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Leg broken in assault

A Milton man faces assault charges following a scuffle in which a victim broke his leg outside a Highway 25 pool hall early Saturday morning.

A 16-year-old Kitchener girl and two 19-year-old men from Milton were attacked in the south end of the parking lot, Halton police said.

One man was "punched and kicked until he was no longer moving," said Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett.

The fights broke out in the parking lot of the Hardball Cafe after the girl approached a group of men standing in the parking lot.

A male friend of the girl came to her assistance when one of the men started pushing her. But the rescuer ended up being punched and kicked repeatedly by the man, police said.

A friend of the two victims, who also tried to break up the fight, was then attacked by the same man, police said.

One of the male victims was taken by ambulance to Milton District Hospital and then transferred to Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga for surgery. He suffered a broken leg.

A 19-year-old Childs Drive man was charged Wednesday night with aggravated assault and two counts of assault.

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Move afoot to reopen MVA debate

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

Halton Hills regional councillors are organizing a bid to overturn the controversial approval of market value assessment (MVA) last month.

Wednesday at Halton regional council, Halton Hills representative Rick Bonnette served notice that he and his colleagues "would like to see market value assessment reintroduced" for debate.

Mr. Bonnette, in a pre-planned initiative, had expected to launch his gambit Wednesday, but delayed when he found out a more opportune moment may come in the next few weeks.

Rules of procedure at Halton dictate that for a motion to be reconsidered, someone who initially supported it must be prepared to reopen the debate. That means they have either converted to the other side, or at least softened their position to the extent they are willing to rehash the issue.

Mr. Bonnette was close-mouthed about any converts he may have obtained, but Oakville regional councillor Stephen Sparling said he knew of "two councillors who are ready to think long and

hard about how they voted" in support of MVA. One is from Burlington, he said.

In the sharply divided debate over MVA, Halton Hills and Oakville opposed the controversial new property tax method, while Burlington and Milton supported it. That made for a 12-12 deadlock, which regional chairman Peter Pomeroy broke by backing MVA.

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Fall Backward
Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK one hour on Sunday morning**

Carve a great pumpkin

Contestants, start your pumpkins. It's time for the annual Great Pumpkin Carving Contest at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre.

More than 500 pumpkins of all shapes and sizes will be available Sunday, Oct. 25 in Mountsberg's maple sugar bush. Every car will be given a voucher that day for a pumpkin in Mountsberg's special patch. Families can take the pumpkin home or join in the contest to be judged at 3 p.m.

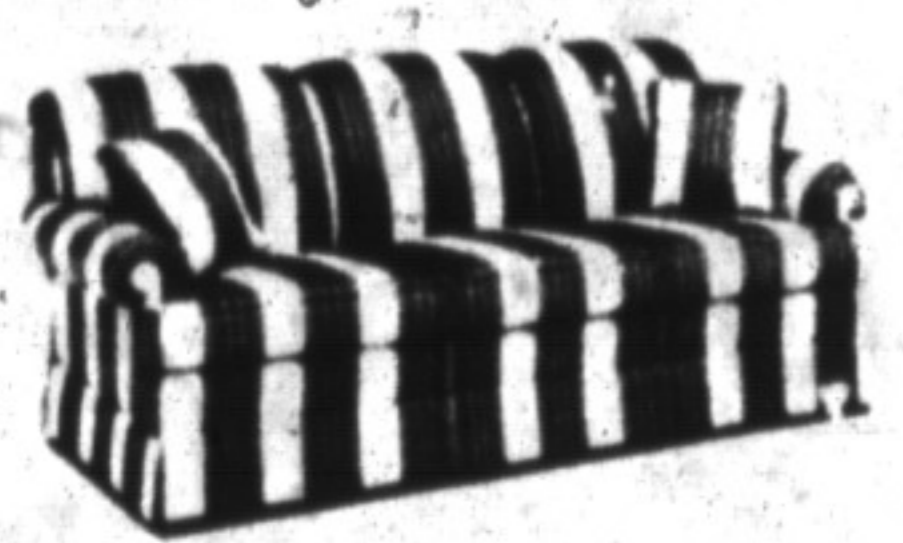
There will also be horse drawn wagon rides through the wooded trails and along the lake shore where fall colours can be viewed. The centre has 10 km of hiking trails and the wildlife walkway which features birds of prey.

The Halton Region Conservation Authority property is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountsberg is located on Milborough Line, just west of Campbellville. For information call 854-2276.



Unstoppable

Bishop Reding runner Liona Rooney (right), who suffers from asthma, gets a helping hand from best friend and fellow runner Carolyn Montgomery across the finish line Wednesday following a junior girls cross country meet at Kelso Conservation Area. Liona managed to finish the race despite her asthma attack. Kathy Motton (left photo) was also on hand to help hand Liona her inhaler.
Photo by Graham Paine



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