

Robber puts woman in washroom

An employee was frightened and an expensive piece of machinery stolen during a robbery Thursday night at an electrolysis salon.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 p.m. at SB Electrolysis on Ontario Street South.

Det. Sgt. Don Cousens of Halton Regional Police said a 21-year-old female employee — a Hamilton resident — came out of the washroom to find a male

wearing a black mask in the store. After demanding money, the intruder grabbed the employee by her arm. "He put her in the washroom and told her to stay there," Det. Sgt. Cousens said.

The woman was in the washroom "for an extended time," he said, during which the robber removed a Lumenis LightSheer hair removal machine worth \$120,000 and fled.

Police conducted a canine

search, but didn't find the man.

The intruder is described as six feet tall with a large build. He wore a black mask with no holes for the eyes or mouth. He was wearing black boots, black track pants with a white stripe down the side, a black hooded sweat-shirt with a pouch on the front and black leather-type gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Smith at (905) 825-4777, ext. 2416.

Zhang's accused killer assaulted at local jail

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The Champion

The man charged with the high profile murder of Cecilia Zhang was assaulted last week at Maplehurst Correctional Institute where he's being held.

Min Chen, 21, was assaulted unprovoked by another inmate inside the facility Wednesday at about 6 p.m. after returning from a court appearance in Brampton, said Halton Regional Police's Sgt. Jeff Corey.

He wasn't injured during the attack, Sgt. Corey said, adding police were informed Thursday of the incident by an officer on duty at the correctional institute.

Sgt. Corey wouldn't comment on media reports that Mr. Chen's nose was bloodied and that his glasses were shattered as a result of a head butt by the other inmate.

He also wouldn't comment on whether charges were being laid, saying only that police will continue to investigate the matter.

Sgt. Corey said Halton police service deals with incidents at Maplehurst as it would incidents happening elsewhere in the community.

"Because correctional facilities have grown significantly, they're considered a portion of the community now," he said. "We work with (Maplehurst) staff to represent this portion of our community — which they are while they're here."

Mr. Chen has been in custody at the Martin Street facility since July when he was charged with the first-degree murder of Cecilia, who was a grade 4 student in North York.

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ADVERTORIAL

Milton Home Hardware Building Centre does it again!

Rescue my bathroom

Last winter to kick off the Grand Opening of their new kitchen displays and introduce the Design Centre, and Home Installs Division, Milton Home Hardware Building Centre ran the "Ugly Kitchen Contest".

North Halton met this promotion with great enthusiasm. Hoping for 50 to 60

entries, "Home" was delighted to receive one hundred and thirty-four entries!

Local residents filled out entry forms, took the requested two pictures and wrote commentary, describing their current kitchen woes.

As a result, sending Milton photo labs into

overdrive!

The dream kitchen makeover contest was a difficult event to judge, as many kitchens were in need of help, in varied degrees. Three qualified judges took three days to narrow down one hundred and thirty-four, to five finalists. Milton's own mayor, the Honourable Gordon Krantz then drew the winner out of a hat, on the evening of February 16th.

Although the winner was not required to be present for the draw, imagine how thrilled Linda Bailey was to be at the store with her family by her side, when her name was announced.

Mrs. Bailey is now the proud owner of a beautiful Lexington Maple Kitchen, with all the trimmings. The slate grey granite sink and designer faucet compliments the cabinetry. The new layout is more efficient with more storage and workspace. Her choice of laminate countertops and new laminate flooring completed a whole new room for Mrs. Bailey.

Milton Home Hardware Building Centre would like to thank all the participating vendors, for their contributions, and support in making this event such a success.

To all the North Halton homeowner, who willingly displayed their "Ugly Kitchens". Thank-you for making this a fun event.

At the end of evening on February 16th, as everyone shared a piece of celebratory cake and a cup of coffee, their were whispers about the crowd, "Is an ugly bathroom contest next?" Milton Home Hardware Building Centre, does it again!

"RESCUE MY BATHROOM" contest starts Tuesday September 7th. Entry forms can be picked up in the store, along with contest rules.

Featured in this bathroom makeover contest; a whirlpool tub, cultured marble top and tub walls, beautiful designer faucets, a new vanity, four light bathroom fixture, a new vinyl window and the latest in toilet design. Bathroom accessories, towel set, new fan, floor tiles, mini stereo and aromatherapy products round out this package worth \$5,000.

Contest closes October 17th at 5:00pm. Grab your cameras!

Region funding to fight homelessness

Halton Region recently awarded almost \$1 million to various community organizations to deliver services to the homeless or those at-risk of homelessness.

Nine organizations throughout the region split \$855,500 that came through the federal government's Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI).

Some of the recipients that benefit local residents are:

- Transitions for Youth — Bridging the Gap Program, which assists and supports Halton youth aged 16 to 21 who are at risk of becoming homeless due to a variety of factors, will receive funds to maintain and enhance services.
- Metis Women's Circle, serving the aboriginal community, will research the needs of the aboriginal population in Halton.
- Affordable Housing Halton, formerly the Halton Town Hall Group, will receive funds to continue Halton-wide efforts to increase community understanding and support for solutions to homelessness and affordable housing issues.

"We are very appreciative of the new round of SCPI funding from the federal government," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline. "SCPI funding is a critical piece of the continuum of community supports to help those who are without housing or are at risk of becoming homeless, as we strive to encourage affordable housing initiatives in Halton."

The SCPI community advisory committee recommended the projects to council following a well-publicized call for proposals and a thorough review of all the applications.

"Halton's advisory committee did a great job, with long-term solutions in mind, in selecting how these funds were allocated to community agencies," said Minister of Labour and Housing Joe Fontana.

Rescue My Bathroom Contest

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