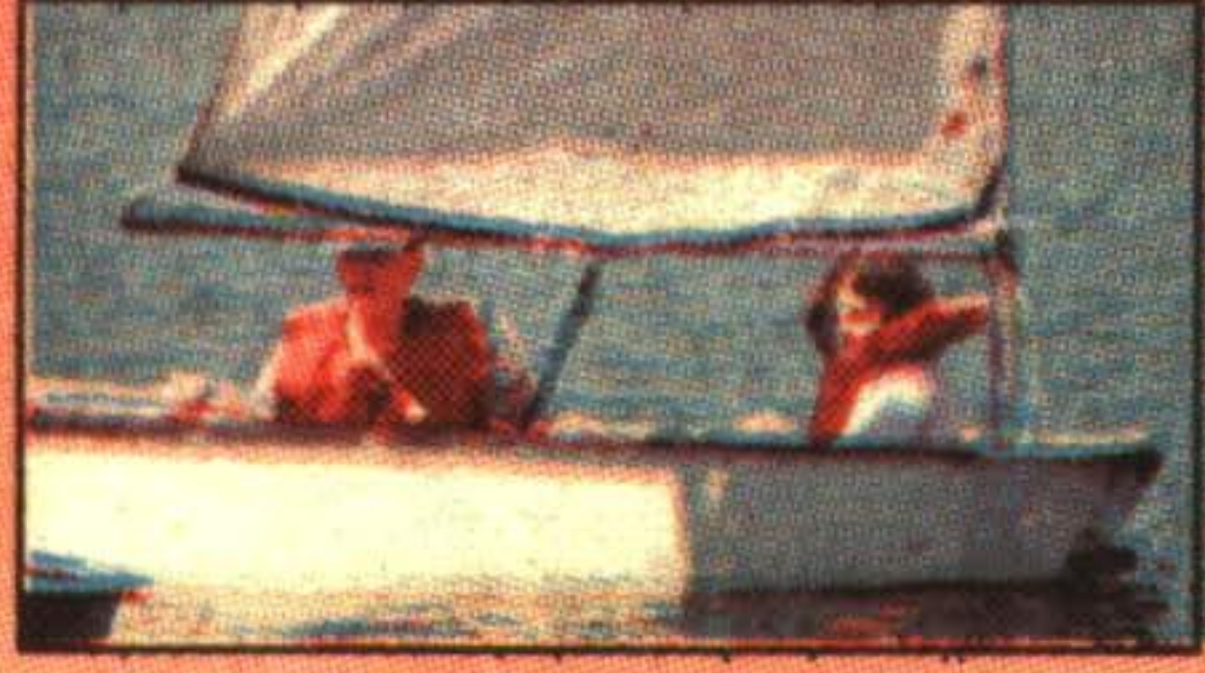


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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Stormy night

■ Halton Hills firefighters were kept busy during Thursday evening's storm. At about 6:45 p.m. the fire department was called to an Eighth Line home because of a lightning strike which caused slight damage. About two minutes later, firefighters responded to the Georgetown Canadian Tire store for an alarm activation set off by the storm. At 7:15 p.m. firefighters were called to St. Brigid's School for another alarm activation which is believed to have been due to a possible lightning strike.

Evacuation

■ At 7:30 p.m. Thursday the fire department was called to Preston St. because of a natural gas leak. A spokesperson said the leak occurred when a trench collapsed and pulled apart the plastic gas line leading into a home. Most of the street was under construction at the time, however some homes in the area had to be evacuated until the gas company arrived and capped the line.

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Still undefeated

A North Halton player goes up over a Barrie player to snare the ball during a lineout in Toronto Rugby Union action at Georgetown South. North Halton remained undefeated with a 13-3 win, improving its won-lost-tied record to 7-0-1. Andrew McKenzie and Adam Soward scored tries and Trevor Harkley added a penalty kick and a convert for the winners.

Gardiner goes to court in September

BY TIM WHITNELL
Special

Conflict of interest allegations leveled against five Halton Board of Education trustees will finally find their way into a court.

A date of Sept. 18 in Milton is the expected first hearing for the case.

Burlington resident Dave Houston, an executive member of the outspoken Taxpayers Coalition Burlington Inc. (TCB) watchdog group, is on record as the individual who has lodged the complaint against the board members.

The members in question are Acton/Esquesing trustee Ethel Gardiner, board chair Linda Glover and trustee Joe Pavelka, both representing Burlington wards, Oakville vice-chair Penny Siebert, and Milton's Flo Belford.

The Taxpayers Coalition has cited the possible breach of Municipal Conflict of Interest regulations, in relation to the board's 1996 budget deliberations, since the five trustees named have family or other relatives working for the Halton or Peel school boards.

The TCB had expected court action to commence a couple of months earlier, but court documents improperly filed back in June caused a delay.

Houston said it is his wish to see a court make a ruling on the issue.

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