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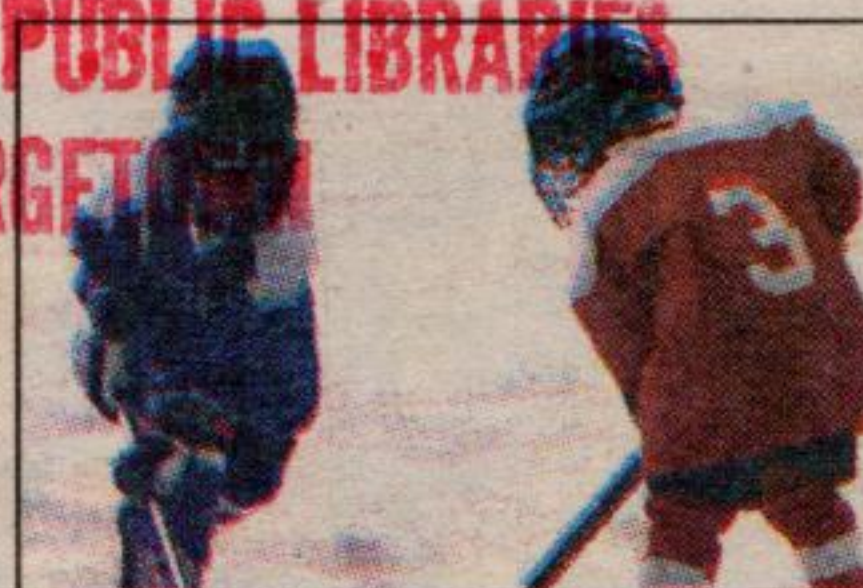
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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Case remanded

The police hearing to deal with Metro Police officer and former Ward 4 Councillor Keith Bottomley and three other police officers charged with discreditable conduct was remanded last week until April 27.

Bottomley and the other officers were charged under the Police Services Act of Ontario for seeking part-time council seats outside of Toronto. Bottomley is facing three counts of discreditable conduct for running for a council seat in 1994, serving on council for three years and applying to run for a seat in the 1997 election.

