

Stolen van

An 18-year-old Guelph man was charged with possession of stolen goods over \$5,000 after he was caught red handed (or lead footed) doing donuts at the playground of McKenzie-Smith Bennett School at 2:42 a.m. on Saturday.

A patrolling officer observed a 1994 Plymouth Voyager van, which turned out to be stolen, in the playground and when he at-

tempted to stop it, two male occupants bailed out and ran. Police caught one of the suspects, but the other one got away.

The van, which was not damaged, was stolen from Guelph. Joy ride?

Before the owner of a 2000 Hyundai knew his car had been stolen from his driveway on Churchill Road north, it had been recovered by Peel police. The vehicle, which was

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not damaged, was taken sometime between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. last Monday. Police have no suspects.

Red Dog targeted

The Red Dog on Mill Street was the scene of two attempted break-ins over the weekend.

At 3:30 Friday morning, someone broke a window at the rear of the restaurant, setting off an alarm that scared the intruder off.

At 12:43 on Monday, a neighbour called police after seeing a man trying to remove the wooden housing around an air conditioner at the side of the Red Dog.

Police arrested the suspect, a 30-year-old John Street south man, and charged him with break and enter.

Suspicious smell

Acton firefighters couldn't find the cause of an odour that prompted a resident on the Fourth Line, south of Hwy 7 in Nassagaweya, to call them at 4:15 a.m. last Monday.

No hazards were found and the Milton Fire Department Fire Prevention staff was asked to follow up.

Brush fire

There were no injuries or damage reported following a small brush fire on 25 Side Road at Dublin Line at 5:52 last Wednesday morning.



ACTON ARTIST Maria Sallay presented one of her lovely paintings to the Halton Hills United Way for auction at the campaign kick-off Friday night in Georgetown. Dean Haughie, right, campaign chair accepts the art on United Way's behalf.

Search for physicians continues...

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As a result, medical school enrollments were decreased by 10 per cent in the late 1980's. Changes in licencing requirements in the early 1990's led to new physicians choosing higher income specialties, instead of family medicine.

The provincial NDP government's 10 per cent clawback of doctor's fees resulted in a net loss of physicians in Ontario - 500 in 1995 alone - and a moratorium on new physicians in Ontario resulted in a "huge" and "complicated" problem, Dr. Sutherland said.

He also said today's graduates want a more bal-

anced lifestyle and the make-up of medical school classes, which are now at least 50 per cent women, bring up issues of maternity leave and female doctors wanting to spend time with their families.

Dr. Sutherland said a small community like Halton Hills needs a physician who is willing to take on duties at the hospital, including emergency care and obstetrics, if possible, and take on a busy family with everything all ready for them without a lot of extra hours.

"We're finding that a lot of family physicians who are graduating at this time don't want all that responsibility. They want to basically go to

a setting where they can slide in (where) everything is all ready for them and they don't have a lot of after hours type of duties," he said, adding many new graduates are interested in locums which involve filling in for an existing doctor for a short period of time.

Yolanda Lackie, the director of medical affairs and risk management at the Georgetown hospital, outlined existing recruitment strategies including participating in job fairs, advertising in medical journal advertising and on the hospital Website, relocation assistance and a generous benefits package.

She said a provincial tuition package offers \$40,000 to new graduates over four years who locate in a community and there's a \$15,000 incentive grant they can apply for so they could offer a new recruit, a full-time physician with hospital privileges, \$55,000 to locate in Halton hills.

Lackie said along with existing physician recruitment and retention measures, the Town could link its Website with the hospital's and the Town could become involved with developing a Website for medical trainees.

Lackie said the Town can help with recruitment by offering financial assistance, short-term housing for doctors doing locums and medical trainees and further involvement with site visits to graduating classes at medical schools.

Dr. Sutherland also said the Town could help arrange and pay for a weekend visit by potential physicians to Halton Hills so they can get a sense of the community and all it has to offer.

Acton Councillor Dobbie Frizzell, noting there's a Philippines-trained family doctor who wants to locate in Acton, but is not licensed in Canada, asked Dr. Sutherland what else could be done.

Dr. Sutherland said he's discussed that doctor, who needs certification by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with Acton physician Dr. David Vander Bent at the Acton Medical Centre.

"Dr. Vander Bent is hoping that some of this (licensing) stuff will be fruitful around March of 2002, so you're right, Acton certainly is in dire need of physicians," Dr. Sutherland said.

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Basement-entry plan

This craftsman-style basement-entry plan offers more than 1,400 sq. ft. of living space as well as an unfinished basement area with plenty of room for expansion when desired.

The covered front porch is supported by decorative columns with stone feature and the mini veranda adds a welcoming note.

A study to the left of the entrance could be converted to a home office, or used as a fourth bedroom if required.

A coat closet and a good-sized laundry room complete the finished area of the basement level.

