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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Caught with knife

■ A 15-year-old Georgetown boy is facing weapons charges after he was found with an eight-inch knife at Memorial Arena Saturday night. Halton Police say at about 11 p.m. the youth came to the arena looking for a 17-year-old Georgetown male and police received information that he was carrying a knife. He was arrested and charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and carry a concealed weapon. He is to be in court on November 30.

Legion broken into

■ Halton Police are investigating a break and enter at the Georgetown Legion that occurred about 4 p.m. Friday (Oct. 23). The suspect entered the legion through the front door and broke into a liquor cooler. While piling liquor up at the front door he was confronted by an employee and fled on foot. Police are looking for a white male, approximately 16 years old, with dirty blonde hair. He was wearing dark pants, a dark coat and a baseball cap.

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Acton schools likely to dodge board's axe

BY HERB GARBUTT
Staff Writer

A recommendation will be forwarded to the committee studying school closures to keep both Acton's public elementary schools open.

Superintendent of Education Al Greyson told about 65 parents Thursday night that both McKenzie-Smith Bennett and Robert Little Public School will be removed from the Halton District School Board's closure and consolidation review list if the recommendation passes.

With current enrolments, McKenzie-Smith

Bennett has 498 students and has 211 excess spaces. Robert Little has 386 students and 98 excess spaces.

"If we were to close one of the schools, we would have the immediate issue of where to put those students," Greyson said.

"Not all of the children in Acton would fit into one of those schools," said Ethel Gardiner, board chair and trustee for Halton Hills. "It would create a tremendous transportation issue so I don't think (a school closure) is a viable option."

Gardiner said the schools' numbers meet the board's criteria for being removed from the list because both have excess capacity that is less than the ministry-rated capacity for the other school.

"I would expect the board to apply that (criteria) consistently across the region," she said.

The board is currently reviewing its schools in an attempt to eliminate an excess 5,828 pupil places. If it does not eliminate those excess places it will not be eligible for government funding to build a new schools.

The recommendation must go to the board's schools accommodation management committee. It would then be passed on to the board. Gardiner said it could be voted on as early as Nov. 4.

Greyson said the Acton schools remained on the list until this point because they needed clarification on how the Ministry of Education would view McKenzie-Smith Bennett. The board physically linked the two schools three years ago and has been operating them as one school since then. But

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On the run

Donovan Olinoski of Georgetown District High School heads for the finish line at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference cross-country meet at Kelso Conservation Area Thursday. See page 14 for results.

Photo by Herb Garbutt



KIM WILTSHIRE

Georgetown woman killed in two-car crash

An accident on 17 Sideroad Tuesday night claimed the life of a young Georgetown woman.

Kim Wiltshire, 22, of Oak Ridge Dr., died at Georgetown Hospital about two hours after the collision as a result of the injuries she received.

Halton Police are still investigating the accident that occurred at about 8:20

p.m. just west of Winston Churchill Blvd. Police say Wiltshire was driving a Dodge Neon westbound on 17 Sideroad when it was struck on the left side by an eastbound GMC pickup truck driven by 46-year-old Frank Arsenault of Brampton. Arsenault wasn't injured in the collision. Kim's mother, Sandy Wiltshire, said at the time of the accident her daughter was

returning home from the gym at Brampton YMCA, where she had gone after work.

Kim, who was born and raised in Georgetown, is survived by her parents Doug and Sandy, sisters Kerry and Kristy, grandparents Mabel Wiltshire and Romeo and Muriel Dubien and great grandmother Gladys Gallant.

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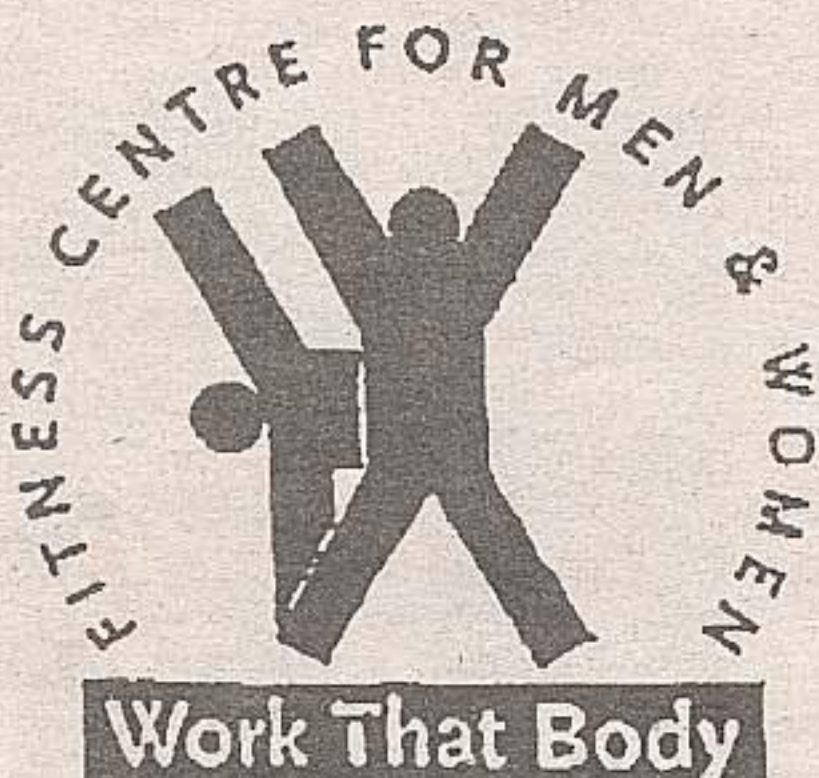
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