

Teaching kids to cope

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low-self esteem and have trouble with dealing with anger and frustration. They also have trouble with their school work and their friends," Crichton explained.

"The boys who witness family abuse often are very aggressive and the girls are often very passive. A majority of them feel they are somehow to blame and so the Number 1 priority is to make them see that it is not their fault; that they, through misbehaviour, did not cause the assault to happen."

Crichton said the project will teach children how to deal with anger and disappointment without hitting, and how to protect themselves in an abusive situation.

The pilot project at M.Z. Bennett begins late next month.



BOUNTIFUL BRUNCH: Local United Way members and the public dined in style at Jack Tanner's Table during brunch on Sunday, from which a portion of proceeds go to the United Way. Accepting the donation from restaurant manager Murray McNabb (right) are United Way officials Kathleen Hayward and Jim Lindsay. (Lori Frechette photo)

MOE letter raises questions

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Acton Wetland Complex if approvals were given to take more water from Fairy Lake.

Elliott dismissed those arguments.

"The MOE has completely ignored the fact that for decades Canada Packers took up to half a million gallons of water a day from Fairy Lake. At the same time the MOE is saying if we take a half a million gallons of water a day from the well, it would have a dire impact on Fairy Lake."

Elliott raised the issue during debate on Halton plans to hook into Peel Region's Lake Ontario

water and "borrow" water for a 10-year period to allow for additional growth in Georgetown.

Elliott said that it "irritates him to the point he could scream" that Halton seems to be embarking on the Peel water scheme to help with proposed development in Milton.

The proposed connection is on the Halton Region Council agenda today (Wednesday). Members from Halton Hills will attempt to have it deferred until Elliott's concerns can be dealt with.

Town deputy planning director Bruce MacLean called the MOE letter "confusing" and said it raised more questions than it answered.

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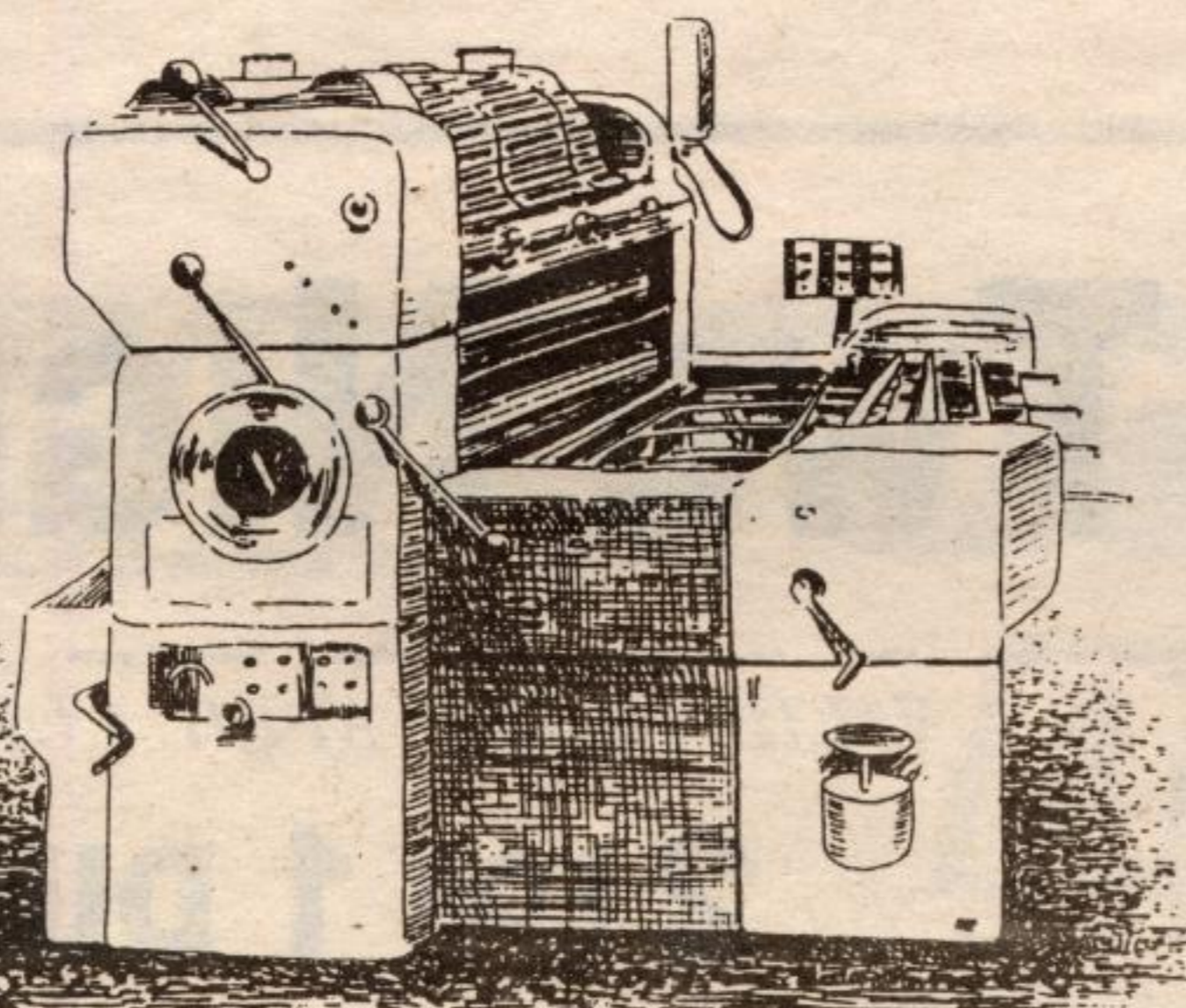
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Tip leads to stolen coats

