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Flip floppin' fun

Jason Waligora, 13, does a backflip off a jump at Glen Eden Ski Area Sunday. With plenty of snow and some sunny days thrown into the mix, the local ski and snowboard resort has been extremely popular this winter.

Financial advisor facing charges -- \$750,000 missing

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

After a year-long investigation, former Milton financial advisor Michael Bourgon has been charged in connection with the disappearance of more than \$750,000.

He was charged Friday with 12 counts each of fraud over \$5,000 and theft over

\$5,000.

The 44-year-old Cambridge resident was also charged with uttering a forged document.

That means causing a person to act on a document, such as a cheque or will, that isn't genuine.



Michael Bourgon

His first court appearance is scheduled for February 28 in Milton.

"That's the start of the court process," said Det. Larry Brassard of Halton Regional Police.

The charges stem from alleged offenses against 10 clients spread throughout the Greater Toronto Area, including Mississauga, Georgetown, Burlington, Caledon, Milton and Toronto, said Det. Brassard.

The alleged offenses took place as far back as 1997, with the bulk occurring in late 1998 and early 1999.

The charges are a final postscript to a saga that began last February.

At that time, Mr. Bourgon was temporarily turfed from Bourgon Financial

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Foul play ruled out

The case of a naked man found barely alive in the parking lot of the old Milton cinema Wednesday has been turned over to the coroners.

"We are now absolutely convinced there was no criminal activity involved," said Sgt. Frank Phillips of Halton Regional Police. "We have turned it over to the coroner."

An autopsy on the 48-year-old Ottawa-area man found hypothermia to be the cause of death, said Dr. Don Roberston, one of Halton's coroners.

Dr. Roberston said the man was outside for approximately three to five hours before he was discovered.

But neither the police nor the coroner would say why the man was lying outside naked in the snow.

"I understand the details of what happened, but that's all I wish to release," Dr. Robertson said.

"It's not a criminal investigation and no other people were involved."

Shortly after 9 a.m. Wednesday, police received a 911 call reporting a body in the parking lot of a Chisholm Drive building - the former cinema currently being renovated to become a country bar.

When police arrived, they found a man with faint vital signs. He was rushed to Milton District Hospital where he died.

Halton Regional Police aren't releasing the victim's name at the request of his family.

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TIP OF THE MONTH:

Does Your Pet Have Healthy Teeth; and Why You Should Be Concerned?

Periodontal "gum" disease is one of the most common health problems seen by veterinarians. In fact 85 to 90 percent of all dogs and cats over six years of age have periodontal (gum) disease. The signs of periodontal disease are bad breath, bleeding, inflamed or receded gums, infection, changes in appetite, difficulty chewing or tooth loss. Periodontal disease can be painful and can contribute to kidney, liver and heart disease. If you have noticed any of these signs, schedule a consultation for your pet. Because pets do not care for their teeth the way people do, dental problems can be extremely severe and life threatening. Fortunately most dental problems can be prevented or if they develop they can be treated by your veterinarian.

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