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Halton Hills Firefighters responded to Mountainview Road at Campbell Gate, at 9:10 a.m. Tuesday morning, to rescue Margaret Compton of Mountainview Road. She was trapped when her car collided with another driven southbound on Mountainview. Compton suffered minor injuries and was taken to Georgetown District Hospital by ambulance and later released. The other driver was not injured and has been charged with falling to stop for a red light. Damage to both cars was moderate. *TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend*

IN BRIEF

New poundskeeper

Coe Slade of Hornby has been appointed by Town Council as the municipality's new poundskeeper. His duties include impounding all domesticated animals such as cattle, horses, goats and sheep if they are found running at large. Slade is also the poundskeeper of both Milton and Oakville.

He will be paid \$300 annually, \$100/day compensation for food/water/shelter for the animal, and \$40 plus 32.1 cents per kilometre — the last two of which is paid by the owner of the animal. The position became vacant after the former poundskeeper, Elmer Nicholson, passed away earlier this year.

Smoke signals

Firefighters responded to a Rexway Dr. home in Georgetown late Saturday evening after receiving "complaints of smoke," according to the Fire Department. The smoke was the result of a small fire that was being used to roast popcorn in the backyard. The fire was quickly extinguished.

More condos

Law Developments, which plans to build two phases of townhouses on the former Barber property between Mountainview Rd., Maple Ave. and River Dr., is hoping to construct an additional 67 townhouse condominiums on an abutting parcel. The developer purchased the vacant property, formerly owned by Varian and situated on the corner of Maple and River Dr., and has submitted a development application to the Town.

Narcotic charge

Halton Regional Police have charged a 37-year-old Ballinafad man with possession of a narcotic after discovering a "small quantity" of marijuana in the man's car during a spot check in Georgetown Tuesday night. According to a report, the police officer "detected a strong odor of marijuana," before searching the vehicle. The accused is to appear in court Aug. 26.

Councillor fans flames of discontent

By STUART JOHNSTON

Sparks were flying at Regional Council Wednesday afternoon after Oakville rep John Graham accused the Region of buckling under to "pressures" for development in Halton Hills.

"There is a great deal of money being poured in by developers on the assumption that there is an adequate water supply," Graham said. "I can't figure where the pressure is coming from. There seems to be an almost desperation on the part of (Region) staff to find water — who's putting pressure on them?"

In an interview, Graham said he wants answers to the cost of all studies into water and sewage capacities, where the money has come from, and if "developers who contributed funds have any expectations for growth — are they putting pressure on those (councillors) from the north?"

"I seemed to have touched a hot button that I didn't know was hot," he added.

Graham backed away from a suggestion that, through innuendo, he is claiming the Region is "in the back pocket of developers."

Instead, he qualified his remarks by saying he "is merely seeking answers to his questions."

"There is a sense of urgency (for growth) that I don't understand," he added. "The life of this Regional Council is coming to an end, and I expect people may want to see things completed before it's over...I will either find something that isn't right, or I will be assured everything is okay."

Regional chairman Pete Pomeroy told *The Weekend* he has "no idea where Councillor Graham is coming from," adding he doesn't

"deal in innuendo."

"I don't understand a lot of it — let's put it on the table and we can discuss it," he added. "I'm surprised when a member of council doesn't understand the planning process — it doesn't speak well for the way we train our councillors."

"I've heard some innuendo that developers have a stake in Halton Hills' (decisions) on growth, and it's my understanding that the innuendo is coming from Councillor Graham...I'm used to dealing with

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