



Halton Police homicide detectives enter the Rosetta St. apartment Tuesday where Paavo Henttonen was found stabbed to death Friday morning.
Photo by Ted Brown

Victim died from stab wounds

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She said they did find a weapon in the apartment but would not provide any further details. Multiple stab wounds is the official cause of death said Hay.

She said Henttonen, estranged from his wife and the father of a 12-year-old son Brent of Brampton and step-daughters Monica and Angela, was last seen when he was dropped off alone by a taxicab driver at his apartment just after midnight Friday following an evening at the Barber Towne Pub.

She said he was a regular customer at the pub and wasn't involved in a fight or anything unusual at the pub that night.

An employee at the pub said Tuesday she hadn't seen Henttonen at the pub before Thursday night.

Hay said Henttonen, who ran his business in the Rexdale and Brampton area before moving to Georgetown, was not known to police and investigators are "looking at any business or cash problems."

She added however, there are "no obvious business problems" and police don't believe Henttonen was having

any personal problems. She said he still had a good relationship with his family.

"There was some information that possibly he had won some money but they (investigators) haven't confirmed it yet," said Hay.

Henttonen's younger sister Mervi Henttonen of Thunder Bay said she was in total shock when she learned of her brother's death.

"None of us can figure it out."

She said her brother, who was born in Finland and lived in the Thunder Bay area before moving to Toronto in approximately 1970, "was well liked by everybody" and "wouldn't pick a fight with anybody."

"He loved children," she said and was devoted to his son who he spent weekends and summers with.

Funeral services will be held at Scott Funeral Home, Brampton Chapel Thursday at 2 p.m.

Hay said Tuesday police were starting to receive some tips about the murder and ask anyone with information to call the Halton Regional Police Tip Line at 1-866-HALT-TIP (1-866-425-8847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Two charged in pot house raid

Two Georgetown men are facing charges after Halton Police shut down a marijuana grow operation at a Trafalgar Rd. home Monday afternoon.

Police seized 293 marijuana plants, with a street value of approximately \$293,000, from the home along with growing equipment and a loaded .22-calibre rifle.

Halton Hills Animal Control assisted

police at the house remove two pit bull guard dogs.

Charged with produce a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking and breach of probation are Alex Tremblett, 20, of Queen St., Georgetown and Jeffery Hay, 25, also of Queen St. Hay was also charged with careless storage of a firearm and careless storage of ammunition.

Day care's plans to close leave Acton moms upset

Parents who take their kids to the preschool program at Acton Jr. Y will have to find an alternative, as the program won't be offered as of July 15.

Letters were sent home to parents last week outlining the closure of the program due to consistent low enrolment over the past few years and the recent rent increase by the Halton District School Board.

"At this point it's just not fiscally responsible" to continue the program said YMCA of Greater Toronto Children's Services regional manager Rhonda Sloane.

She said eliminating the program had been discussed for a number of years and it was a very difficult decision to make.

She stressed declining enrolment is the key reason for the elimination of the program, and said currently it has an enrolment of 9.7 full-time equivalent children, while they have a licensed capacity of 32 full-time spaces.

Generally she said they don't operate at lower than 80 per cent of capacity.

She said they will work with the parents of the kids who attend the preschool to try and find alternative spaces for them and said they are holding 10 spots for the Acton children at the St. Brigid's Jr. YMCA in Georgetown South. She also said there are several home day care options in Acton.

Pat Pacheco of Acton, whose two children Adam and Tony attend the preschool program, is very upset it will no longer be offered.

She has distributed letters to the parents of children who attend the Y urging them to join "in fighting the bureaucracy that is closing our day care."

She said the Y's licensing allows for 22 children only, which they already have.

Pacheco said her son Tony has disabilities and "in order for him to have access to a speech pathologist and occupational therapist he needs to go into a day-care centre."

