

# Police

## Blotter

### Two vehicles vandalized

Damage was done to vehicles at two separate Georgetown locations the night of Aug. 5. Police say two vehicles parked on Harrison Place had their tires slashed and, in what they are treating as a separate incident, paint was sprayed on the passenger side of a vehicle parked on Morris Street. Two other cars on Morris Street were also damaged.

### Bicycle thefts up

Police report seeing an increase in bicycle thefts in the Georgetown area. In the latest incident, a bicycle was stolen sometime between Aug. 5-7. The bike was later recovered, but the tires, valued at \$75, are still missing. Police advise owners to store their bicycles indoors overnight and to use locks when leaving them unattended.

### Dog destroyed

A dog had to be shot after biting two people at a Steeles Avenue property at 10:40 p.m., Aug. 6. Police say the victims were attending a barbecue when the dog, described as a Rottweiler-cross, suddenly appeared and bit one on the right ankle and the other on a forearm. The victims suffered minor bites and did not require further treatment. The dog had no identification and its owner is unknown. Its carcass was turned over to the Humane Society.

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## Business as usual

# No changes for ASSIC

By **JANET BAINE**  
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It's business as usual for Acton Support Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) since the Progressive Conservative government did away with plans to create new multi-service agencies (MSAs) across the province.

"It shouldn't affect us in any way. We're similar to an MSA on a local level," said Lorne Doberthien of ASSIC. The new agencies were to provide "one stop shopping" and replace or incorporate a multitude of organizations, including large ones like the Red Cross and VON and small ones like ASSIC. The new MSAs were to improve access to services, but many people felt that volunteers would be lost as a result of the change.

There was not yet an MSA for Halton region, and agreement on how it would be organized was a contentious issue. Halton Hills wanted its own organization, but the District Health Council decided to have one MSA for the region with four area offices.

"We would have had to live with whatever came down the pike, if

they had decided on a regional organization. We're happy with what we've got," Doberthien said.

But Georgetown doesn't have an organization equivalent to ASSIC, and the new MSA could have improved access to services in that community.

The Harris government gave itself 60 days, until mid-September, to meet with people in the long-term care system and get their ideas on how to coordinate services.

A Halton Hills group called the Local Service Delivery Area Committee (it used to be called the Halton Hills MSA committee) has been meeting since last fall, trying to ensure that service improves for Halton Hills residents.

"We don't know what (the new organization) is going to be. We know we need improved and more accessible services in the north," said Rosslyn Dowell, a committee member and gerontologist. "I was disappointed (to hear the new government's plans). It's been on the books since the mid-70s. This means they decided to consult yet again, and every time the government changes, it seems to mean more delay."

## Residents raising cash for parkette

Residents near the Mary St. parkette are raising money to buy some trees, shrubs and maybe even some park benches for their park.

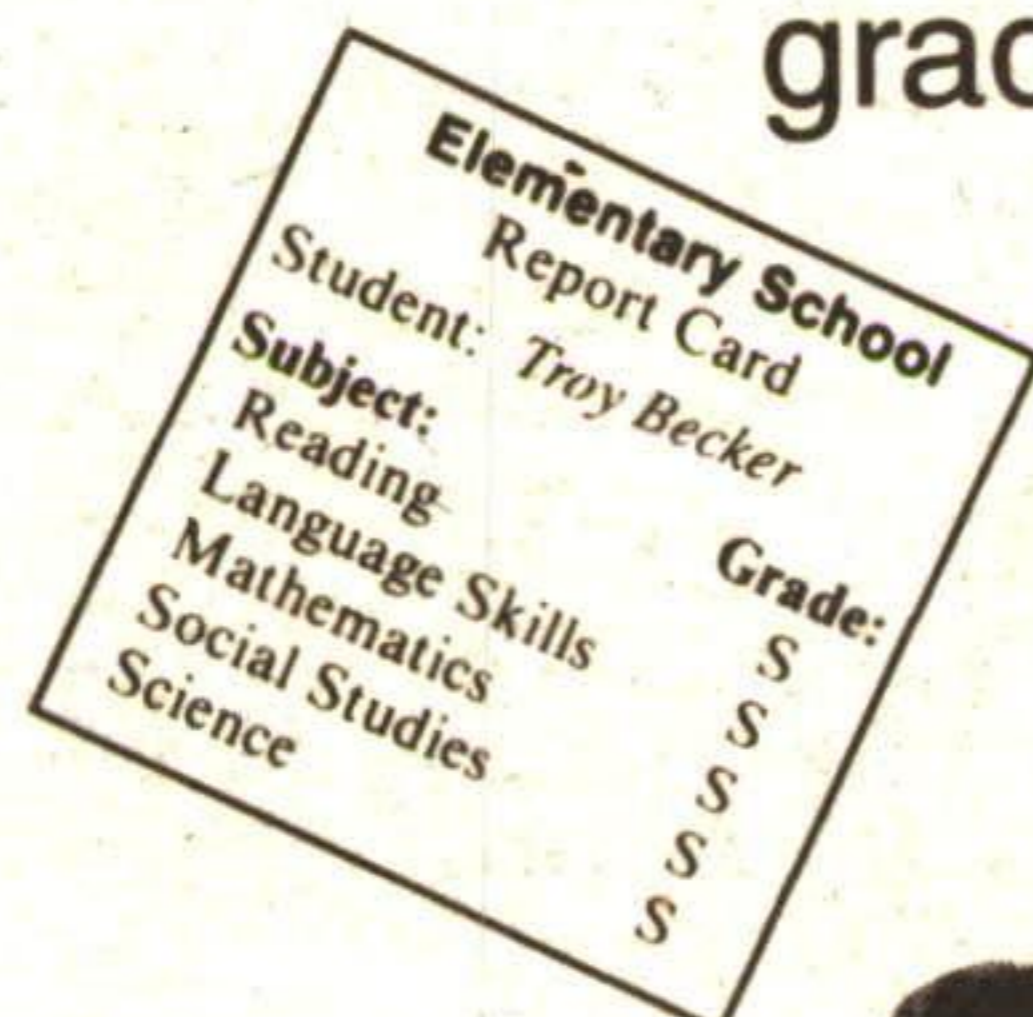
The Parks and Recreation Department earlier suggested that the land might be sold and the money used to buy a larger piece of land for

