# POLICE/FIRE

#### **Construction thefts**

Portable propane heaters are popular with theives who have repeatedly hit the Charleston Homes construction site south of Highway 7, east of Churchill Road, in recent weeks.

Police report a silver-coloured Flagro propane heater valued at \$100 was stolen from an under-construction home on Rennie Drive overnight November 10/11.

Police report the hose on another propane heater was also damaged that night, causing \$100 damage, and overnight November 3/4 another Flagro heater, valued at \$250, was stolen from the same construction site.

#### Water leak

Acton firefighters were met with a flood of water when they responded to a call just after midnight on Sunday at the IGA store. A cap had come off a hot water line and firefighters stemmed the flow, advising store staff to call a plumber and be careful during cleanup because of electrical components in the area.

### Electrical help

A tenant of a Guelph Street apartment was advised to call an electrician after finding a singed electrical plug on Friday.

The tenant smelled a funny odour and called 911 at 3:39

Crews found a blackened multi-plug electrical cord adapter and the wall receptacle faceplate was smoke stained.

#### Wind calls

Last Thursday's windstorm wrecked havoc throughout Halton Hills, keeping emergency service and hydro workers and alarm companies busy.

At 7:54 a.m., Acton firefighters secured the scene at 6508 17 Side Road, where a large tree had fallen onto the power lines, until Halton Hills Hydro arrived.

At 12:55 p.m., Acton firefighters answered a downed hydro line call on 32 Side Road, west of Trafalgar Road, on the north side of the Erin / Halton Town Line. Hydro crews were on scene and the Erin Fire Department arrived on scene and took command of the incident.

At 1:20 p.m., Acton firefighters were called to 22 Side Road, west of Dublin Line, where a large birch tree fell across hydro wires, causing arcing. Fire crews secured the scene until hydro could respond.

## Permit in place

The fire that produced

smoke that sparked a 911 call at 8:57 last Tuesday morning was properly permitted through the fire department. Crews responding to a call about smoke in the area found the builder was burning construction debris on-site at 50 Tanner Drive.

He had an active burn per-

mit and was following its conditions.

At 7:37 p.m., Acton firefighters responded to the report of a bush fire at 50 Alice Street, but found no fire.

Eyewitnesses reported several youths had been in the area near the Halton Hills Hydro office, lighting shrubs and other combustibles on fire and then tossing them around.

The witness said the youths fled when they heard emergency vehicles approaching. Police were called.

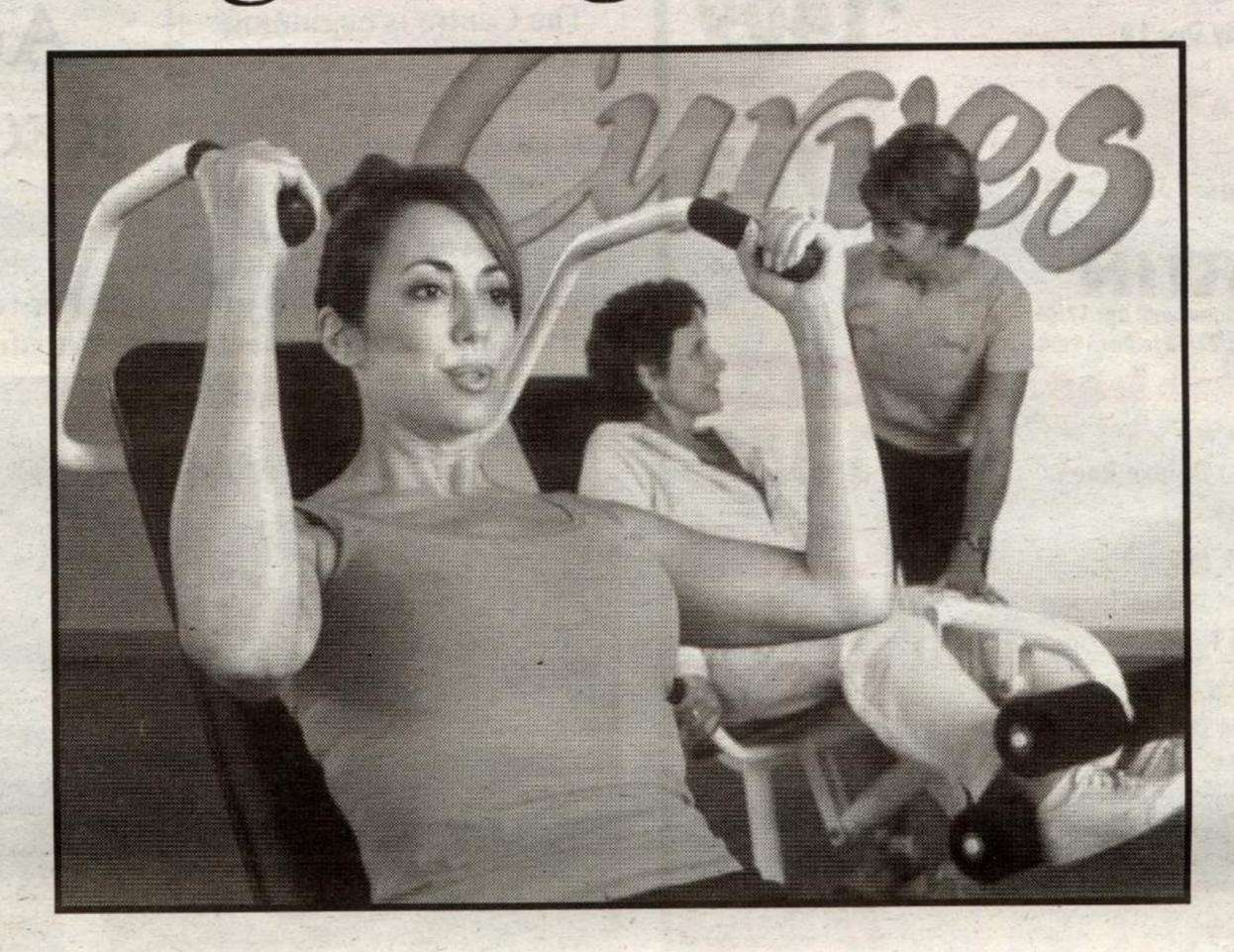
### Chimney fire

An improperly installed chimney caught fire at the

home on 32 Side Road, near Ballinafad, at 7:48 p.m. last Monday.

The homeowner had extinguished the fire before crews arrived and was advised to have the deficiencies repaired before reusing the fireplace. No damage was reported.

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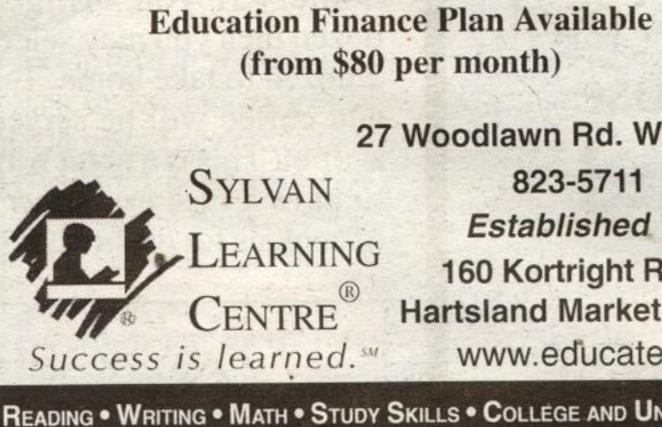
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