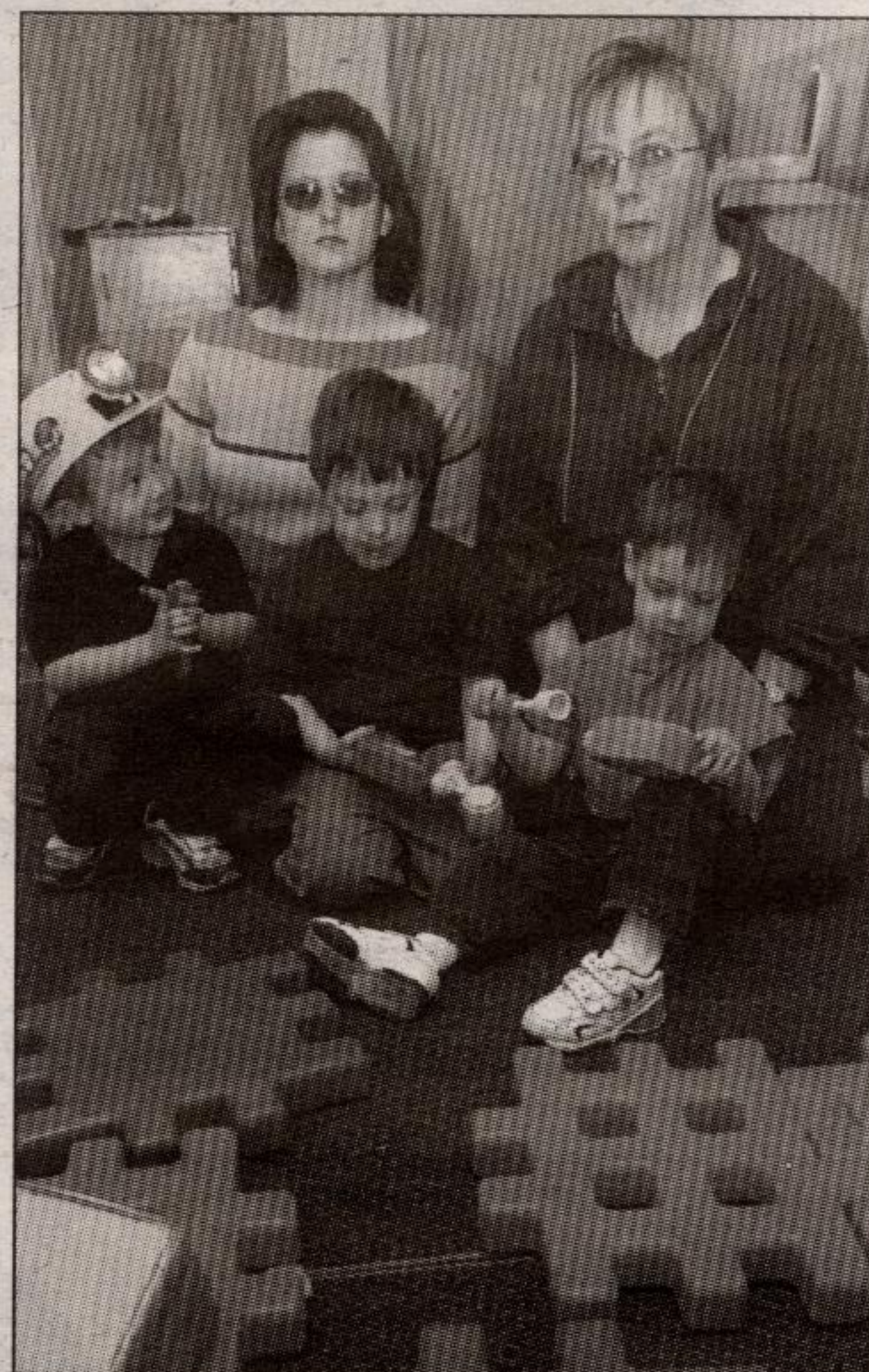
That will mean driving him to Milton or Georgetown which Pacheco said will be very difficult for her.

She hopes to rally other concerned parents and meet with the YMCA to have them change their decision and find a new location, or at least give the parents more notice.

Rozlyn Frizzle, whose son Hunter attends the preschool program two days a week, is also upset.

"I am disgusted because, from my understanding they do not need to close the facility," she said.

She said with all the new home construction planned for Acton "there is no way they're not going to have more people up there in a few months."



Acton moms Rozlyn Frizzle (left) and Pat Pacheco are concerned about the closing of the Acton Jr. Y pre-school day care, as they join their children (from left) Hunter Frizzle, 3, and Adam, 5 and Tony Pacheco, 3 at the facility.

Photo by Ted Brown

Sloane said her research has revealed that a high percentage of retired people will be moving into the community.

She added if the demographics in the community change they would "be very happy to offer preschool services" again.

She said the Y is downsizing its location at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School from four rooms plus storage, to just one room for its schoolage program which it will continue to offer.

She said when the preschool program closes the two full-time teaching and the child care director's position will be redundant however, they hope to place those employees in other Y centres.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Drugs, cash taken

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter into Acton Medical Pharmacy on Mill St. Monday night.

Entry was gained into the building after someone pried open a window into a dental office, then pried open a window frame into the pharmacy. Taken was a quantity of cash and narcotics from a locked cabinet. A red van was seen in the area at the time.

Halton Police are working with Guelph Police on the investigation as there was a similar entry at a Guelph pharmacy later that evening.

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