrender some of their authority and responsibility to such a board.

Halton Region's chief medical officer, Dr. Bob Nosal, says such a move is "worthy of considera-

Langdon stressed that her organization wants more input from mental health service providers before any such "superboard" is considered.

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Constable Leoni ready to roll...

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Georgetown, while the Kiwanis Club helped cover some of the other costs. Leoni has been issued shorts, cycling gloves and a helmet, as well as clothing for rainy weather.

Leoni doesn't think bikes are going to replace cars on the force. He said a bike is suitable for his duties, but not for all uniformed officers.

"Everybody had been very positive about it so far," Leoni said.

Bicycles were first used on the Halton force in Oakville in 1988, as a pilot project. That was long before they were used anywhere else in Canada, said Carey Smith, information officer for the Halton Regional Police Service.

"At night, if there's a break and enter in progress,

officers could respond on bikes. They could apprehend people quicker," Smith said. The Oakville division has a TRACE van (Targeted Response Accomplished by Cycling Enforcement), which brings the bikes close to where they're needed. Officers on bicycles are unexpected and quiet, he said.

"I would expect the number of bicycles on the force to increase," Smith said. In Georgetown there could be a TRACE van and bicycles used to respond to calls here, he said.

Const. Nick Leoni made his inaugural ride on Tuesday, joined by four other Halton bike-riding officers.

While this is the first time Leoni will be riding a bike while on duty, he's quite familiar with them already; he rides his bike to work every day, as well.