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Acton girl assaulted

Halton Regional Police are asking for help find a man who sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl Sunday night.

The girl was walking alone on Church St. in Acton when she met up with an unknown man. He was walking in the same direction, but from a different starting point, Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh said. The man spoke to her briefly, then pushed the girl down to the ground and sexually assaulted the girl. She struggled and eventually managed to fight the suspect off and ran home, police said. She didn't report the incident to police until late Monday. She didn't need any medical attention as a result of the attack.

Police are looking for a white man in his late 20s or early 30s. He is lean, weighing about 150 to 160 lbs., has light colored short hair and a deep voice. The man wore a medium length dark colored cotton jacket, and dark clothing.

Anyone with information is asked to call Halton Regional Police, No. 1 District CIB at 878-5511 ext., 2116, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

Acton man killed

A 91-year-old Acton man died in a car accident Friday morning in Milton. William John Ripley of Church Street was driving his 1980 Ford Granada north on Sixth Line at 8 a.m. when the car left the road and struck a rock face, two km south of 15 Sideroad. Ripley was pronounced dead at the scene. No passengers were in the vehicle.

Halton Regional Police Const. Mark Freeman, who is investigating the accident, said he doesn't know why the car left the road; there were no witnesses to the accident.

Ripley leaves behind his wife Dorothy and two children; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday.

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The magic cut



Princess Karma kept the kids entertained at Georgetown Marketplace Mall last week as she performed numerous magic tricks and illusions with the help of members from the audience, like Dave, who agreed to let her give him a really close haircut with a guillotine. As the blade dropped, Dave felt he should hold onto his head, just in case. The act was one of many performed at the mall to give the kids some entertainment during March break.

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Police station
Still open nights

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

The Georgetown division of the Halton Regional Police Station is still open at night, in spite reports late last year that it, as all other Halton police stations, would be closed at night.

"The only one that's closed right now is Oakville," said Superintendent Rick Dawson. "We still don't have a date yet" for the night closure of the Georgetown station.

As a result of funding cutbacks, the police board decided to close the stations Sunday to Thursday from midnight to 8 a.m. and on Friday and Saturday between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Even though the stations would be closed, they would still be staffed around the clock. The outer doors would be left unlocked so that anyone needing help could make a call on an emergency phone in the entrance way to the station. This would also be a "safe haven" for someone in trouble, Dawson said.

The changes will come into effect at the Georgetown station sometime later this year.

Pomeroy in court

The preliminary hearing into charges levelled against Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy and three others was expected to continue Monday in Oakville Provincial Court.

The hearing, which involves charges of breach of trust and accepting a secret commission, began Wednesday. The proceedings are being held in order to determine whether enough evidence exists to go to trial. The presiding judge has ordered a ban on publication of all information presented.

Project 80, a joint forces police team probing political corruption in the Greater Toronto Area, charged Pomeroy May 13, 1993, following an 18-month investigation.

Pomeroy has been charged with three counts of breach of trust and two counts of accepting a secret commission. Also charged with one count each of offering a secret commission are Halton region deputy clerk Pat Crimmins, and Georgetown developer Albert Tennant and lawyer Bert Arnold.

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