a larger park, said Brian Shynal, superintendent of parks.

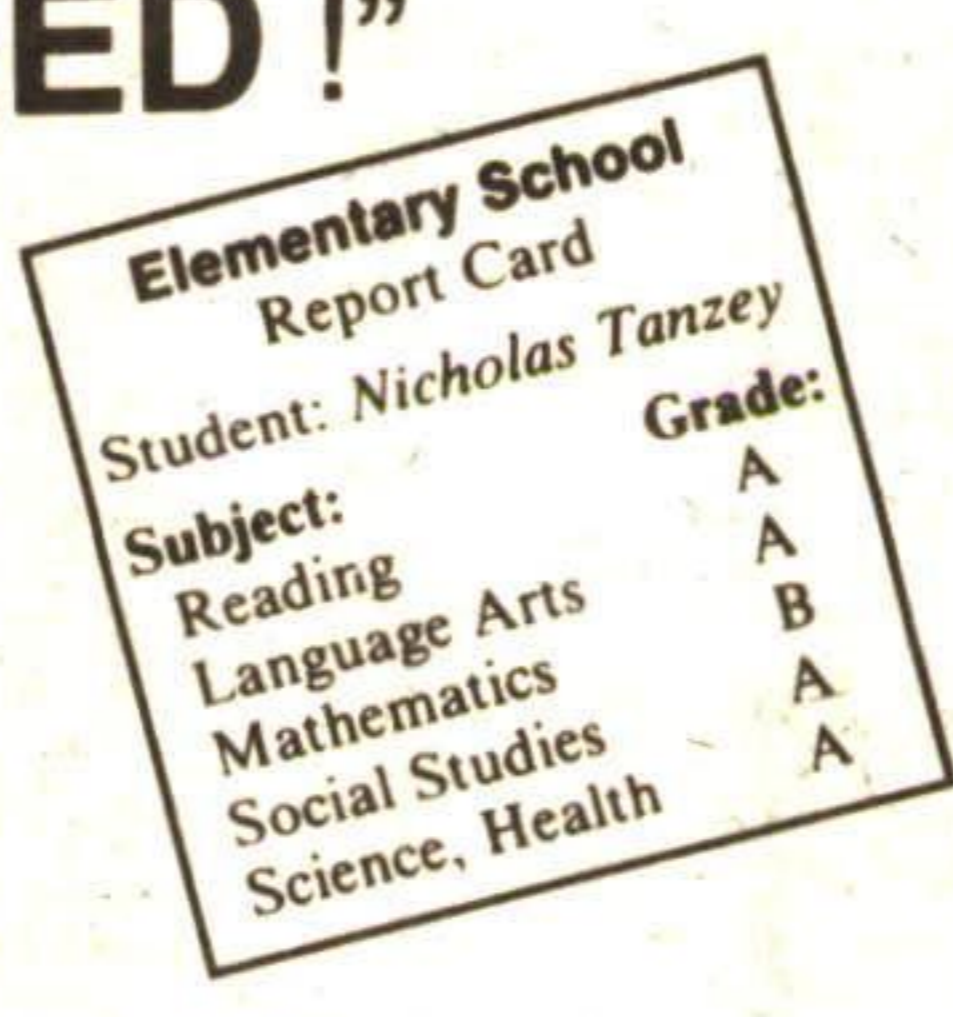
Residents protested and the town agreed in June that it would never sell the land. This week residents met to prepare for a planting day, sometime in September, said Beatrice Dumbreck.

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