

# POLICE BEAT

## Officer threatened

Halton Regional Police have charged an Georgetown man with threatening death, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon or imitation following a domestic dispute Tuesday.

Police were called to McFarlane Dr. shortly before 11 p.m. to intervene in a domestic dispute. The 12-year-old daughter of one of the people involved in the dispute made the phone call, a police spokesman said.

According to police, a man at the scene threatened one of the officers "several times. The man then approached the constable with his hands in his pockets and again threatened the officer.

The man was then "forcibly" arrested. During the scuffle a buck knife with the 3" blade extended, fell from the man's pocket. A 40-year-old Georgetown man was set to appear in court Thursday.

## Bold bandit

A Bolton man has been charged with theft after a set of tools were removed from the side of the road as the owner stood watching.

At about 10:45 a.m. Monday, a person working in the area of Hwy. 7 and Trafalgar Rd. put a sledgehammer, hoe and edger on the side of the road. He then went across the road to retrieve some more supplies. While he was across the road, a large delivery truck pulled up. The driver got out of the vehicle, threw the tools in the back and drove off — "although the complainant was yelling" at him — police said. The driver of the truck,

a 42-year-old Cambridge man, was arrested later in the day by OPP in Bolton.

## Jewelry stolen

Halton Regional Police have no suspects in connection with a break and enter at a rural Georgetown residence. Sometime between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, someone kicked in the front door at a house on 32 Sideroad at the Sixth Line. Once inside the culprit removed a jewellery box with an undetermined amount of jewellery inside, the television from a bedroom, a VCR and a small off road motorcycle from the basement. The investigation continues.

## Youths charged

A pair of Acton youths have been charged in connection with a series of Acton break-ins. According to police, a home on Holmesway Pl. was entered sometime between July 2 and July 5. Once inside the suspects used a hatchet to break into a safe in the residence and removed \$400 worth of cash that was in the safe. Police arrested a pair of youths — one 13 the other 12 years of age — in connection with the case and subsequently charged them in connection with two other break-ins.

## Door damaged

About \$200 damage was done during an attempted break-in at a Queen St., Acton store sometime Monday night. According to police, the suspect cut away of the portion aluminium in the front door to get at the locking bolt inside. But sometime during the break-in the

suspect was scared off and the store was never entered, police added.

## Gates stolen

Halton Regional Police are continuing their investigation after someone removed the gates at St. Joseph's Cemetery on 25 Sideroad at Dublin Line, Acton. Sometime Friday the culprits used "unknown tools and a vehicle" to remove the 4'x10' wrought iron gates. The 60-year-old gates are black with a crucifix inlay. The investigation continues.

# Man dragged by car

Halton Regional Police say details are "very sketchy" about a case in which a man was dragged more than 80 metres by a car.

According to police at 11 Division in Georgetown, sometime around 1 a.m. Tuesday the man was struck on the Eighth Line near 27 Sideroad and dragged 80 to 85 metres (240 to 255 feet).

Despite suffering "severe" burns

to his back feet and buttocks, the man — believed to be in his 30's — walked to a nearby house. He was driven to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and then transferred to the burn unit at Wellesley General Hospital in Toronto.

Police have been unable to talk to the victim about the case due to his injuries and a spokesman said that releasing further details could "jeopardize" the ongoing investigation.

# Murder suspect remanded

The man charged in connection with the murder of a Georgetown woman has been remanded in custody.

Keith Bettridge, who appeared in a Milton court June 29 — his 36th birthday — was expected to make another appearance on Monday to set a trial date.

Bettridge was arrested June 27 after a province-wide manhunt ended without incident at a cottage north of Fenlon Falls.

The body of 30-year-old Kimberly Thompson was found at a house on the Eighth Line north of Steeles Ave. June 26. An autopsy revealed that Thompson died as a

result of a gunshot blast to the face.

Originally a Toronto resident, police said Thompson had moved several times between Brampton and Georgetown before settling into the Eighth Line residence in June.

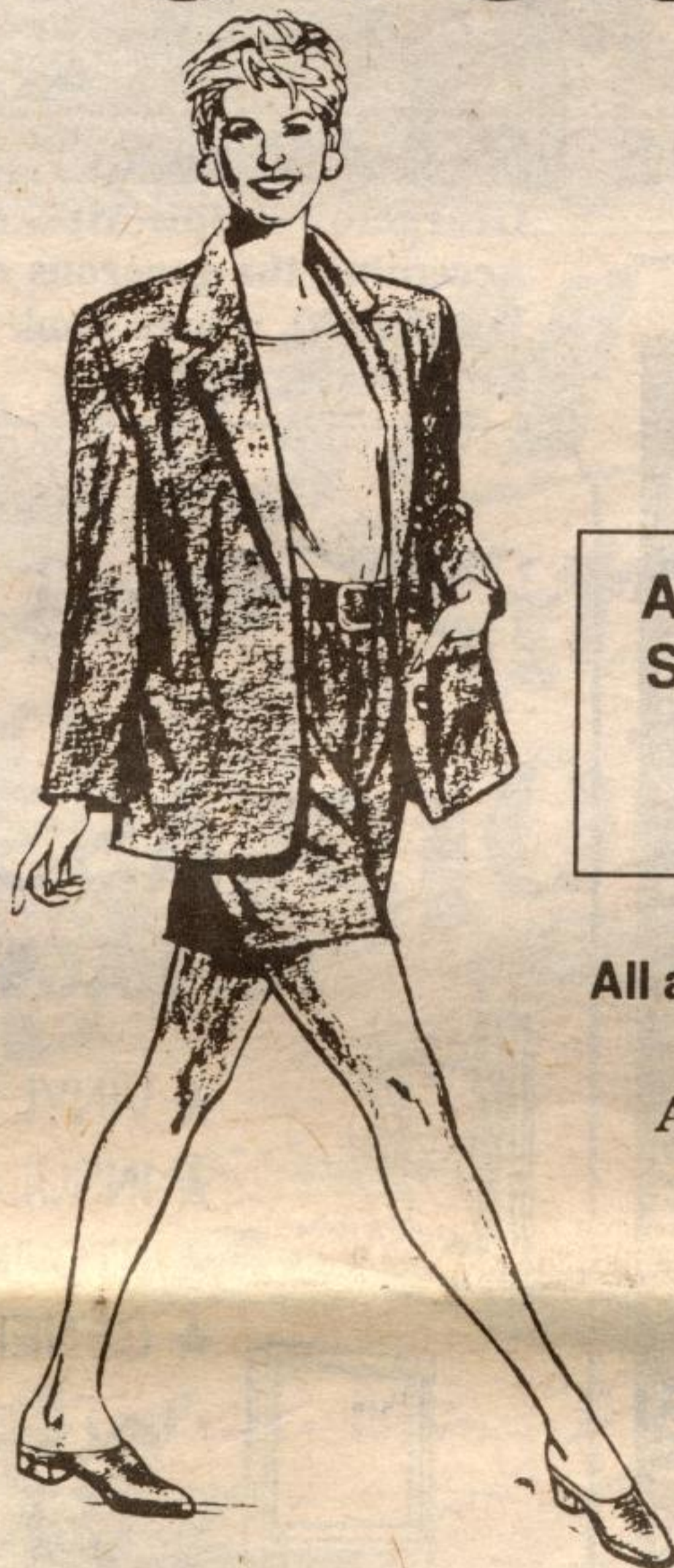
## Correction

Last weeks Halton Hills This Week reported that Halton Regional Police are investigating the murder of Burlington teen Kristen French. French was a resident of St. Catherines but her body was found in Burlington in April of this year. This Week regrets the error.

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