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Hamming it up

Rick Brown, of the Halton Amateur Radio Club, right, connects Georgetown Girl Guides Karlee Zammit, 10, and Melissa Cormier, 11, centre, with other guides across Canada Saturday. The local radio club set up a ham station at the Georgetown Fire Station on Maple Avenue so local guides could talk to other guides.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

Local mom says dental program is 'demeaning'

A Georgetown woman doesn't mind being told her son has dental problems that need attention, but having to provide proof that the dentist did the work is going too far, she says.

Emy Stockley believes that the aspect of the dental screening program administered by Halton Region Health Department requiring her to get her dentist's signature verifying that work has been started or completed on her child is an invasion of privacy.

"Violated, humiliated and interfered with," is how she said she felt when she received the form requiring the dentist's signature after her son's teeth were checked at school last month.

"Although I did appreciate the screening and notification, I feel that having to report back to the department, and the embarrassment of asking the dentist for his signature was interfering, intrusive and demeaning," she said.

Stockley received a letter from Halton Health Department last month stating that her 10-year-old son Matthew's teeth had been checked at the school and he needed immediate dental attention.

Stockley said she already had a dental appointment booked for her son the day following the screening, and the work was done.

After receiving the letter she called Halton Health Department to discuss the program.

"I don't have any objection to this screening," she said she told the official. "I have an objection to being enforced to report his treatment to the Halton Health Department."

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Parents reminded to discuss street safety with kids after girl followed

Halton Police are looking for a young man who followed a 12-year-old girl while she was walking home along Argyll Rd. last Tuesday afternoon.

Police say the incident occurred at approximately 4 p.m. when the girl was

walking home from St. Catherine of Alexandria School.

When the girl entered her home locking the doors she could see the man loitering outside on the sidewalk. Police were called. They checked the area but found no one in the area matching the

description.

The man is described as white, 16 to 18 years, with light-coloured hair. He was wearing baggy grey and blue camouflage pants.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2105 or

Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

As a result of the recent incident police remind parents to review with their younger children important street safety precautions:

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