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News

Digest

AAA rating

Halton's AAA credit rating has been reconfirmed by the Canadian Bond Rating Service (CBRS) on the heels of the reconfirmation of the rating by Moody's Investor Service earlier this month.

In awarding the rating CBRS pointed to Halton's prudent budget practices which anticipated provincial transfer cuts, its proactive reorganization plan and the region's growing economic base. The AAA rating is the highest assessment of credit strength assigned by the rating agencies.

Truck fire

The Halton Hills Fire Department was called to a fire on Main St. in Glen Williams at 7:10 a.m. Wednesday. About \$10,000 damage was done to a truck parked in a driveway. The cause was an electrical problem.

Awards evening

Nominees for the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards will have to wait until the awards banquet to find out if they won.

The chamber has altered the format of its business achievement awards this year, with the winners named at the awards banquet on Thursday, Feb. 29 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased through Mike Manes of Acton IGA at 853-1960, Walt Dixon of Park Lincoln Mercury at 877-2261, Elly Tuitman of Tuitman's Garden Centre at 853-2480 or the chamber office at 877-7119.

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No stumping this Master



Robert Hamilton was busy as he took on 18 opponents at the same time at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall last weekend. Hamilton, a former Georgetown resident and Canadian junior champion, was undefeated through 60 games during the Stump the Masters event.

Photo by HERB GARBUTT

GTA discussion at council

The Anne Golden Report which outlines major changes for governance in the Greater Toronto Area, will be discussed by council at their meeting Monday night.

The council meeting will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

However, the GTA discussion won't begin

until 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and speak to council on the topic.

A staff report on the Golden report will be presented to council and council will determine what it will say during a presentation to the GTA panel at Halton Region Thursday, Feb. 29.

Guilty verdict in Acton arson

By JANET BAINE

Staff writer

At 6 p.m. Thursday, the 12-member jury found Ken and Joan Thomson guilty.

The Thomsons each faced one count of arson endangering life and one count of arson with intent to commit fraud in the fire at their Young St., Acton home on Jan. 24, 1992.

May 24 has been set aside for their sentencing and the Thomsons are free until then.

Crown Attorney James Cornish said Friday the Thomsons could receive anything from a suspended sentence to 14 years in jail for the more serious charge of arson endangering life while arson with intent to defraud carries a sentence of up to 10 years. On May 24, Cornish will make a recommendation on sentencing to Justice David S. Crane, as will lawyers Doug Lent, who represents Ken Thomson and Jack McCulligh, who represents Joan Thomson.

"The jury did their job," said Crown Attorney James Cornish. He added they "obviously listened."

The jury began deliberating Thursday morning and came back to the courtroom at around 2:15 p.m., asking to hear evidence given by witness William Dumarsh, a neighbor who testified he saw two people at 6:10 p.m. in the Thomson's driveway. One person went back and forth to the house bringing things to the car while the second paced in the driveway. Dumarsh didn't say this was the Thomsons, but he couldn't say it was not, either.

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