



Summer Camp leader Elaine Warbeck transforms Jessica Sacrey at last Tuesday's Nickle Carnival at the arena. (Fran Niblock photo)

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Municipal Digest ...

Town stops building refunds

Halton Hills Council will save itself \$200,000 this year by repealing a bylaw allowing building permit fee refunds.

The Town is following the lead of a majority of large municipalities in ending the practice of refunding fees when the cost of the actual development is less than the amount the fees are set on. Halton Hills hasn't made any refunds but some Ontario municipalities have been forced to make rebates to developers "in the six figures." To satisfy a few councillors who suggested the move wasn't fair, the new bylaw will include a "grandfather clause" allowing refunds, where warranted, for developments already underway.

Balls, bats and booze

Subject to a long list of stringent rules, the Acton Stingers Hockey Club will be allowed to sell beer at its slo-pitch baseball tournament this fall in Prospect Park. Halton Hills politicians approved a liquor

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NEWSSHORTS

Criminals target Canadian flag

Halton police have no suspects or witnesses in two separate thefts of Canadian flags from the front of the olde Hide House. "One flag was stolen on July 22," said Hide House security manager Ann Watkinson last week. "The other three disappeared overnight Thursday. I'm not even Canadian but I think it's a shame that someone would take a Canadian flag." The one metre by half-metre flags, valued at \$100, were removed from their brackets on the outside of the building.

Police have no suspects following a possibly related incident which occurred overnight Wednesday at the Hide House. Some five flag poles were broken in half, while five Canadian flags were ripped up at the Eastern Avenue business.

Daytime break and enter

Some \$4,500 in electronic equipment was taken from a rural home sometime between morning and early evening on Saturday. According to Halton Police, thieves entered through an unlocked door and made off with a VCR, camera and camcorder from the home at Highway 7 and Sixth Line. While the victim is attempting to locate serial numbers for the stolen goods, police have no suspects in the crime.

Crooks make off with tires, rims

Once again Queen's Tire has been victimized by tire-thieves. Sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning, thieves made off with 20 auto tires and six rims from the Acton business, cutting through the chain-link fence on the north side of the Queen Street property to gain entry. Value of the stolen property is estimated at \$1,450. The complainant requested that police increase patrols in the vicinity of the service garage, as similar thefts have reportedly occurred in the past. Police have no suspects in the crime.

Thefts from Elizabeth Drive

Overnight Wednesday thieves made off with lawn chairs and a planter from two ground-floor apartments at 17 Elizabeth Dr. Police have no suspects in the theft of the two lawn chairs, valued at \$50, which were taken from one apartment patio, and a \$25 white plastic swan flower pot from the next patio.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's modern now but there's still that homespun feeling and everyone looks out for their neighbours. This place is special to everyone who lived here."

— Warren Grove resident Anne Drysdale, Page 1

DID YOU KNOW?

No matter how low or high it flies, an airplane's shadow appears the same size.

Halton School Board is still looking at alternatives to junior kindergarten

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busing system.

The junior kindergarten program, scheduled to be available in September of 1994, is the most controversial, with the Board on record as saying it can't afford the estimated \$11-million price tag and does not have the space for it.

Acton trustee Dave Whiting said last week that JK is coming and the Halton Board has to be ready for it, like it or not.

"We're now in a position of having to make some kind of plans. The Province isn't giving us an option. We are going to get it and we can't wait until September of '94 to hire and train our staff. We are still bucking it but behind the scenes we are doing some prep

work," Whiting explained.

The Board is also looking at alternatives to the JK program which would offer half-day classes to four-and-a-half-year-olds.

"The Province is looking at our proposal with some degree of co-operation. We haven't had it laid out yet but as far as I can tell we might come up with a joint program with some of the existing nursery schools. If we can arrange some kind of purchase-of-service deal, then we think we can offer JK a lot cheaper," Whiting said.

The Board has also notified the Province it plans to apply for transition funding grants for staff development, strategic planning and restructuring schools and staffing studies.

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