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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Two arrested

■ Two 17-year-old Brampton residents have been charged with assault and Peel Police are continuing their hunt for others in connection with a swarming in Brampton last month that left a Terra Cotta teen injured.

Four teenage victims were surrounded by 20 or 30 youths during the 2 a.m. attack Aug. 30 and a 19-year-old Terra Cotta resident and a 19-year-old from Brampton suffered minor stab wounds.

Two suspects were arrested last week and charged with common assault.

Cash stolen

■ A purse and wallet containing about \$80 in cash were taken from a vehicle parked near the Bruce Trail on the Sixth Line near Five Sideroad Saturday.

Halton Police say sometime between about 10:20 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. someone smashed a window and removed the items. Police report there have been a series of similar incidents at local conservation areas and urge people not to leave valuables in their car, and if they do to ensure they are out of view.

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Flower power

Carol Hall (seated) and Belinda Gallagher had the tough job of judging the numerous entries at the annual Georgetown Horticultural Society show Wednesday night at Knox Church hall.

Photo by Ted Brown

Business as usual for elementary teachers... for now

Halton's public elementary teachers won't hold any walkouts at least until after negotiations slated for Oct. 8, says a union leader.

Strike votes taken Thursday and Wednesday in Halton are being used to strengthen the position of teachers' negotiators, said the president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.

Halton elementary teachers voted 90 per cent in favor of strike action.

"A strike vote doesn't mean the next day teachers are out of classrooms," Phyllis Benedict said Thursday. "The talks would have to be at an absolute total impasse before we turn any type of sanction into action."

There would probably be no strikes until well after the Oct. 8 date and then, only as a last resort, said Benedict.

"No teachers want to trade their lesson plans for picket lines," she said. "But we need security in working conditions. And teachers and parents want to know how many kids will be in a class and how much preparation time teachers have."

Benedict added the elementary teachers don't want to see their previous collective agreement stripped.

The union leader said earlier there has been agreement on most non-monetary items, but no deal was reached in areas of staffing, preparation time, benefits and salary. The board is also trying to reduce teachers' preparation time by 40 minutes per week.

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Demolition of tannery to be completed next summer

Demolition of the Beardmore Tannery in Acton is under way and is expected to be completed next summer.

Vic Priestly, president of Priestly Demolition of Aurora which is doing the demolition for Maple Leaf Foods, said some of the

buildings on the property have already come down and the smokestack is slated to come down Monday. He said the main building will be levelled next spring.

Fire swept through the main plant area of the tannery in May.

Cynthia Zamaria, a spokesperson for Maple Leaf Foods, said

some Mennonites had removed some material from one of the buildings on the property.

Zamaria said Maple Leaf Foods and their environmental engineers have a plan for cleaning up the soil on the site and are working with the Ministry of Environment and Energy on the

issue. She didn't know when that would be completed.

"It is an old tannery and there are some residual things in the soil that will be dealt with," said Zamaria.

Zamaria said it was too early to say what Maple Leaf Foods future plans were for the site.

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