



Empty house burns to ground

An abandoned Norval house burned to the ground on Highway 7 just past Hall Road early Sunday morning.

Halton Regional Police estimated damages to be \$30,000. But the Halton Hills Fire Department said only \$5,000 damages resulted. Fire officials originally estimated damages to be \$25,000 but they subsequently reduced their estimate when they found out the house was scheduled for demolition.

No injuries were reported in the blaze.

The fire's cause is unknown. But police suspect children might have started it. "A lot of kids party in the area," Detective Woudstra of 11 Division in Georgetown said.

Police had the fire department return to the site later Sunday morning to ensure no one had been injured in the fire, Det. Woudstra said.

Police had received a report Sunday morning of a young girl that went missing Saturday night. Det. Woudstra said the police were just double checking. The girl was later found in the area of Terra Cotta, he said.

The house was owned by Troisville Development Inc., a Toronto based development company.

Orchestra may use Scotsdale

Whether or not the Toronto Symphony Orchestra picks Scotsdale as its summer home could depend on community support here in Halton Hills, said Credit Valley Conservation Authority manager Ken Owen.

The TSO is eyeing Scotsdale's 530 acres of land north of Ballinafad for a practice area for the summer when the orchestra is not playing at Roy Thomson Hall. Scotsdale is one of several sites being considered for a summer home similar to Tanglewood park used by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, said the CVCA's land resources manager.

"One of the important things will be if there's a lot of support for the project within the community."

Scotsdale Farm was bequeathed to the community by Stewart and Lotta Bennett. Since then, the land has been used for film crews, meetings, hiking, and for raising shorthorn cattle.

The Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board is negotiating with the Ontario Heritage Foundation who owns Scotsdale, to use the land for "long-term" recreational use.

The symphony orchestra's use of the farm would be "compatible" with the school board, said Mr. Owen.

The Halton Board of Education recently considered joint use of Scotsdale with the Catholic board, but negotiations with Dufferin-Peel are not complete.

With concerts "under the stars" by a big-name orchestra, tourism in Halton Hills would improve, Mr. Owen said.

Halton Hills town Coun. Gerald Rennie said the proposal by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra is "a tremendous opportunity for Scotsdale."

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