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### NEWS AT A GLANCE

#### Factory fire

Halton Hills Fire Department was called to Standard Products Ltd. in Georgetown Thursday morning but at press time no damage estimate was available.

A fire department spokesperson said they were called to the Guelph St. business at about 2:30 a.m. She said the fire started in an industrial oven and spread through the ventilation system. It burned inside the duct work for about 40 ft. and resulted in minor damage on the roof and water damage in the plant. Firefighters were there for about two hours.

No one was injured in the fire.

#### Location change

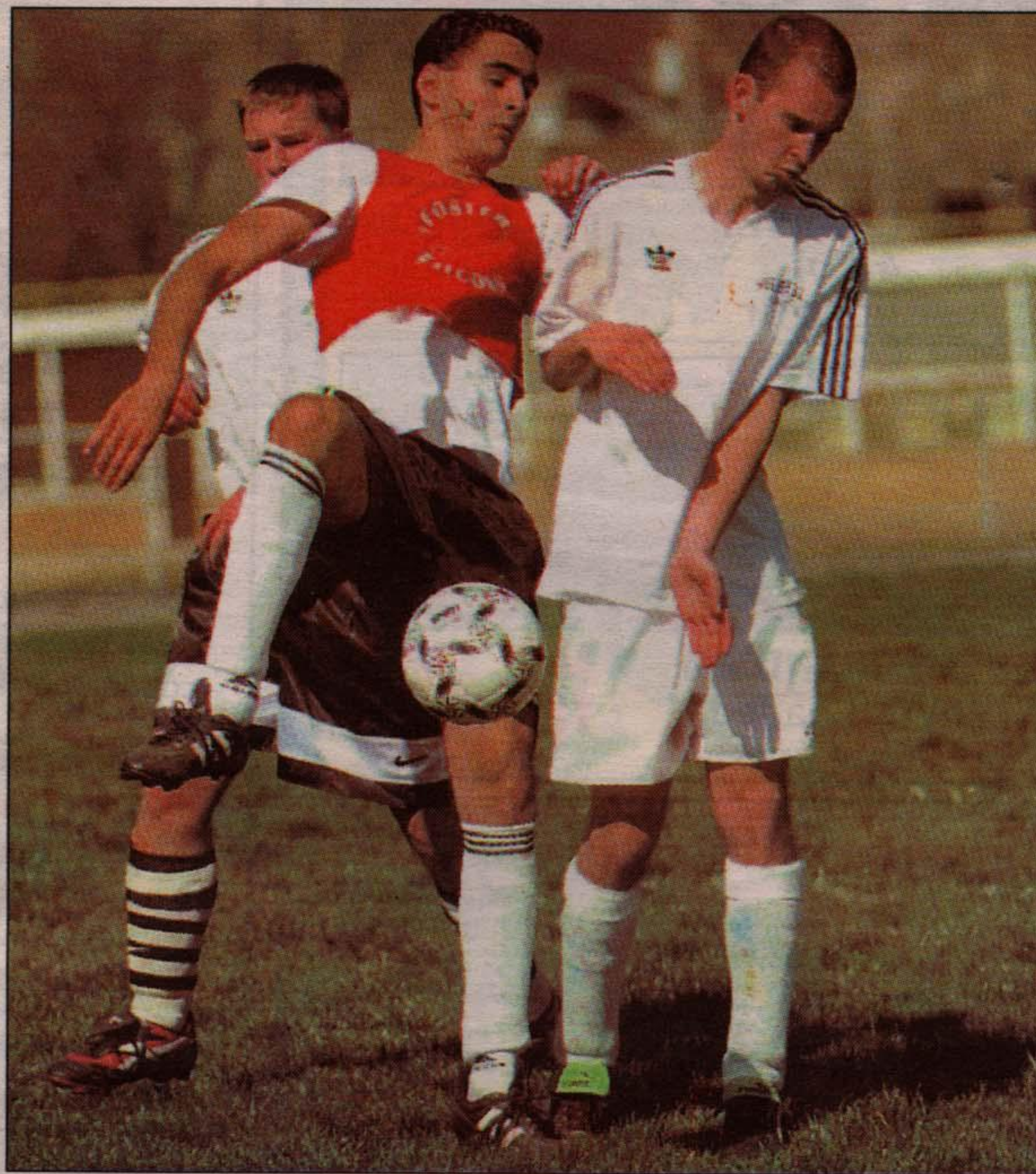
The location of Monday's council and general committee meeting has been changed to the John Elliott Theatre. The council meeting, approving the budget, starts at 6 p.m. and general committee at 7 p.m.

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#### High kickin' into spring action

Dan Germano (red vest) of the Georgetown District High School Rebels battles an M.M. Robinson opponent for the ball in Wednesday's senior boys soccer game. M.M. Robinson scored a 4-0 victory.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

## School closure is dead issue until June 2000

The Halton District School Board has put its school closure policy for elementary schools on hold until June 2000.

At its recent board meeting, the trustees also put its secondary school accommodation management committee on hiatus until September.

Oakville Trustee Debbie Marklew urged shelving closure and accommodation reviews to stop "the pain and anguish" of communities affected.

"My main concern is that according to the policy, staff would have to bring back a (closure) list of elementary schools by this June," she noted. "We've just completed a look at this policy and I don't think it will turn out any differently."

The board recently voted against a proposal to close three elementary schools— Champlain and Fairfield in Burlington and Oakwood in Oakville. The board was considering closing schools at both elementary and secondary levels to obtain provincial funding for new schools.

Marklew has argued since the board isn't willing to close schools, further staff and trustee time shouldn't be wasted on formal accommodation reviews.

Milton Trustee Erica Andrew agreed. "It's just expensive and inefficient and a waste of time and money at this point."

—By Dennis Smith, special

## Halton Region to start watermain cleaning this weekend

Halton Region will begin cleaning all of Acton's and part of Georgetown's watermains this weekend.

In Acton, 40 kilometres (kms) of watermains (the entire system) will be cleansed, while 60 kms stretching from Maple

Ave. to Winston Churchill Blvd. will be done in Georgetown, said Halton Region Director of Environmental Services, Ric Robertshaw at Halton Hills council last week.

Most of the work will be done between the hours of 10

p.m. and 6 a.m. but some work may be done during the day. Workers will be "swabbing" 6-inch to 12-inch watermains with a foam cylinder to remove manganese and iron deposits. The water will be discharged into storm sewers. Similar work was done in the last

couple of years.

The effort will make residents' water clearer, said Robertshaw.

Residents affected will be receiving personal notification two days before work begins on their streets. Residents are

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