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News

Digest

Car on fire

Halton Hills Fire Department were called to a car fire at Hwy 25 and 17 Sideroad in Acton Sunday at 5:53 p.m. The fire was out when firefighters arrived. Mechanical or electrical failure is cited as the cause of the fire.

South concerns

Debris littering areas of Georgetown south had councillor Ron Chatten concerned recently. He asked that the town contact the developers of the area to suggest they clean it up. "The entrances to Georgetown south are in poor shape," he said. "People are spending a lot of time and money making their own property attractive, but the sides of the roads are in bad shape."

Vandalism info

Both the separate and public school boards should be requested to include in its regular newsletters that the town offers a reward to anyone providing information that leads to the conviction of vandals, councillor Pam Johnston suggested Monday. She reasoned that parents and school children could be better educated through the newsletter.

Branches hinder seniors

Tree branches and hedges overhanging sidewalks are hindering seniors and other pedestrians, according to councillor Gerald Rennie, who suggested that private property owners take the initiative and trim their trees and bushes. "Seniors can't negotiate the sidewalks," Rennie said Monday night. "The branches should be cut at a reasonable height to allow for safe passage."

January date

Ken and Patricia Thomson, the Acton couple charged with arson in connection with a house fire at their Young St. home in January, will stand trial in Milton court on Tuesday, January 26, 1993. The trial date was set Monday at a court appearance.

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Whatcha got?

Matthew Gruenwald, 6 of Aloa, was joined by his cousin Taryn Gauley, 7, of Belleville as they captured little crayfish in the creek at Cedarvale Park. Even though the water was a mite cold on the feet for wading, the kids had fun netting some minnows and crayfish.

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Building starts up in Halton

Construction starts for the first three months of the year were significantly higher — more than 50 per cent — throughout Halton than they were for the same period in 1991, according to the latest regional statistics.

The highest overall jump involved building permits for new homes, which doubled this year from a mere \$35 million in 1991 to \$70.1 million.

The lowest numbers involved building permits for commercial development, which realized a 2 per cent decrease, from \$19.4 million to \$18.9 million.

In total, Halton Region issued \$11.6 million worth of building permits (residential, industrial, commercial, institutional and miscellaneous, ie renovations) in the first quarter for 1992, which is 54 per cent more than a year ago.

In Halton Hills, only \$6.3 million worth were issued, or 1.4 per cent more than 1991.

The recession didn't seem to affect Oakville, however, as it increased its building permit revenues almost threefold. During the first quarter in 1991, a total of only \$17.9 million of permits were sold, but during the same time this year, that figure jumped to \$68 million.

Although Burlington's total building permits dropped by almost 11 per cent, Milton's plunged by 67 per cent. Last year, Milton had enjoyed \$10 million in permit revenue during the first quarter, but the numbers dropped dramatically to only \$3.3 million this year.

Although the percentages were high, the numbers are deceiving, as the actual dollar figures went from only \$637,350 for new homes in '91 to \$1.7 million this year. For commercial development, the permit values went from \$444,000 to \$965,000.

Man charged

Halton Regional Police have charged a 23-year-old Shelburne man with possession of stolen property and breach of probation in connection with a single vehicle accident that occurred on Wildwood Rd. near the Eighth Line Monday at 10:35 p.m.

Police say when they arrived at the scene they found a 1988 Ford pickup truck, that had been reported stolen from Shelburne, off the road. The accused was hiding under the truck. He was held for a bail hearing.

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