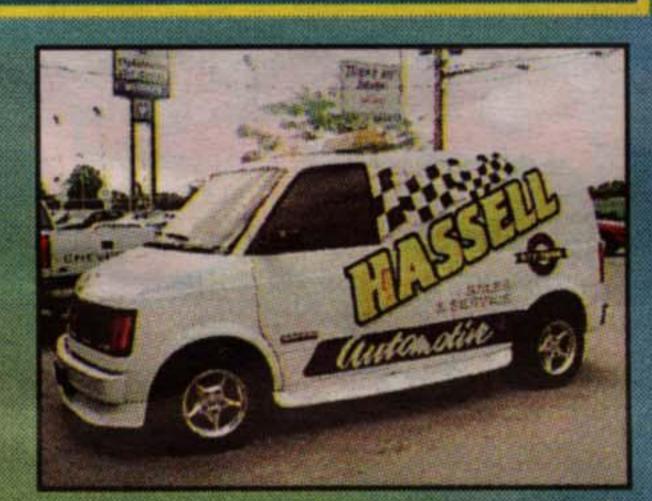
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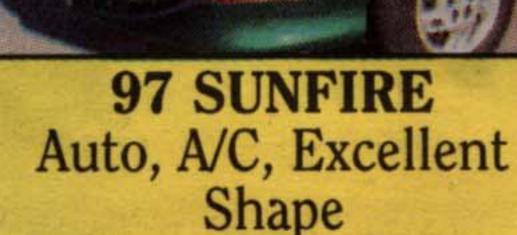
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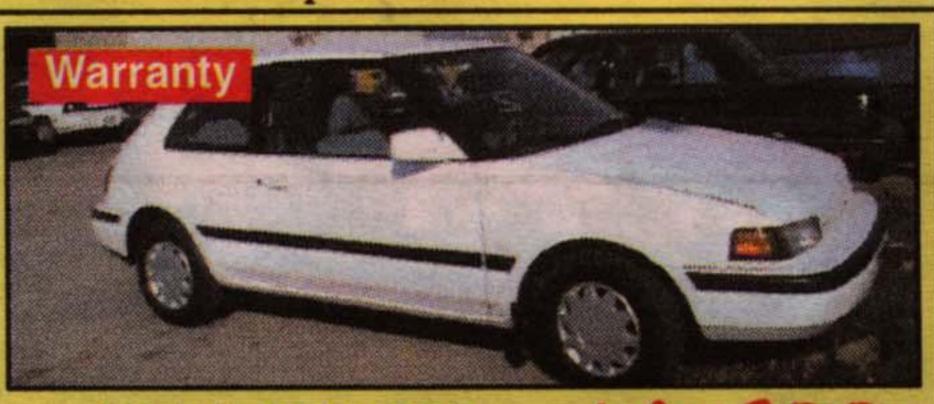


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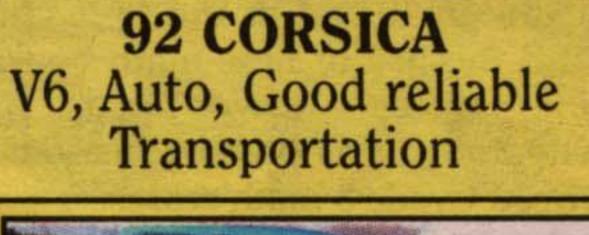






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## Town computer equipment upgraded through new lease

Town of Halton Hills employees will be getting state-of-the-art computer equipment as the result of new \$441,000 leasing agreement approved by council recently.

The town has an agreement with MFP Technology Services Ltd. to lease 150 workstations from Dell Computers at an annual cost of \$147,000 over three years. The lease begins in January.

The town had a previous four-year lease with MFP but found two years into the lease, that much of the equipment is now technically inadequate for the town-required software programs. As well, the warranty program expires in the third year of the four-year lease.

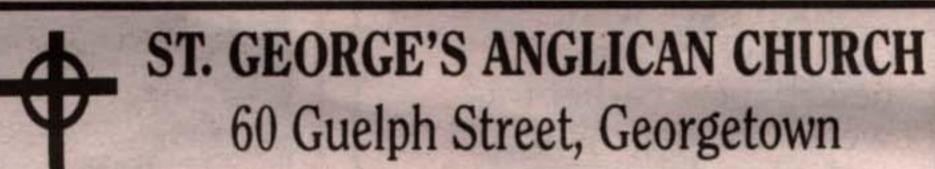
Staff renegotiated the lease agreement to replace the existing obsolete 121 microcomputers and servers with 150 microcomputers and five servers. MFP offered significant discounts in the outstanding lease debt, considering the town terminated the existing lease, said a report by town treasurer Ed DeSousa.

"Leasing offers the Town of Halton Hills a continual hedge against obsolescence, and maximizes staff efficiencies, at the lowest ultimate cost," said DeSousa.

"It is unfortunate that technology changes so rapidly that every three or four years we have to refresh our equipment. But the staff is heavily reliant on computers," said Chief Administrative Officer Steve Andrews.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said he wants regular reports from the finance department on the status of the computer technology so there are no further major adjustments to make in the future.

"We have to be absolutely dead serious about the fact we're spending taxpayers' money and we're spending it wisely. I think we're on the right track with this (leasing)," Elliott said.



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