

No trial date set yet in Pomeroy case

It remains to be seen when Halton regional chair Peter Pomeroy will stand trial on corruption-related charges.

The regional council head appeared in Milton general division court Tuesday to set a trial date, but the task was postponed to September 1 due to scheduling problems.

Brian Greenspan (Pomeroy's lawyer), attorneys for the four co-accused, and Crown Attorney Brian Gover were unable to agree on a date when everyone was available.

A representative of Greenspan's office told the court Pomeroy wished to start the trial at the earliest possible date because he holds public office.

It was also revealed that Pomeroy has decided to stand trial by judge alone, rather than judge and jury as earlier indicated.

The regional chair is charged with two counts each of breach of trust and accepting a secret commission.

The charges allege that Pomeroy took a bribe of \$80,000



PETER POMEROY

and shares in a land development company while holding elected office.

Also facing trial in connection with the same incidents are his wife, Halton deputy clerk Pat Crimmins, Halton Hills lawyer Bert Arnold and developer Ab Tennant.

At least two trials are expected to result from the charges, one involving Pomeroy, his wife and Arnold. Another trial will include all the accused. The lengths of the trials are expected to range from four days to four weeks.

Charges were laid against Pomeroy and the other last year after more than two years of investigation by Project 80, a joint forces police team established to probe allegations of municipal government corruption.

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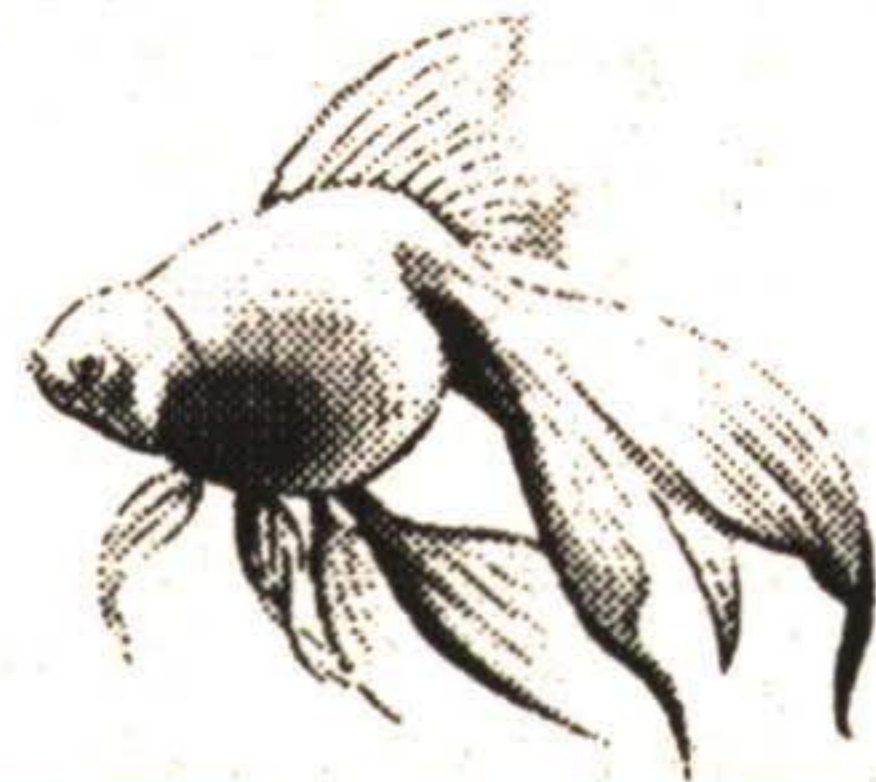
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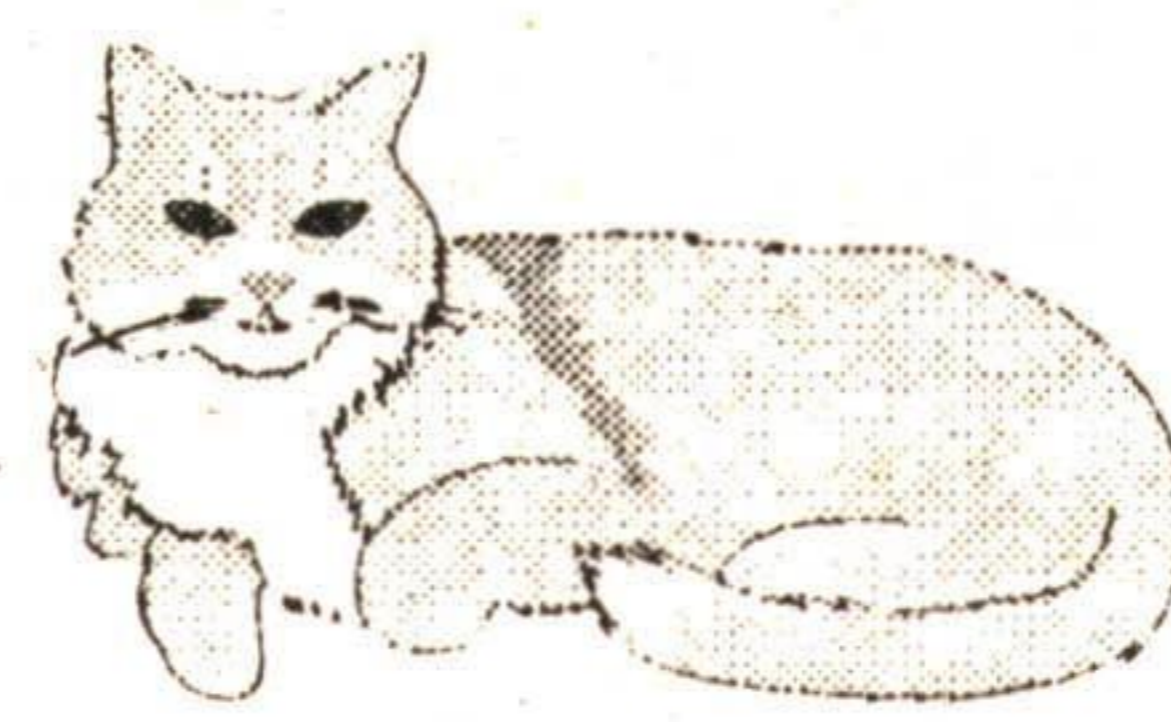
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School break-in