Upstairs, the main floor is separated into the sleeping quarters on the left of the house and the living areas on the right.

The living room has an oversized window and a gas fireplace and joins the dining room to make one large room.

The kitchen has plenty of counter space and a work island with a raised breakfast bar and is well situated for parents to keep an eye on the youngsters in the adjoining family room.

A handy phone desk is next to a door opening out to a sun deck with stairs down to the back garden.

In the sleeping quarters, the master

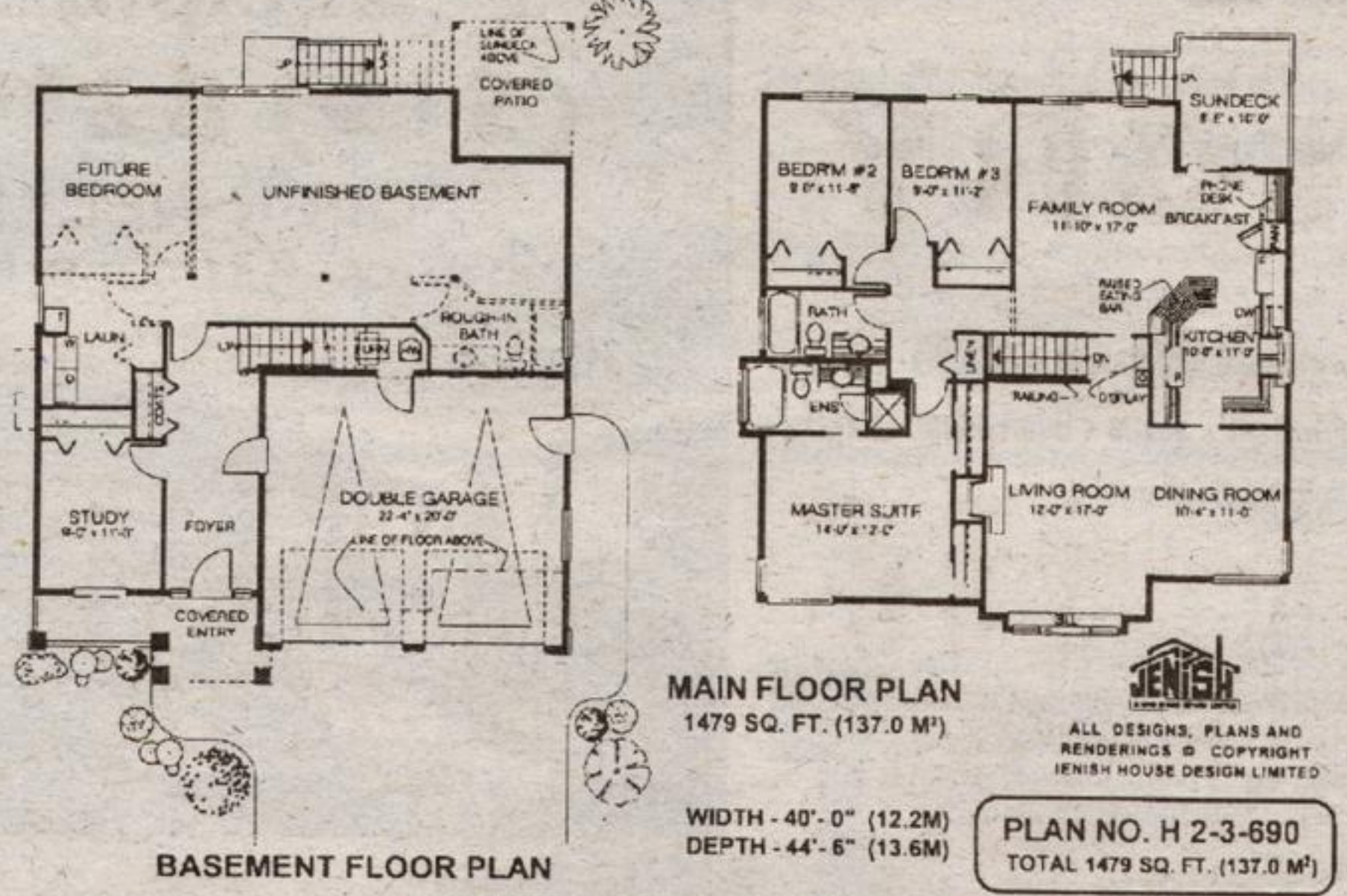
suite at the front of the house offers a full wall of closet space and an en suite bathroom with separate shower stall and bath.

The two secondary bedrooms share a main bathroom. The unfinished basement has roughed-in plumbing for a future bathroom and is well-designed to accommodate an additional suite, where local bylaws allow.

The double garage has two doors that enter directly into the house as well as a side entrance. The house is 40 feet wide and 44 feet, 6 inches deep with 1,479 sq. ft. and an unfinished basement.

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