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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Still serious

■ Sean Sears remains in serious condition at Sunnybrook Hospital. Sears was injured in a dirt bike accident June 8 in Acton. So far, \$3,700 has been raised to aid his recovery.

Decision deferred

■ Town general committee deferred dealing with the Law Phase 3 application for townhouses at its meeting Tuesday. After an in camera session with town lawyer Roger Beaman, committee passed a recommendation to defer its decision until the purchase and sale agreement for the parkland the town is attempting to buy on the Law property has been before council.

Towns share

■ Halton Hills will share its purchasing agent with Milton on a fee-for-service basis, general committee decided Tuesday. The sharing of services should be more cost effective and reduce duplication of services.

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Photo by Herb Garbutt

Prize winning peonies

Diana Pooke pinned the first place ribbon on her peonies at the Georgetown Horticultural Society's flower show, held at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall last weekend. The show had 11 members vying for top honors. Pooke, the society's secretary, has been gardening at her Norval home for 25 years.

Crown drops sex charge

School superintendent agrees to conditions

A sexual assault charge against a Halton Board of Education superintendent has been withdrawn.

Fearing the charge couldn't be proven due to insufficient evidence, the Crown instead cut a deal with Graeme Barrett, superintendent of education services, in a Hamilton courtroom June 28.

Barrett, who was charged in a Hamilton-Wentworth police crackdown on gay sex in a park

on Royal Botanical Gardens land, agreed to conditions of making a donation to charity and promising not to return to the park, confirmed Crown attorney David Carr.

"We determined there wasn't enough grounds to proceed with the case as charged," he said.

The 53-year-old superintendent did not make a formal admission of guilt in agreeing to the deal, Carr said.

The 19 other men charged in

the crackdown — ranging in age from 28 to 59 years from communities all over southwestern Ontario — may be offered the same deal, but cases will be looked at on an individual basis, he said.

Barrett, who went on sick leave June 14, was suspended in connection with the charge by the Halton Board of Education for an indefinite period the night before the charge was dropped.

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Bomb explodes

No one injured homes damaged

BY JANET BAINE
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A pipe bomb exploded in the backyard of a Calvert Dr. residence in Georgetown just before midnight Thursday, damaging two homes but no one was injured.

Two homeowners awakened by the explosion went outside to find out what had happened, but didn't find anything, said Halton Police Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh.

Friday morning they checked again and found a crater about two ft. in diameter and 3 in. deep at the centre in the backyard of one of the residences.

The window of that home was blown out and there were punctures in the eaves trough and damage to brickwork, with total damage to that house of about \$1,200 to \$1,500. Damage to the second house was about \$150 — punctures to the eaves, likely caused by fragments from the bomb.

The Explosive Disposal Unit of the Halton Regional Police came to check out the area, and decided the explosion was likely caused by a pipe bomb set in the backyard of the residence.

"We have no suspects and there is no apparent motive," Welsh said.

He is urging anyone who might have any information on this incident to call police at 878-5511, ext. 2105.

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