



Making way for apartments

Residents on Maple Avenue in Georgetown said they were shocked when this house at 327 Maple Avenue in Georgetown was recently demolished. They were upset because the house was so old and that they

weren't first consulted about it being slated for demolition. But the town said the property's owners, Ricciuto Custom Homes, were working within their legal rights. (Herald photo)

Demolition of 120-year-old house has neighbors angry

"Devastated" was the word long-time Maple Avenue resident Dr. Esme Ball used to describe her feelings upon seeing the recent demolition of a neighboring 120-year-old house.

"We (Ms. Ball and her neighbors) were shocked when we looked through our windows and saw the house fall to the ground," said Ms. Esme Tuesday. The house was located at 327 Maple Avenue.

According to town planner Bruce MacLean, the building's owner - Ricciuto Custom Homes - made a proposal earlier this year to build two two-storey apartment buildings, each with 133 apartments, on the site. The proposal was sent back to the applicants, said Mr. MacLean, because it was incomplete. But Mr. MacLean expects to receive a revised application in the near future proposing the same number of apartments. The applicant couldn't be reached for comment by press time.

Ms. Ball, who lives at 315 Maple

Avenue, and other area residents asked about the legality of the demolition to a house they say is well over 100-years-old. The evaluation manager of the Halton-Peel Regional Assessment Board, Gerry DeJong, confirmed the building was at least 120-years-old.

The demolition permit was issued upon request because the house wasn't recognized as a heritage building and the town has a population of under 50,000,

said the town building director Ron Shettell. Property owners living in towns with a population greater than 50,000 have to appear before the town council to get a demolition permit, said Mr. Shettell.

But Roy Hansen, who resides at 302 Maple Ave., argued it would have been fairer to the neighbors if they had been consulted before the demolition happened. "But it seems that's the way things are done these days."

Trains keep on whistling

In response to several recent queries by the public about the possibility of an anti-whistling bylaw for Trafalgar Road and Sideroad 17 railway crossings in Halton Hills, the town's deputy Clerk Delmer French told councillors last week nothing can be done until the town hears from Canadian National Railway officials.

The town has made a request to establish an anti-whistling bylaw but CNR officials first have to determine if either CNR or the town would be legally liable for an accident that happened on the railway if such a bylaw was in place.

Acton Coun. Norm Elliot ex-

pressed councillors sentiments when he said that "the liability aspect and the potential danger posed to the town's citizens of an anti-whistling bylaw worries me."

Asthma Camp

The Lung Association, Halton Region, is once again offering an Asthma Summer Day Camp for children with asthma and their siblings. Activities include swimming lessons, crafts and field trips geared toward children between the ages of 5 and 13 who have attended full-time school.

The camps will run in Georgetown from July 3-13, in Oakville from July 16-27, and in Burlington from July 30-August 17.