An olde Hide House security guard has been charged with theft after a tip led police to \$3,000 worth of stolen coats.

Police executed a search warrant at a Georgetown house last Wednesday and recovered five leather coats they allege were stolen on Sunday, March 20.

Twenty-year-old Mark Atkinson, of Georgetown, has been charged with theft and possession of stolen goods and appears in Milton Court Monday, April 26.

Acton man injured in crash

Two Acton men are in stable condition in Georgetown Hospital following an accident early Friday morning in Georgetown that also injured a third Acton man.

Police report the accident occurred at an intersection when a driver ran a stop sign and collided with another vehicle.

Jason Dipersio, 18, of Acton, was trapped behind the steering wheel of his car and was freed by firefighters. Hospital officials report his condition is improving.

Passenger Kelly Bannon, 26, suffered minor injuries and was held overnight and released. Paul McLelland, 24, is also listed in stable condition.

Both Acton men were ejected from the car and have been charged with not wearing their seat belts.

The Georgetown driver of the other vehicle was not injured. The investigation continues.

Cemetery short cut

Kids taking a short cut are blamed for \$300 damage to a fence at Fairview Cemetery.

Public works staff report a chain link fence separating the cemetery and housing on Kingham Road was trampled three days in a row last week.

The investigation continues.

Nicotine fit

Police are searching for a 30-year-old Acton man in connection with an incident early Saturday morning at the Acton Jug City.

A patrolling officer saw a suspect run from the store and found that the glass in the door had been cracked.

A witness told police he saw the suspect kicking the glass to try to break in and get cigarettes.

The investigation continues.

Shopping warning

On orders from the Solicitor General's office, Halton police will strictly enforce the Retail Holiday Business Act on both Good Friday, April 9, and Easter Sunday, April 11.

Halton police report that they will charge any stores that open without exemption.

Easter Monday is not a statutory holiday and stores can open legally.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I am disappointed with the provincial teachers' federation and how it handled the issue. Clearly our local federations are not autonomous and don't really control their own destiny."

— Dave Whiting, School Board trustee, Page 5

DID YOU KNOW?

The electric razor made its debut on the American marketplace March 18, 1931. It should be noted that, until any kind of razor was invented, man shaved by pulling hairs out individually or by cutting them with sharp-edged stones.

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