Someone broke into Limehouse School sometime overnight Monday, police said. The entry was made through a sliding window and some computer equipment was taken.

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An Elmore Dr. resident looked out at 1:40 a.m. and saw someone sitting in a car in the driveway,

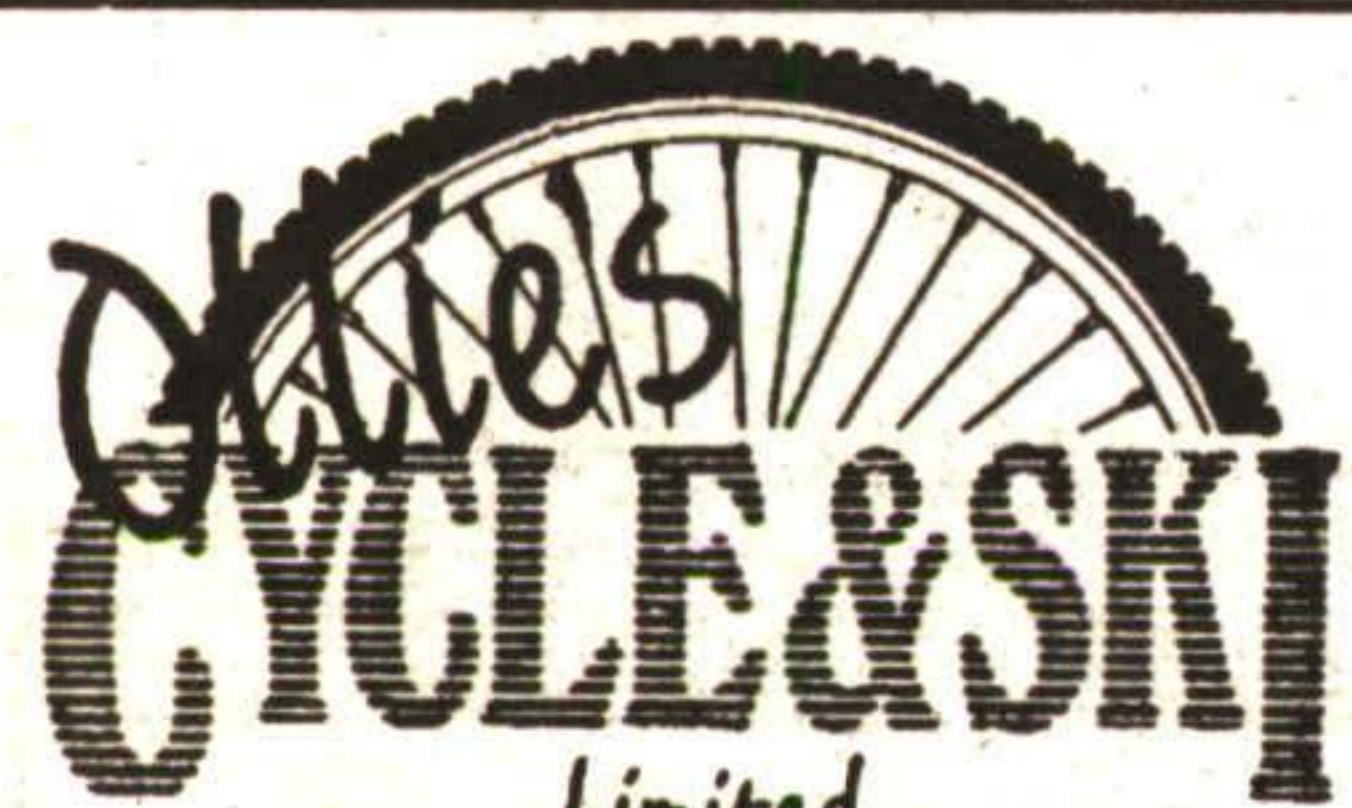
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police said. The resident called police, who picked up a youth in downtown Acton a short time later. Only some coins and cigarettes were taken from the car.

