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**Police/fire blotter
Home broken into**

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter into a River Dr. home that occurred sometime between Friday and Sunday in which coins and jewelry valued at approximately \$1,200 were taken.

Entry was gained through an unlocked sliding window or front door.

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Police report a six-year-old Acton boy was struck in the buttocks with a paintball in the Mill St. W. area at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The boy, who was not seriously injured, noticed approximately 14 teens in the area when the incident occurred. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415.

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Halton Hills firefighters were called to Trafalgar Rd. south of 10 Sideroad late Tuesday for a car fire. The driver of the vehicle told firefighters that while driving along he could smell something burning then smoke started pouring out from under the hood. He stopped the vehicle and lifted the hood to find the car's wiring on fire.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

Town hopes agreement with Hydro eliminates 'butchering' of trees

The Town of Halton Hills is hoping an agreement with Halton Hills Hydro (HHH) will prevent the future "butchering" of town trees.

The agreement springs from discontent about tree trimming done around hydro lines by a HHH contractor last year. Chief Administrator Officer (CAO) Steve Andrews ordered a stop to the trimming until an agreement was worked out.

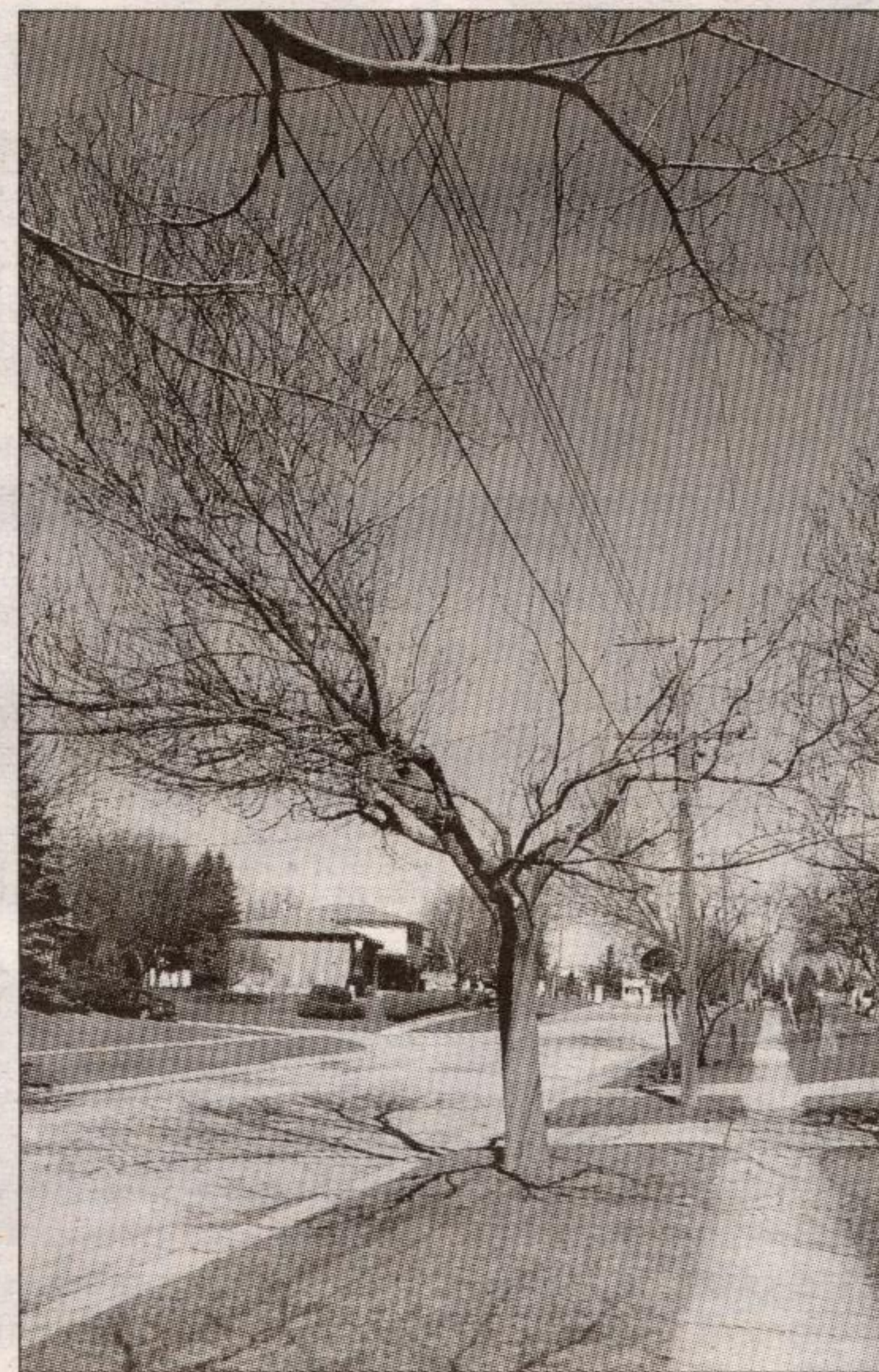
The agreement calls on the town's public works supervisor to approve trimming of trees on road allowances around hydro wires. Town engineer Bob Austin said a guide has been produced by the Electrical Utilities and Safety Association that forms the basis for the cut, but each tree will be individually inspected and agreed upon before cuts are made.

"The idea is to stop the butchering and this agreement is a way to make this happen," Austin said.

"Thank you to staff for flagging this issue for us," said Councillor Jane Fogal. "When I look at the trees on Hyland Ave. (Georgetown), I was told many had survived but I couldn't imagine that when I saw them. ... I wonder if the decision had been made to replace them on Hyland?"

HHH has agreed to provide 19 new trees for the damaged trees. Austin said the location of tree replacement is still being negotiated but Hyland Ave. is high on his list.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



Extensive tree trimming—'butchering' as the town engineer called it— by a Halton Hills Hydro contractor on Hyland Avenue has led the town and Hydro to reach an agreement on future trimming.

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