

'Smoked' food

Firefighters were at the Lakeview Villa Seniors' Centre Sunday morning after a resident fell asleep while cooking food. The burned food produced smoke which set off the alarm, according to the Fire Department. No damages were reported.

Regional police stay with the 911 system

By NORMAN NELSON
Halton Regional Police may be moving to a brand new headquarters this year, but they'll be taking the same 911 emergency telephone system with them. Regional councillors had been deliberating about whether to install an enhanced system. The cost of the enhanced system is about \$688,000 to install and \$383,000 a year to operate. By comparison, the current system cost \$102,000 to install and \$233,000 a year to operate. The advantage of the enhanced system is that when residents phone, the telephone number and address automatically appear on a computer screen.

This helps to alleviate difficulties which have occurred in the past, when callers couldn't speak English, were too confused or frightened to provide pertinent details, or were children who couldn't describe their location accurately. Area fire chiefs also hope this feature will reduce the incidence of malicious false alarms. Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich let it be known he is opposed to any enhancement of the 911 system before steps are taken to ensure it covers all of Halton. Halton Regional Police Sgt. Carey Smith said he understands Mulkeiwich's concerns, but thinks it's unfair to link the two issues. Enhanced service is simply a matter of funding, he said, while full coverage for Halton is "completely under the control of Ma Bell." The problem is that Bell doesn't always conform its telephone exchanges to municipal borders. Milton residents near the Wellington County boundary, for instance, have a 519 exchange and when they call 911 they get Guelph. Similarly, Mulkeiwich pointed out his Burlington home is actually in a Hamilton exchange and the 911 number doesn't tap him into the Halton emergency service either.

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Community showcase April 6th

"Lifestyles of Halton Hills: Rich in Resources... Famous for Fun" is the upcoming community organization showcase rescheduled from last September to Saturday, April 6, 1991. This fourth edition of the popular exposition will again be held in the Georgetown District High School.

This year's theme of "Healthy Lifestyle Alternatives" builds on an initiative from the Ontario Ministry of Health. Special events and demonstrations will focus on the subjects of adopting a low-fat diet, moderating alcohol consumption, smoking cessation and increasing physical activity and community participation.

A family "Health Safari" game will be part of the day's activities and participants who successfully stalk the clues and collect the correct "game bag" will be eligible to win a variety of valuable prizes.

Participant application forms will be going out shortly to all the community groups who have previously taken part and those registered with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Organizations interested in this opportunity to present themselves to the community, who do not receive a form, should call Joy Thompson, 873-2600, ext. 263.

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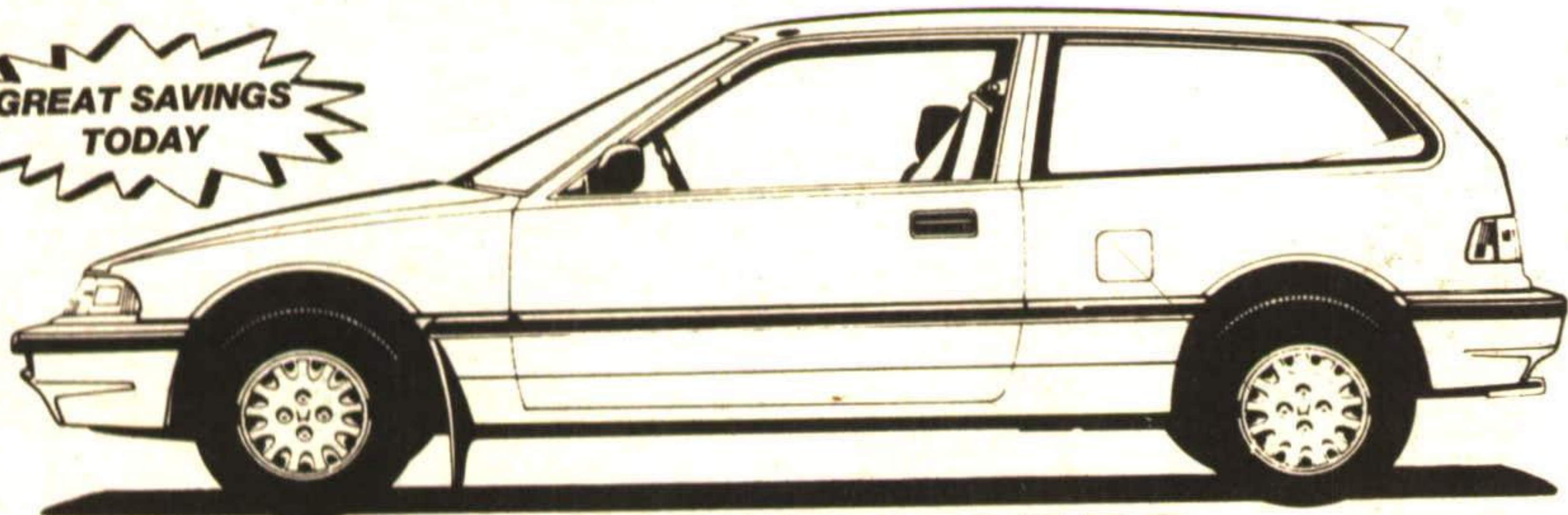


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