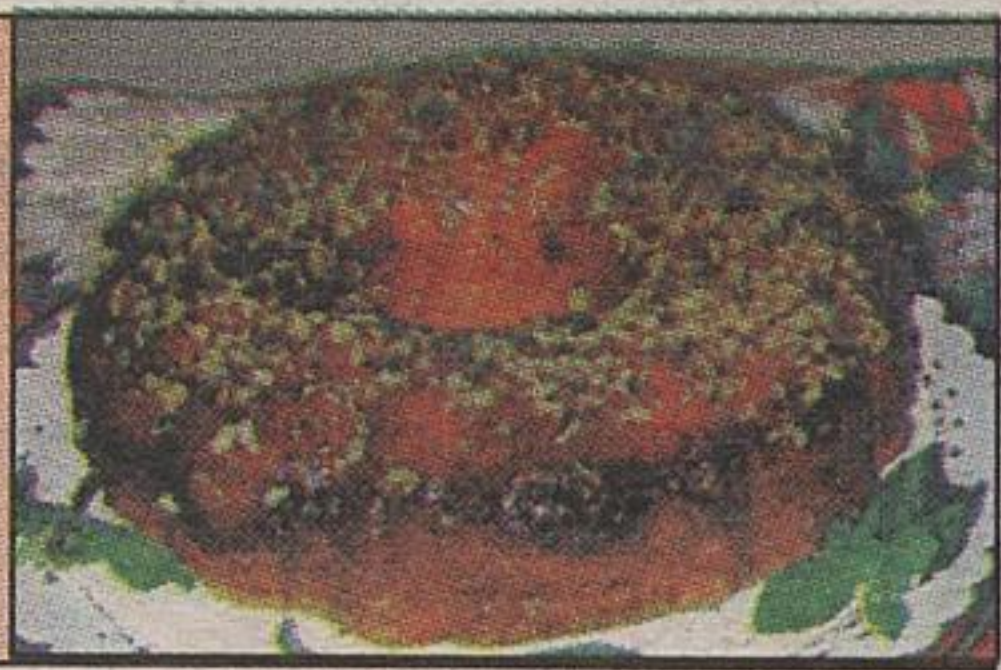


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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Tools stolen

■ About \$10,000 worth of tools were taken from a shop on Mountainview Rd. N. late Monday or early Tuesday. Entry was gained after the garage door was kicked in.

Theft charge laid

■ A Brampton man has been charged with theft under \$5,000 in connection with the theft of auto parts between May and August from his former employer Concept Ford.

Charged is Paul Flikkema, 25, of Lockwood Rd.

Car damaged

■ A 1996 Chevrolet was scratched and its convertible roof slashed while parked at Nashville North on Guelph St. Saturday night. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

School vandalized

■ About 20 newly planted bushes, valued at \$200, were ripped out and tossed on the road and parking lot at St. Joseph's School late Saturday or early Sunday.

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Pumpkin pest

William Gwynne, 10, of Glen Williams was caught offering a treat to a great pumpkin insect that recently invaded his home. The artistic endeavor was created by William's dad, after the family garden was overrun with zucchinis this year.

Photo by Ted Brown

Construction likely to be delayed

Arena project \$2 million over budget

Construction of the new ice surface at Alcott Arena could be delayed after the town received tenders that were significantly higher than the town budgeted.

Tenders for the much-needed arena were opened Wednesday afternoon and the lowest tender of the four received was \$5.4 million— or \$1.3 million higher than the \$4.1 million budgeted for the total project. Town CAO Steve Andrews said when other costs such as consultant fees are included, the total bill would actually be about \$2 million more than budgeted.

The highest tender was \$6 million.

'I believe council is totally committed to making this happen even if it means a tax increase.'

—Town CAO
Steve Andrews



Andrews said the town doesn't have the extra money needed to construct the arena based on Wednesday's bids so council will probably have to look at scaling back the project and re-tendering which would delay the November start date for construction.

Andrews said if that's the case, due to the

very tight construction schedule it would delay the opening of the arena, which was set for October next year.

"I believe council is totally committed to making this happen even if it means a tax increase," said Andrews.

Paul Stover, the town's manager of facilities, said there was limited interest from bidders. Eight contractors pre-qualified but only four submitted tenders.

"It's so busy," said Stover. "They're all telling us they are filling out multiple tenders at the same time."

Andrews said the town's cost consultant for the project estimated tenders may come in about \$1 million over the town's budgeted costs.

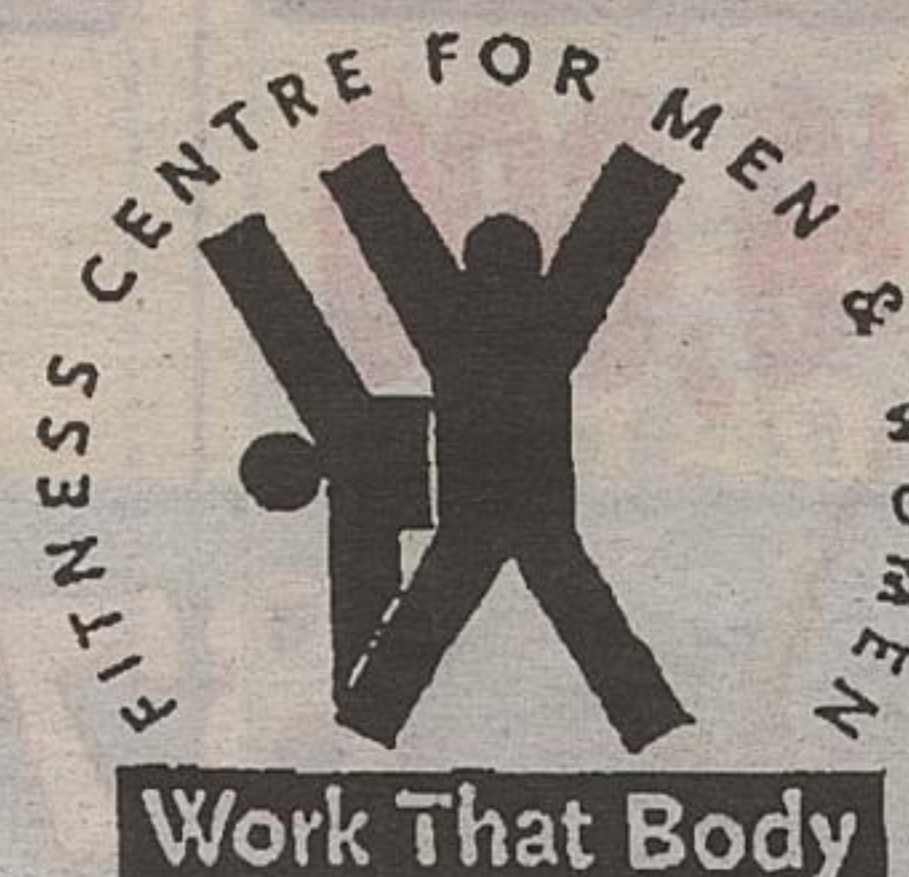
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