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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Women warned

■ Halton Police are cautioning Acton women not to walk alone in the evening after a 23-year-old Acton woman was assaulted while she was on a path from Victoria St. to Holmsey Place early Saturday.

The woman was approached from behind by a man, pushed to the ground and punched in the head. She fought back and ran to a nearby home. She received minor injuries and her clothing was torn.

The man is described as white, about 20-years-old, 6', 170 lbs and unshaven. He was wearing running shoes with dark pants and a sweater.

### Man charged

■ Police charged a Georgetown man with choking and assault after an altercation at a Raylawn Cr. home early Sunday involving two men who had been drinking together.

A 19-year-old Raylawn Cr. man was kicked in the face and choked but didn't receive serious injuries.

Charged is Wayne Sadowski, 27, of John St.

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## Balancing act

Jamie Boks-Taramina, 6, of Georgetown struggles with a pumpkin while also trying to hang on to a balloon during Saturday's Harvest Festival in downtown Georgetown. Hundreds turned out to the event to celebrate this year's harvest.

Photo by Christine Smyth

## Region insists water is safe Bacteria still showing up in Acton wells

**E.** coli bacteria continues to appear in the raw water at the Davidson and Fourth Line town wells that serve Acton's urban area and Halton Region has launched a study to trace the source.

However, the water entering Acton homes is safe to drink, said Tony Smith, Halton Region's supervisor of water plants. He said the E. coli was detected in the raw water entering the wells, but was no longer present after the water had been treated.

The good thing about E. coli is that it's easy to kill, he said. The bacteria was tested, and it was not the 0157 strain that entered Walkerton's municipal wells and resulted in six deaths last spring.

Smith said the presence of E. coli in well water is not unusual, especially with the increased amount of precipitation this year. He said the overburden (layers of ground) on top of the town's aquifer in the Acton area is shallow, and a lot of water permeates through it quickly.

Halton Region has developed an action plan and has hired International Water Services, at a cost of \$20,000, to trace the source of the E. coli and to develop a plan to eliminate the contamination.

In the meantime, the frequency of microbiological testing at these locations has been increased from weekly to daily, stated a Halton Region staff report presented to planning and public works committee last week.

Overall, Halton Region is spending close to \$200,000 in 2000 to comply

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