

Editorial

A matter of safety

The escalating costs of hydro is just one more good reason to help Halton Regional Police shut down illegal drug-growing operations.

These grow houses pose a threat to otherwise quiet, safe neighbourhoods not to mention the cost of stealing electricity.

Police say often the electrical power supply meter inside the house is altered so that sufficient power can be routed into the grow house without it registering on the meter.

Not only does this method of sourcing electricity create a fire hazard, it also steals hydro from the utility producing it. This, in turn, increases power usage and can affect power prices. And we think we know how Halton Hills residents feel about the surge in hydro costs.

Police estimate each grow house harvest uses \$15,000 worth of electricity, or enough to operate about 20 homes. A marijuana harvest takes three to four months. So that's about \$3,500-4,000 per month on the electric bill.

The potential for a deadly fire and theft of electricity are two compelling reasons to put an end to such activity in your neighbourhood.

Halton Police are hoping to hear from residents who believe a grow house is operating on their street. Operations Green Sweep 1 and 2 wiped out a number of marijuana labs, but investigators remain convinced there are still more out there.

When the police raids were garnering headlines earlier this year, the public was quick to call into police with tips. Those calls, however, have dwindled. If you have concerns about a home on your street Crime Stoppers is just a phone call away.

Closing down grow houses is not about the pros and cons of legalizing pot. It's about safety and theft.



Letters to the editor....

Upper Credit Humane Society serves this area

Dear editor,

I would like to thank all the residents of Georgetown who came out Oct. 26 and supported the first annual

Georgetown Rabies Clinic hosted by the Upper Credit Humane Society (UCHS). I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Dave Mills, one of the local veterinarians who provided his services and vaccinated more than 100 animals.

Many Georgetown residents are not aware that a Humane Society even exists to serve their community. The UCHS serves an area extending from Oakville to Orangeville, Guelph to Mississauga and includes Halton Hills. We are currently constructing a new shelter on the corner of Hwy. 24 and 25 and encourage all Georgetown residents to keep their eyes open for our grand opening event which will take place late 2002 or early 2003. Our new thrift shop will also be open at this location so stop by and take a look at all the unique items we have for sale. All proceeds go towards helping animals.

UCHS is the place to call if you are looking for a new, special addition to your life. UCHS covers animal control for Erin and Eramosa areas. We currently have many dogs and cats—all of

which are looking for loving homes. Our Web site is www.uppercredit.com.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our special events, fund-raising and, when we get the shelter, kennel work. During this exciting growth phase we also have lots of jobs involving physical labour for those interested in getting their hands a little dirty. The projects we need assistance with can range in length from a couple hours to a full day, and are perfect for high school students who need to complete their community volunteer hours for graduation.

Along with the annual rabies clinics in Georgetown, UCHS hosts the Midnight Howl, an annual silent auction and dinner. This year's event will be held in Acton at Blue Springs Golf and Country Club April 5. For more information or to buy tickets, please call us.

Mary Anne Thomas,
president, UCHS

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Bazaar a great success

Dear editor,

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Cross Parish's bazaar held Oct. 19 was a huge success.

We are very thankful for all the donations and help received from Holy Cross parishioners, particularly, the Knights of Columbus. We extend a special thank you to Loblaws (Georgetown) for their very generous donation of eight \$25 gift cards, which were raffled off.

Congratulations to the winners of the big draw, Mr. M. Morgan (\$100), Mrs. J. Servos (\$300) and Mrs. A. Burke (the afghan).

Thank you to all who attended our bazaar. All the funds raised are shared with many charities in our community and Holy Cross Church.

Marie Simpson, president,
Holy Cross Parish CWL

Support for float appreciated

Dear editor,

I would like to thank all those who participated with the Halton Hills Child Care Centre's Santa Claus Parade float. I appreciate your time, help and donations.

I would also like to thank Loblaws for their generous donation.

Grace Borges, acting director,
Halton Hills Child Care Centre

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