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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Witnesses sought

Halton police are looking for any witnesses to an accident that claimed the life of a 21-year-old Halton Hills resident sometime last Sunday morning.

Police say Alan Stuart Knight was pronounced dead at Georgetown Hospital after his northbound car left the Fourth Line near 15 Sideroad, entered the ditch and rolled several times. Police say Knight was ejected from the car and an area resident discovered the car on its roof and Knight in his driveway. Police received the call at about 5:30 a.m. but they are not sure what time the accident occurred.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident should call Const. Mark Freeman at 878-5511 ext. 5056.

Man burned

A Heritage Rd. man who suffered flash burns to his face and hand after touching high-voltage wires in a power box is listed in good condition.

Bill Crowe was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Toronto's Wellesley Hospital after the 7:30 a.m. accident Thursday at Mardix Farms.

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Happy 25th

Georgetown Choral Society will be performing its annual Christmas program November 29 at Holy Cross Church, in celebration of the group's 25th anniversary. In addition to the Choral Society, members of Georgetown Children's Chorus will be adding to the program as they perform Star Over Bethlehem, a cantata written by director Dale Wood. Among those taking part are (from left) June Gosling, Joanne Mackie, director Dale Wood, Bill McBride, Amy Johnson and Milissa Drisdelle. For story see page 10.

Photo by Ted Brown

Cost of replacing old water pipes may send water bills skyrocketing

BY BRAD REAUME
Special

Each ratepayer will be hit with a skyrocketing 11.6 per cent increase in water billing—\$41.88 yearly for the average homeowner—if Halton region's 1997 budget is approved.

The budget is still in the preliminary stages as it faces line by line scrutiny from each of the three standing committees—health and social services, planning and public works and administration and finance.

In addition to the increased water charges, which have been put in place for 10 years to cover the costs of replacing old water mains, Halton Regional Police want an increase, which will cost the average property taxpayer about \$6.

Accelerating the watermain replacement program so it will be completed in 10 years was a council directive in the fall. Many of the old cast iron water pipes are corroded, which causes poor pressure and rusty water.

In addition, corroded mains which feed fire hydrants are a

concern since two Burlington homes burned down several years ago when firefighters could not get sufficient flows from aging pipes. Councillors are concerned about increases to fire insurance premiums and potential liability in the event of a blaze.

Currently homeowners are paying an average of \$176.14 for police services a year, an amount expected to rise by \$6.07 in 1997.

According to the budget document, the increase for policing is the only hike in property taxes in this year's budget.

Lights, camera, action!

Georgetown's Mill St. will be centre stage next week when a production company films the street for a new movie, Dinner at Fred's.

Filming is expected to take place late Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons on Mill St. between Main and Park streets. Tomorrow (Monday) and Tuesday, the film crew, Paragone Productions (Dinner) Inc. will be set decorating the streetscape, including adding fake snow.

The movie, a romantic comedy, stars Christopher Lloyd (Back to The Future), Parker Posey and Gil Bellows.

Traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, will be re-routed by the film crew, on the two days when the film is rolling.

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