Assault charge

An Acton man has been charged with assault and obstructing police in relation to an incident on Carruthers Rd. July 27 involving a disagreement with a second person, police said.



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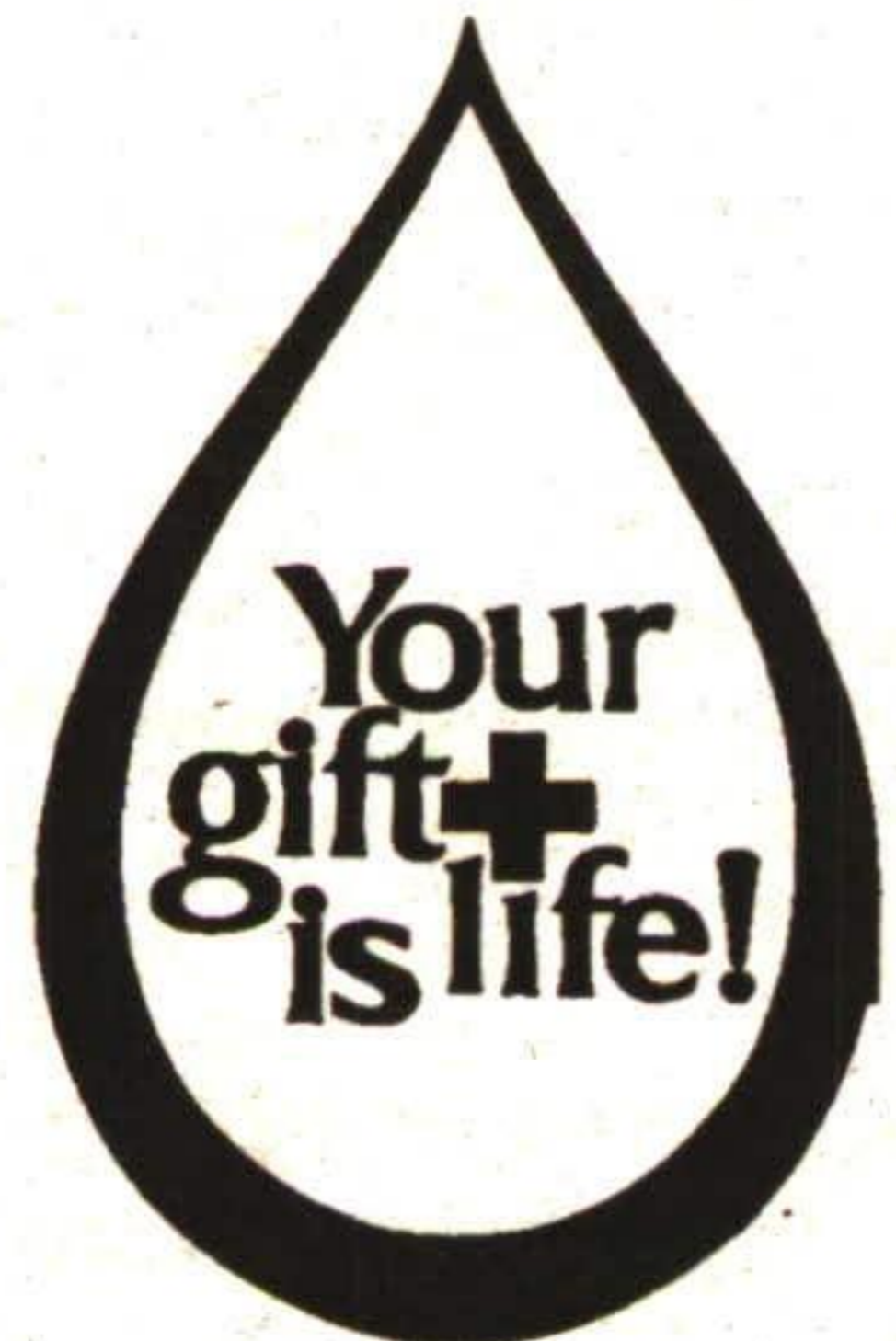
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