



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Give up your weapons

A machete and a stun gun shown here by Halton Regional Police firearms officer Sherril McAdam are among the more than 1,000 weapons turned in to police in its firearms amnesty program which started last month. December 15 is the last day of the program, which allows owners of illegal firearms, explosives, and ammunition to dispose of their weapons without being charged. Firearms can be taken to police headquarters on Bronte Road in Oakville Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Election will stall MVA: Challinor

If the market value assessment (MVA) issue isn't resolved in the next 12 months, it probably won't be for at least two years, Ward 2 councillor John Challinor told town council Monday night.

A special Halton regional committee has been struck in an attempt to find alternatives to the currently proposed method of introducing MVA, which would mean a \$4 million tax shift, largely from Burlington to Oakville. Milton would enjoy a \$400,000 cut.

Regional council has been sharply divided over MVA, with Burlington and Milton opposing Oakville and Halton Hills. Last week, in a special meeting lasting almost 10 hours, Halton opted to defer MVA for a year.

While most area politicians appear to feel that MVA

will be implemented next year if the newly struck committee can't come up with an alternative, Mr. Challinor thinks the 1994 municipal election will forestall that.

"Twelve months from now is 12 months before the municipal election," Mr. Challinor noted. If the MVA issue isn't resolved next year "it won't be done until after the election."

Wards 1 and 3 regional councillor Barry Lee said there is a "tremendous amount of confusion" surrounding MVA. "It's essential the public understand what it is and how it works. It took me months, and I'm still a little light in some areas."

Council told municipal staff to prepare a report on MVA that the general public will be able to understand.

Drury teacher's sexual assault hearing in May

The trial of a counsellor at the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf, who faces sexual assault charges involving former students, has been set for May 10.

Harvey Bradley, 46, of Merritt Drive, who made a brief court appearance in Milton Monday, is charged with a series of sex-related offences which are alleged to have taken place between May, 1972 and June, 1980.

Mr. Bradley, who is hearing impaired, has been suspended with pay since charges were laid in October last year.

The trial is expected to last three weeks.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CONSERVING HALTON'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT?

The Regional Municipality of Halton invites applications for membership on the Halton Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC).

WHAT IS EEAC?

EEAC is a voluntary advisory committee appointed to provide technical advice and assistance to Regional Council on current development and policy planning matters which affect Halton's natural environment. EEAC promotes and monitors Halton's Environmentally Sensitive Areas through field work, technical document review, and environmental education. EEAC formally meets once each month.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Anyone with professional or practical experience in dealing with environmental issues and who is prepared to devote several hours per week for meetings, field work, and the review of technical documents is encouraged to apply. Individuals with a background in environmental science or resource management disciplines such as environmental planning/engineering, botany, ecology, fish and wildlife biology, environmental education, and hydrogeology are particularly needed to complement the current membership.

HOW TO APPLY?

Application forms are available from the Halton Planning and Development Department at the address below. A letter and resume outlining the applicant's environmental background, activities, and interests should also be attached. All applications should be submitted by Friday, January 8, 1993.

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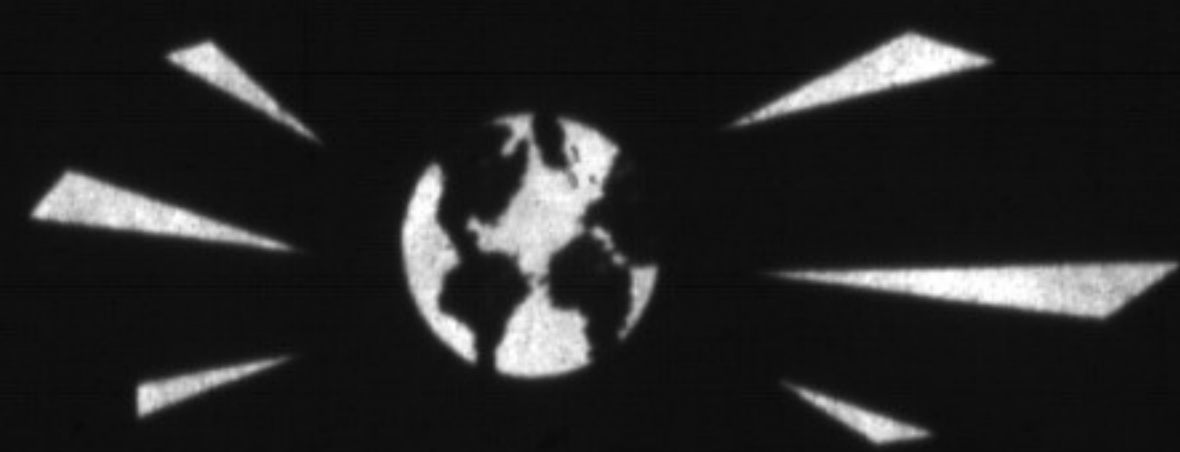
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