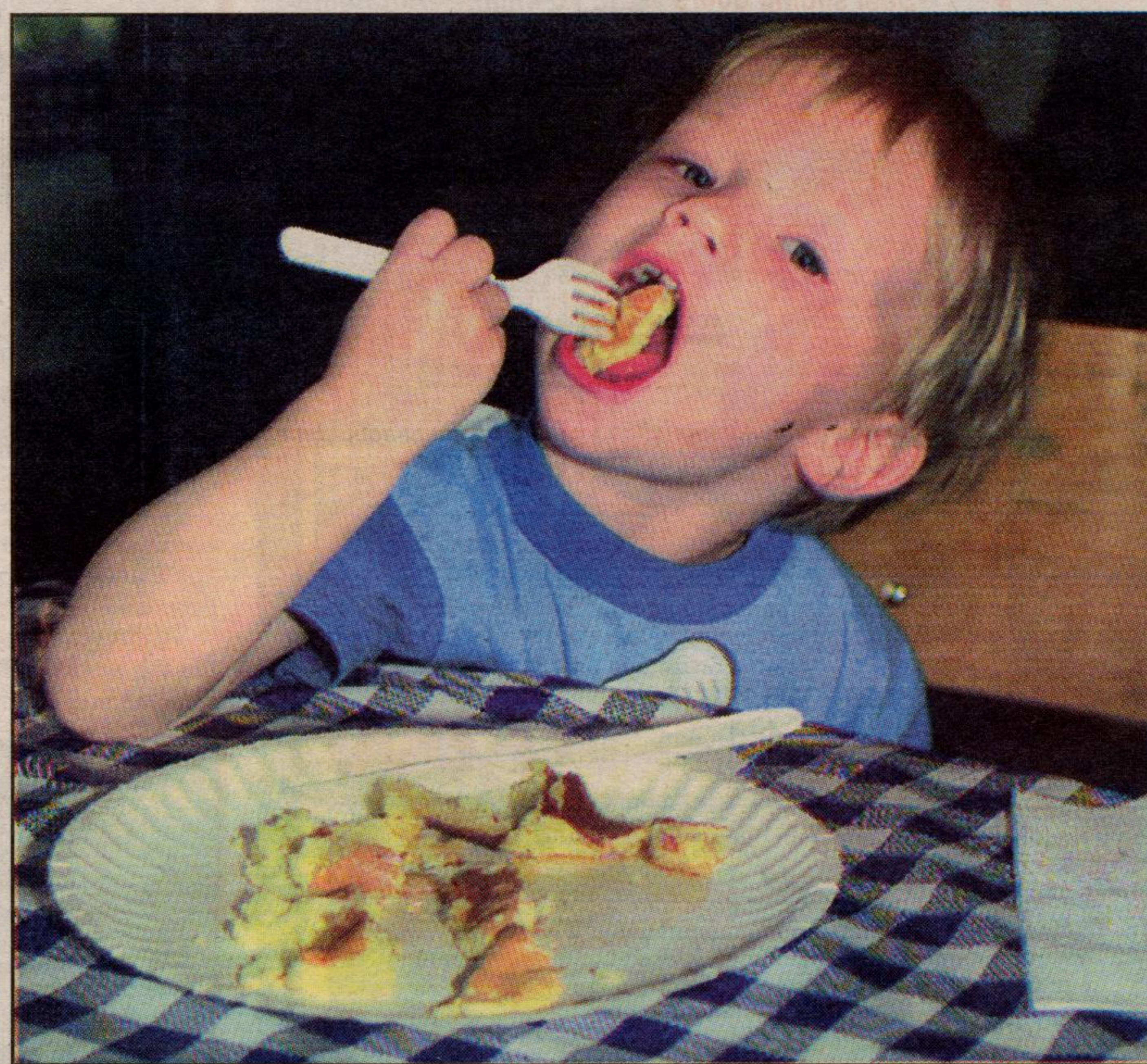
Faces charges

An Acton man is facing several charges after another man was assaulted and robbed in a car Monday.

Halton Police say about 11:30 p.m. a man who was walking in the Churchill Rd. and Queen St. area of Acton was approached by someone in a car. A struggle ensued and the man was assaulted and robbed. Charged with robbery, forcible confinement, assault and uttering a death threat is William Morrison, 20, of Holmesway Place.

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A Taste of Maple

Benjamin Payne of Limehouse was one of the many people to enjoy the pancakes at A Taste of Maple at Limehouse Hall last week. The Limehouse Women's Institute hosted the event to raise funds for renovations to the hall.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Man sought after woman grabbed

A 20-year-old Georgetown woman was grabbed from behind by a man while she walked down pedestrian access stairs leading from Main St. to Dufferin St. in Georgetown Tuesday night.

Halton Police say at about 9:30 p.m. the woman was walking along the sidewalk in that area, headed down the stairs and was followed by a man who grabbed her forcibly from behind. She screamed and

fought the man off, who let her go and ran off. She wasn't injured.

Police are looking for a man described as white, in his early 20s, with a fair complexion and medium build. At the time he was wearing a ball cap and dark clothing.

Anyone with any information on the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or Detective Larry Brassard at 878-5511 ext. 2418.

Downloading more costly than expected

The shifting sands of provincial downloading just firmed up a little, but so far the price of stability is \$2 million more than Halton Region expected.

New figures released Tuesday at regional council hike the downloading burden to \$21.6 million for Halton, about \$1.9 million higher than previously estimated.

Oddly enough a revised social assistance plan and newly assessed pooling costs have actually lowered the regional tab by \$2.3 million.

What should have been a boon for Halton turns to a bust when significantly lowered community re-investment transitional funds are calculated in.

Those grants are down \$6 million from December, 1997 figures.

For the taxpayers that works out to a half per cent tax increase, contributing to a total tax hit of 4.8 per cent more over last year. For the owner of a \$185,000 home that means an extra \$124 in property taxes for 1998.

What's more, the guessing game continues with final figures still to be released.

Meanwhile, the draft legislation that should grow up to be the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) came under the microscope of regional council Tuesday.

In its proposed form the 28-member GTSB would co-ordinate services in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and have financial control over GO Transit.

The present draft legislation held several areas of concern for Halton including:

- Representation — by the proposed formula Halton would have two seats on the board while Toronto would nab a whopping 14. Council suggested parity, rather than popular, representation

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