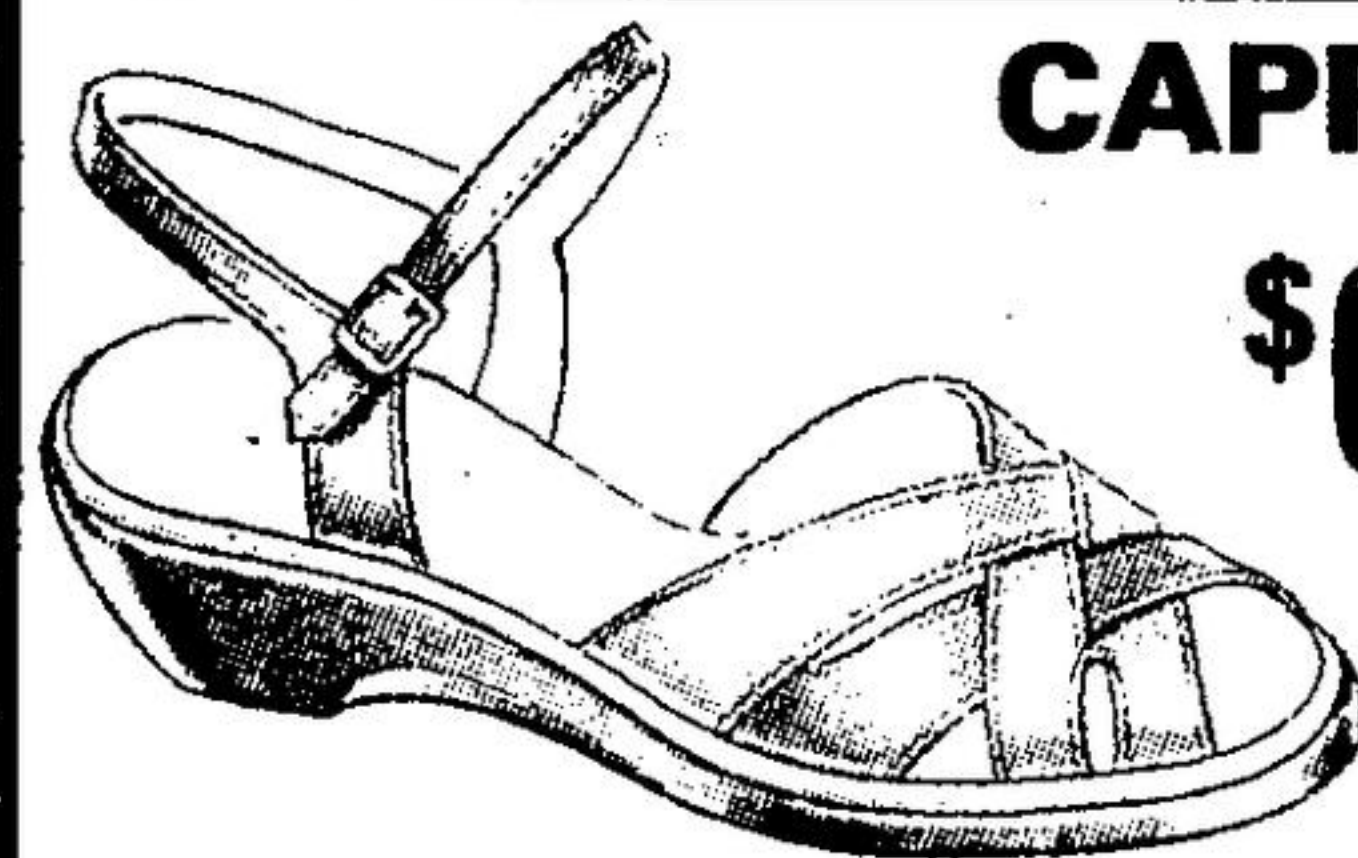
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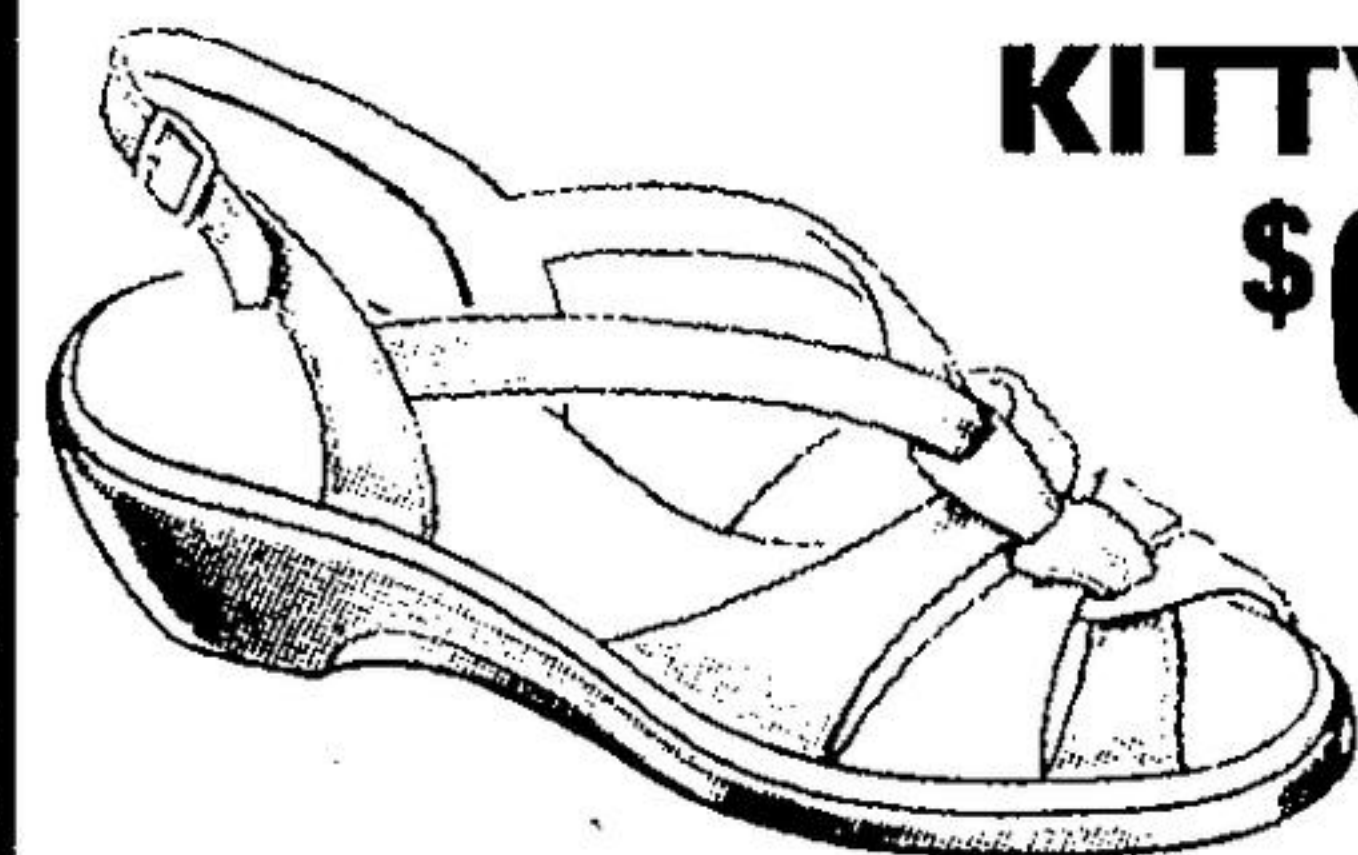
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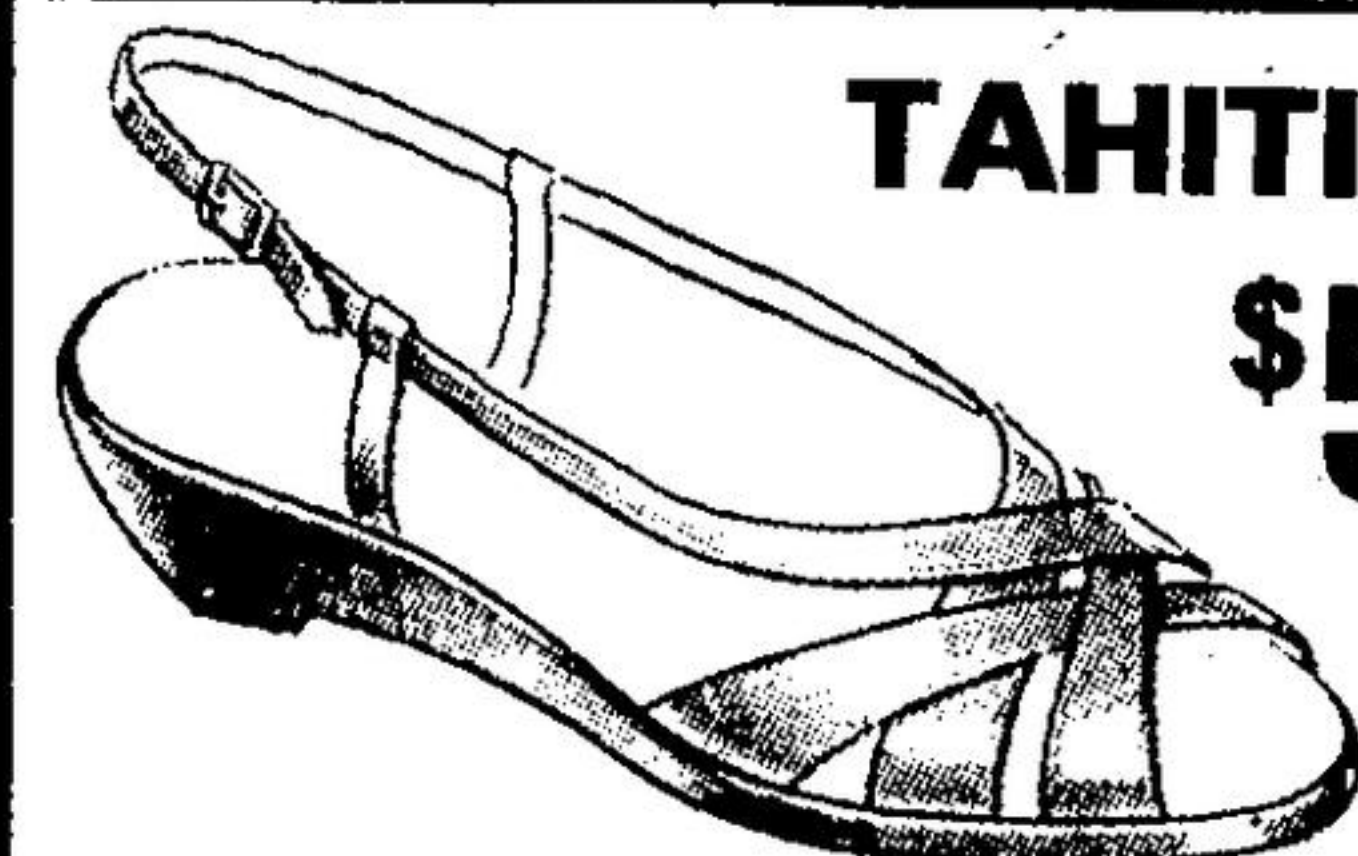
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DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN

380 cartons of cigarettes stolen from variety store

Approximately 380 cartons of cigarettes were stolen from a Guelph Street convenience store in Georgetown between midnight and 7 a.m. May 19.

No alarms were set off by the people responsible as they wandered throughout the store, Halton Regional Police say.

After getting into the store, through the roof, the culprits removed approximately \$14,478 worth of cigarettes, \$502 worth of Canadian and U.S. stamps and approximately \$50 in change.

Police say the goods were hauled in garbage bags onto the roof. The investigation is continuing.

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