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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Youth charged

■ An Acton man has been charged in connection with an incident involving a taxi driver in Acton October 20.

The incident occurred on Kingham Rd. while the 47-year-old Oakville cabbie was dropping off three young men. The driver received serious facial and eye injuries after one of the youths hit him in the face with a beer bottle.

Charged with transportation fraud is Curtis Pilcher, 18, of Church St. W. Acton. A 17-year-old Rockwood man was charged earlier by police with aggravated assault.

Internet warning

■ Halton Police warn area residents to use caution when purchasing items over the Internet from individuals after an Acton man recently bought a laptop computer through an Internet auction site, wired \$1,775 US to the seller, and did not receive the computer.

He has also had no luck attempting to recover his money.

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Santa comes to town...



...and Old Man Winter hitches a ride!

The Acton Santa Claus Parade boasted North Pole-like weather Saturday afternoon as a snow squall moved into the area to make Santa feel at home. While the jolly old man loved the white stuff, the same couldn't be said for many local residents like Sandy Willett (left) who spent time Monday morning clearing the sidewalk in front of the Kentucky Fried Chicken store on Guelph St.

Top photo by Eve Martin
Left photo by Ted Brown

Contract talks 'informative', says union boss

Secondary teachers, Halton board crunch numbers

"Better rather than worse" was the description for the latest bargaining round involving Halton's public secondary teachers. Union leader Larry Chud made the comment following contract talks last week with Halton District School Board officials.

"We met for most of the day and went over most of the numbers," said Chud, who's president of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District 20 (Halton). "The numbers were exchanged and we had questions about the funding model. It was a very informative day." He has noted increasing numbers of

secondary teacher contract settlements elsewhere will help the Halton situation. "Hamilton secondary teachers have a tentative agreement and people are getting close all around us," said Chud. "We're hopeful things will pick up." Two additional dates are being set in

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