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Detours, detours

Persons travelling through the Acton area may have to take the scenic route next week. Canadian National Railways will be upgrading existing rail lines, closing roads in the Acton area on certain days. The 4th Line crossing will be closed tomorrow (Monday) while the 3rd Line crossing will be closed to traffic on Tuesday. The Queen St. crossing in Acton will be closed on Wednesday while the main crossing on Mill St. (Hwy. 7) will be detoured Thursday. On Friday, May 29, the Main St. crossing, north of Acton, will be closed. The Dublin Line (1st Line) will be closed next Tuesday, June 2.

Town Hall meetings

The federal government has just taken the unusual step of setting up the mechanism for a national plebiscite on changing the Constitution, and Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner is asking residents for their reaction and comments.

Two special Town Hall meetings have been arranged for next week to discuss just how a national vote would be set up, and what the likely question might be.

The meetings are slated for the Palgrave Community Centre on Monday evening, May 25, and at St. Joseph's School in Acton on Tuesday, May 26. Both meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Dogs cause accident

A car which slowed down to let some dogs cross the road was rear-ended Saturday night. The 1979 GMC was southbound on Third Line at 9:20 p.m. when it slowed for dogs running across the road. The car behind, a 1986 Dodge, hit the GMC, resulting in severe damage to the Dodge and minor damage to the GMC. The Acton driver of the Dodge was charged with failing to avoid a collision. No one was injured in the accident.

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Following the flight

Jim Aikenhead of Mountsberg Wildlife Centre releases a red-tailed hawk into the wild with help from M.Z. Bennett Public School grade one teacher Julie Mattell, as M.Z. Bennett students in Acton recently took part in the hawk relocation program from Mountsberg. The students raised funds for Mountsberg, which will go toward the bird rehabilitation centre.

Catholic school teachers reach new agreement

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

In the nick of time, Catholic secondary teachers and the Halton Roman Catholic School Board averted a work-to-rule campaign scheduled to start last Thursday.

The two sides negotiated all day Wednesday, and at 11:55 p.m. reached a tentative agreement, Jerry Keyes, president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, Halton Unit said.

No details of the agreement can be released until both the board and the teachers have had a chance to vote on it. The 307 Catholic secondary teachers will likely be casting their ballots on Thursday, Keyes said. The board will review the terms of the tentative agreement in-camera at its Tuesday meeting.

"We take pride in the teams' abilities to negotiate and achieve a fair settlement which insures that the delivery of Catholic secondary education in Halton and its associated activities have not and will not be interrupted," Keyes said.

Irene McCauley, chair of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, commended both negotiating teams on their respect for each other's position and commitment to resolve their differences by arriving at a fair and just settlement for the teachers, students, the board and taxpayers.

Two men arrested in school break-in

Two suspects were caught in the act of breaking into Park Public School early Thursday morning, according to police.

Police were called to the scene after an alarm went off. When they arrived, they saw a man at the back of the school with his hand bleeding with four garbage bags nearby. The man said he was alone, but a police officer and a dog went inside to see if anyone else was around.

About 20 minutes later the officer saw a man behind a cart loaded with audio-visual equipment in a hallway. The man tried to run away, but the dog chased him down, police said.

One Georgetown resident has been charged with break, enter and theft, while an Acton man has been charged with the same crime, as well as obstructing a police officer (he gave a false identity), and breach of probation.

Both men were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. One man received some stitches for cuts from the window and the other was treated for a dog bite.

Police believe the men broke a window at the back of the building and then crawled through to get inside the building. They went through an office, broke into the principal's office, and went through some lockers, police said. Items removed include a TV, VCR, a bag of popcorn, answering machine, Canadian flag, calculator, walkman, and a portable stereo.

The two men were arrested at the scene.



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