



It's a real dog's life

Tu-Tu was lapping up the attention Brian Cherry (left) and Brad Caddick were giving her last Wednesday at the Gordon Alcott playing fields in Georgetown. Its a real dogs life!
photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Acton women join unique OPP program

By Oksana Buhel

Last week, Milton Ontario Provincial Police (Traffic Unit) detachment implemented a new victim assistance program, and two Acton women have been asked to participate.

Sylvia Ash and Joan Phillip, both Acton residents for 18 years, have been involved with the Canadian Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) for the past five years. They have also been trained in CPR, First Aid and Crisis Intervention. Both agree there is a definite need for this program.

OPP Constable David Thomas said the program took almost five months to put together and is "somewhat unique" because it deals solely with victims of traffic accidents.

"More people are injured or killed in traffic accidents than from any other police involved activity," Thomas explained, "and as far as I know, we are the only detachment in Ontario which deals strictly with motor vehicle accidents."

The victim assistance program has been modeled after the Ministry of Solicitor General's Victim Assistance Services sec-

tion, and a similar program run by the Halton Regional Police Service. "Both these groups have really helped our program get going," Thomas said.

The OPP program is more similar to the regional one because it involves an occurrence reviewing procedures. This includes informing victims on the status of the police investigation, notifying them of sentencing date and outcome of a court case and assisting victims called as witnesses. Volunteers also provide crisis intervention and emotional support and advise for victims and their families.

"It (the program) really helps us with our limited police human resources," Thomas said. "It's a part of the community policing program which we're trying to promote."

Phillip described the venture as an "excellent program." She was very modest about her role in the program. "We're (Phillip and Ash) just volunteers," she insisted.

Ash was similarly humble about her role. "Oh, I don't want to feel like a martyr," she said. "I do it because I really believe in it, and it's very gratifying."

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THIS WEEK

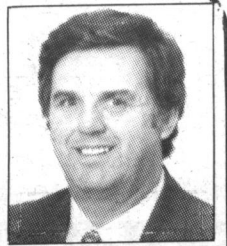
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Milton reaps provincial cash windfall

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan has announced \$263,835 in jobsOntario Community Action funding creating 840 short-term person days jobs and 840 long-term person days jobs in Milton. Duignan made the announcement on behalf of Minister of Economic Development and Trade Frances Lankin.

The Senior Citizens Recreation Centre will receive \$213,835 to renovate and develop F Wing and Pettit House as a senior citizens' centre.

The Campbellville Lions Club Hall will receive \$50,000 to purchase and renovate its facilities.

Renovations include insulation, new windows, fire and health code improvements and accessibility to ensure user safety and operating efficiencies.

"Both of these projects are important to the community," said Duignan. "The Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre will be of immediate benefit because it will provide a permanent seniors' facility in our community."

"The Campbellville Lions Club Hall project is part of a rural village community improvement program and this will allow area residents to continue using this facility for a variety of activities."

Ontario's support for the

project comes from a special \$31 million portion of the Community Action program set aside for capital projects that can start creating jobs and supporting communities this summer.

"I'm pleased that we were able to respond quickly to

the initiative shown by Milton," said Lankin. "These projects represent a great deal of hard work and planning by the whole community. They respond to community priorities and create much needed jobs for the area."

Arrested at gunpoint

Murray Donald Scriver, 34, last living in Mississauga, was arrested at gunpoint Sunday around noon at McDonald's Restaurant on Guelph St. in Georgetown.

The incident was sparked two hours earlier, when Scriver pulled out a gun and confronted a man in a parking lot on the same street, in a dispute over a debt. Scriver fled the scene in a car, which was located a short time later, after Scriver had fled on foot.

He was seen entering McDonald's by police officers, who alerted management. An auxiliary plainclothes officer was sent in to quietly evacuate customers and staff, without alerting Scriver. "It was all done very quickly and calmly," praised Kim Benson, McDonald's manager. "At no time was anyone in jeopardy."

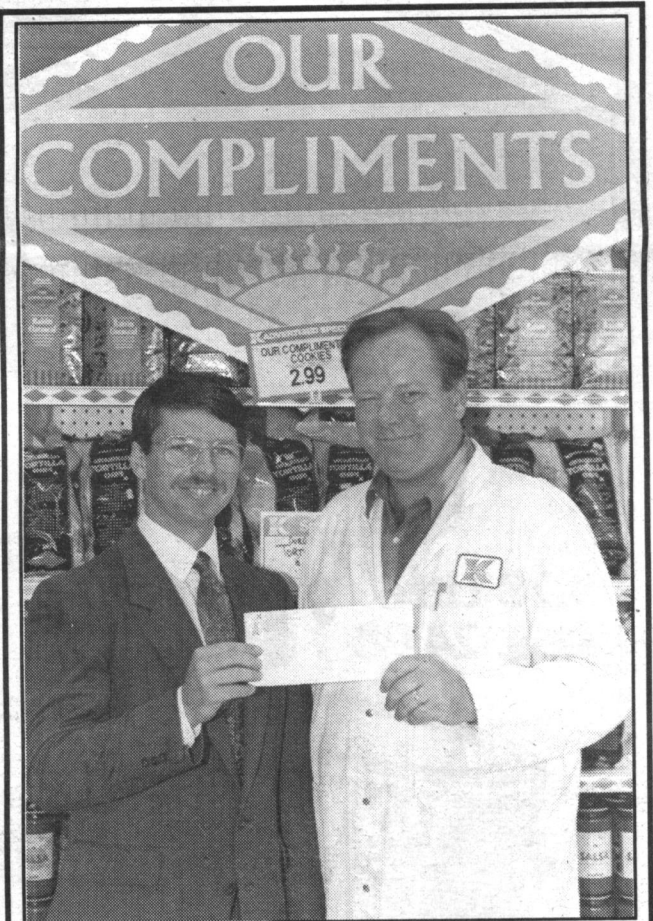
Scriver was arrested without incident when he exited McDonald's, and a fully loaded .22-cal. handgun was found nearby. He was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a restricted weapon and possession of a firearm while prohibited.

Scriver appeared for a bail hearing at Milton Provincial Court Tuesday afternoon.

DOWN TOWNER.



The joys of summer...I got a parking ticket in a weekend traffic jam.



Knechtel donation

Rob Blackburn (left), Treasurer of the Georgetown Kinsmen Club, received a cheque last Friday for \$350 from Knechtel Georgetown Food Mart owner Bob Creasy, to add to the Kinsmen's National Campaign for Cystic Fibrosis. The Knechtel store raised the money by hosting a barbecue on the Canada Day holiday weekend and with the launch of their new "Our Compliments" product line. Knechtel Georgetown Food Mart is located in Moore Park Plaza.

photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

HRCBSB okays social contract

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board (HRCBSB) approved a social contract for its 122 non-union employees Thursday evening, which will initiate a three-year wage and benefit freeze, retroactive to June 13, of this year. Unpaid leave for up to 12 days in each of the three years, was also approved.

The board is waiting on the settling of a sectoral agreement involving the teachers federation and other unionized employees before releasing specific details on the non-union employee social contract.

The non-union social contract will help the HRCBSB cut \$3.65 million from its budget during the three-year period, as directed by the provincial government.

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