

Police

Blotter

Alert clerk

A Toronto man was nabbed Saturday afternoon while buying jewelry at Walmart in Georgetown.

The man wanted to make the purchase with a government cheque and showed identification, police said.

The clerk became suspicious and notified her manager and store security. She tried to delay the man, but he fled, followed by store security. He discarded the cheque and I.D. as he ran.

A 48 year old man from Toronto was charged with possession of property obtained by crime (two counts), fraud under \$5,000, personation and uttering a forged document.

House break-in

Someone broke into 10 Main St. N. in Georgetown after a fire had gutted the residence.

A VCR, telephone, answering machine and a wooden box worth about \$600 were taken from the location.

Video camera taken

Someone broke into a Laughlin Cres. home in Georgetown during the day Tuesday.

The house was entered through a sliding glass kitchen door.

Numerous items, including a video camera, videos and jewelry worth about \$4,400 was taken, police said.

Students dramatic plea heard by Catholic Board

By DENNIS SMITH
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Talks are heating up again in the dispute between the Halton Roman Catholic School Board and its secondary school teachers.

The two sides were planning on holding a meeting Friday or this coming Tuesday, following a marathon session Wednesday.

Wednesday's session was the first official meeting in a few weeks for the two sides. Chris Jewell said the session lasted about 14 hours.

While there is no official word on how much progress was made Jewell said the decision to meet again was a promising sign.

Halton's Catholic high school teachers have been working to rule for two months, which has meant cancellation of all extra-curricular activities, including sports, arts, clubs and after-school academic help.

Staffing levels and salary increments are key issues in the longstanding dispute.

At Tuesday's board meeting,

some Loyola students made a colorful and dramatic plea for an end to the dispute.

The 11 drama students begin the presentation by linking arms and loudly chanting verse that expressed their unhappiness with the situation.

The performance was met with an awkward silence, then student representative Trevor Copp spoke.

"Time has passed tediously and painfully," said Loyola student Trevor Copp. "We won't submit quietly. We will not be forgotten. We must protect what we have built."

Their drama teacher Rainer Noack also spoke to the board.

"Human tragedy is taking a back seat to doing business," said Noack, who later urged for the students, "Let's take them out of the battle."

The message that students are being hurt the most by the job action has been delivered to trustees a few times during the dispute.

Trustee Jim Sherlock said ending the job action is not easy for the board to do. "The negotiations are very complex and they've been going on for two years," he said.

Town to appeal decision

Monday night council passed a resolution directing the town solicitor to complete the appeal of Justice Susan Greer's decision the council acted in bad faith when it passed an interim control bylaw last year freezing development in the 401-Steeles Ave. corridor.

The appeal was initiated last October.

Town administrator Ray King said he understands the appeal could not be formally launched until the court made a decision on cost awards to the parties involved, which was recently announced.



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