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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Pleads guilty
■ An 18-year-old Georgetown man, charged with two other men in connection with the \$1 million fire that gutted Halton Hills IGA and injured a firefighter in January, pleaded guilty to arson causing bodily harm in Milton court recently.

The man cannot be identified as he was a young offender at the time of the crime. He will be sentenced Nov. 12.

James Rommelaere, 20, of Georgetown has already pleaded guilty to arson causing bodily harm and will be sentenced Oct. 27. Timothy Calver, 20, of Georgetown has not yet entered a plea.

Lewd act witnessed
■ Halton Police are looking for a man who was observed masturbating while driving on Ontario St. in Georgetown Wednesday.

A woman walking with a toddler saw a slow-moving vehicle approaching and saw the man. The vehicle is described as a four-door blue car, possibly a Ford Tempo.

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Flying high in Georgetown South
Dave and Jackie Murdoch of Georgetown (left) were the winners of a ride in the Pilot Insurance hot air balloon this past Saturday. Tethered rides were offered at the Civic Centre with all funds raised going to the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Foundation. Pilot Keith Ferguson brought the couple down to a perfect landing in a field south of Georgetown (right). See A Ted Bit page 7. Photos by Ted Brown

New recreation facilities will mean higher taxes

It could cost Halton Hills homeowners an extra \$24 over three years on their tax bills if Halton Hills council gives the go-ahead to build two new recreational facilities, costing a total of \$10 million.

A special council meeting will be held Monday night (Sept. 20), 7 p.m. at the Civic Centre to debate whether the town should

build an indoor recreational centre with a pool in the Georgetown South Community Park and a second arena with improvements to the Gordon Alcott Arena on Guelph St.

The public is urged to attend this important meeting on the future of their town, said Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson at Monday's council meeting.

Town treasurer Ed DeSousa said a large

portion of the funding will come from growth and future growth revenue—about \$6 million in development charges. However, the town will also need to borrow \$1.8 million, fund-raise \$2 million, and take \$10,000 from the capital reserve and \$247,000 from the Community Reinvestment Fund (provided by the province).

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