238 charges laid over rural home break-ins

Halton Regional Police Service has laid more changes in the investigation continued into a rash of rural house entries that have occurred in rural Halton Hills since October. Three young Brampton men have 238 charges laid against them.

Starting October 26, generally between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. there had been a number of reported early morning entries occurring in the south rural area of Halton Hills. In these cases, the suspects entered these houses and stole wallets, purses, car keys, vehicle and various other items. In several cases the suspects entered the bedrooms of the victims and stole items from their bedrooms while they slept.

An investigation was undertaken by the Halton Regional Police Street Crime Unit officers from 11 Division CIB, working with the Peel Regional Police 22 Division Break and Enter Unit.

Charged are: Marco Alves, 22 years old of Mirabell Crt. Brampton (99 charges); Bruce Alves, 19 years- old of Mirabell Crt. Brampton (47 charges); William Barreira, 19 years old of Mayfield Road Brampton, (20 charges).

Arrests warrants are currently being processed for two other Brampton men, one of whom is facing 58 charges and the 14 charges for these house entries.

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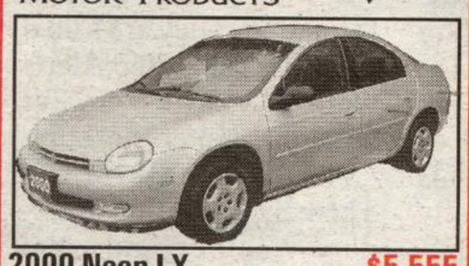
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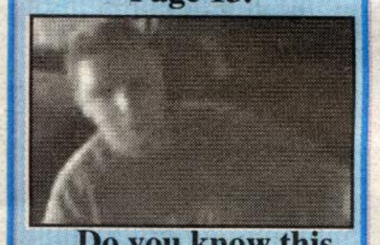
Do you know this man? If you do, phone the police. They are looking for him. See page 3

Santa really gets around, including a guest shot at the Legion Christmas Party. See page 5.

Town urged to drop smoke-free bylaw

Remain attached to smoke-free Halton Hills

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Town Council won't deviate from its pledge to be 100 per cent smoke free by July 2004, but it will continue asking for the so-called "level playing field" through either provincial or federal smoking legislation.

At Town Council on Monday night, George Markou, speaking for the Halton Hills hospitality industry, urged councillors to suspend the Town's current smoking bylaw and defer the issue to the province drew no questions or comments from Council.

Markou said tougher smoking rules implemented in July that banned smoking in bars and restaurants until after 9 p.m., have "caused people to go broke."

He cited the case of the Red Dog in Acton which closed recently, saying its owners had come to Council saying the tougher bylaw would hurt business.

Markou said the hospitality industry would support a uniform smoking bylaw.

"The problem we have is that we're within a 10-

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Cocaine use increasing among teens say police

Halton Police, who recently wrapped up a three-month project that targeted cocaine and crack cocaine drug trafficking in Oakville, observed that the majority of the customer base was from outside Oakville.

Most of the customers come from other areas of Halton and Peel Regions, police maintain, with an age range running from teen to 40-year-olds.

Drug officers noted the use of cocaine has been increasing with high school –aged teens with prices ranging from $75to $100 for a gram of cocaine, or $100 for crack cocaine.

LABOUR OF LOVE: Local artist and former Robert Little School teacher, Carol Black was at Finders Discoveries Art Gallery on Sunday signing copies of her latest book which features colour plates of her heritage paintings. Her books and original watercolours are still available at the gallery in time for Christmas. *-Danielle McIsaac photo.*

Acton still needs doctors

While other Halton communities have been able to attract some of the family doctors they badly need, Acton continues to have the most acute need for general practitioners in the Region, despite recruitment efforts.

"We keep trying. (In Acton) it will be the right fit for the right person," said Halton's physician recruitment coordinator, Angela Sugden Praysner, on Monday as she prepared a tour through Halton for two doctors looking to open practices.

Sugden Praysner said doctors who visit Halton Hills are attracted to Georgetown because of its proximity to the hospital, and recent openings in an existing larger group practice.

"I say to people that Acton is only 10 minutes away from the hospital in Georgetown, and explain that one Acton physician has hospital privileges at the Milton hospital, and for the right person, that will help," Sugden Praysner said.

On Tuesday, two doctors, Bill Kalirai and Lana Tan, who are completing their family medicine residencies at Queen's University and working in Dryden, toured Halton, checking out medical facilities and local communities.

They visited Oakville facilities in the morning, and went to the Halton Hills Civic Centre where they received a leather brief case and belt, won in a Halton raffle at a recent

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