

# Burned-out Royal Café's future is uncertain

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It's too soon to know if the Royal Café will re-open after a recent fire in an apartment above the Mill Street restaurant.

While damage to the restaurant is minimal,

fire officials peg damage to the apartment at \$75,000 and co-owner John Wong is impatiently waiting for information from his insurer before deciding what to do.

On Sunday, Wong said it would take a "couple of weeks" to remove debris from the gutted apartment, home to brothers John and

Kong Wong and their wives. It would also take a few more weeks to clean the restaurant that suffered some smoke and water damage.

There were no injuries in the September 15 fire that started on the stove in the apartment and quickly burned out of control.

John Wong is unsure if they will re-open the Mill Street business that he's owned for 50 years. He said their plan "depends on the insurance," and doesn't expect any information for a couple of weeks.

The Wongs are staying with family in Acton.

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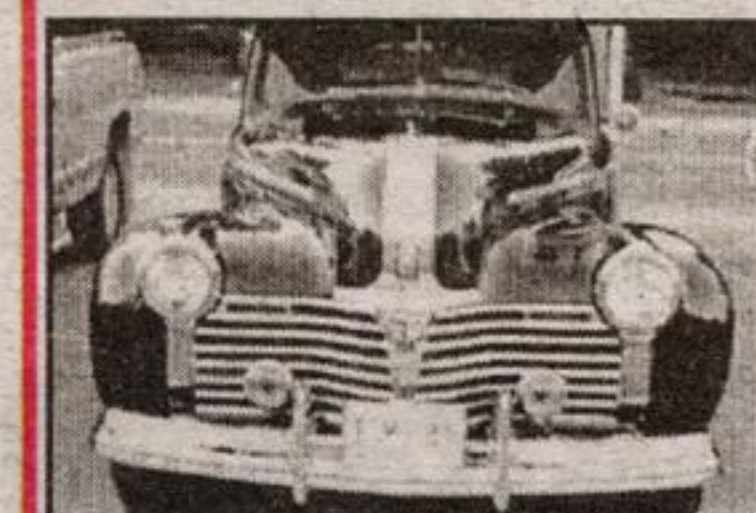
### What's Inside



Two Acton and area residents celebrated 90th birthdays on the weekend. See Pages 3 and 11.



Ever tried arm wrestling? Former Acton man wrestles with the best. Turn to Page 13.



Last Cruise Night of the season was held in Rockwood on Saturday. See Page 10 for photos.



September 16th's Terry Fox Run was another success for organizers and the Terry Fox Foundation. Turn to Page 5 for story.

## Roadside Samaritan rescues woman

### Two badly hurt in head-on crash

A 38-year-old Acton man has been charged with drunk driving following a head-on crash on Sunday that left two people badly injured.

Wellington County OPP report a 1997 Ford pickup truck, travelling westbound on Highway 7, crossed the centre line near the Eramosa/Milton Town Line at 7:35 p.m. on Sunday, striking an east-bound 2001 Ford Ranger pickup truck.

The driver of the Ranger, 25-year-old Giphon Gunn of Acton, was taken to Guelph Hospital and then transferred to the Hamilton Trauma Centre where, at presstime, he was listed in serious condition with numerous fractures.

His passenger, 22-year-old Kathleen Dubois of Guelph, was airlifted to Sunnybrook Trauma Centre where she's listed in critical condition with serious head injuries, a fractured pelvis and internal injuries.

David Weaver of Main  
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STELLAR SERVICE: With more than 55 years of dedicated service to the Town between them, retiring employees Carlos Paiva (right) and Allin Bowen (second from right) were honoured at a ceremony at the Civic Centre on Saturday. Helping celebrate were Mrs. Paiva (left) and Lynda Bowen. Mr. Bowen spent 27 years and and eight months on the Town staff, Mr. Paiva 28 years. - Ted Tyler photo

### Goes out of his way to help

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To Art Hawes, the woman in a disabled car at the side of the road was just someone who needed help. To the woman, Hawes was a "white knight" who helped restore her faith in mankind.

Acton's Kim Evans only recently learned the name of the man who went way beyond just coming to her aid when her car overheated on Highway 7, half way to Georgetown.

Evans, on her way to pick up her partner at the Georgetown hospital, put the "Call Police" sign in her car window and prepared to wait until a cruiser arrived on scene.

About 20 minutes later, Hawes, on his way to Georgetown, pulled up behind her car and offered his help.

"He looked like a good guy, so I rolled down my window and he said he'd call police on his Cell phone or help me himself," Evans recalled recently.

"He went home and got his jumper cables and when that didn't work, he drove me to the hospital to pick up my friend and then he drove us both back to Acton and then to the repair shop where the car was going to be towed to."

While they were still at the side of the road, a police

## Search for physicians continues

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The how, why and what's next in the search for family physicians for Acton and Georgetown were laid out for Town councillors on Monday in an update from officials with the Georgetown campus of the William Osler Health Centre.

Local politicians were told their financial assistance, help with short-term housing for fill-in, physicians and planning

policies to encourage development of new medical offices may be needed to help recruit family physicians. While a Halton physician recruitment committee recently identified Acton as the area of Halton with the most "acute" need for family physicians - at least two more are needed - Halton Hills, which has been designated as an Underserved Area by the province, needs at least another 11 family physicians who are willing to take on hospital duties along with a practice.

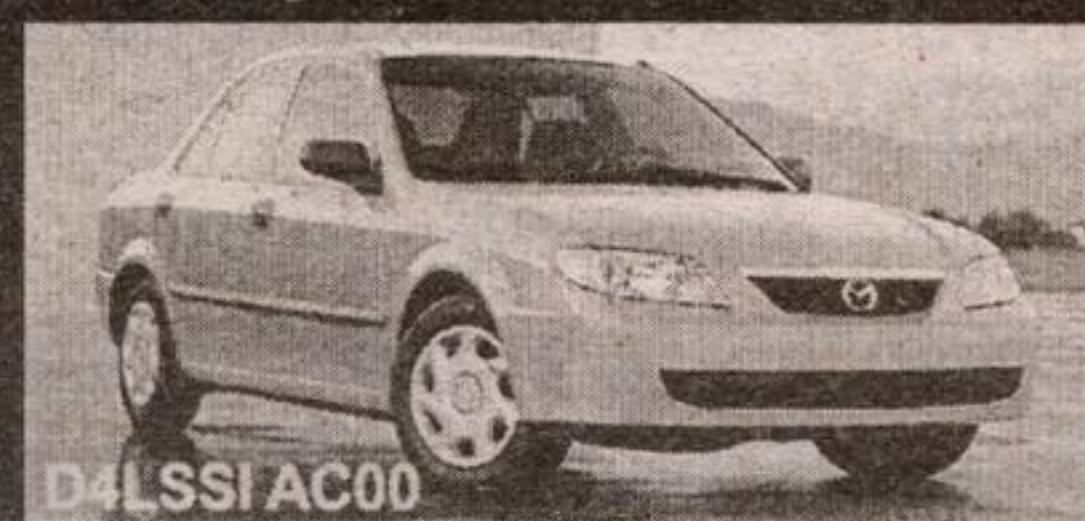
Currently there are 20 family physicians in Halton Hills.

Dr. Jeff Sutherland, the site chief of family practice at the Georgetown campus, said the current family physician shortage was fuelled by a number of issues, including a report done 10 years ago that indicated there would be an over supply of physicians across Canada by the year 2000.

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