Man fined for burning debris

Halton Hills resident was fined \$3,000 in Milton L provincial court Monday for breaking the Town of Halton Hills' bylaw on open-air burning.

Richard Mounsey of 13422 Highway 7, pleaded guilty to contraventions of the town bylaw which regulates the setting and spreading of fires on agricultural land.

The charges against Mounsey were levied as a result of the fire department's numerous responses to complaints of open burning at his residence.

From April 1999 to July 2004, the Halton Hills Fire Department had responded to repeated incidences, the most recent being July 1, 2004.

On that occasion, it was found that Mounsey had set fire to a large year-end.

pile of debris containing household garbage and construction materials. No adequate extinguishers could be found and even though Mounsey had been warned on several occasions, he was not in possession of a valid burn permit.

"Burn permits are free and are issued with strict rules and guidelines attached to ensure any open burning is done in a safe and controlled manner," said fire safety special Armando Cabral.

"This conviction should send out a clear message to the community that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated."

The Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services has issued more than 1,000 burn permits for the current year. All permits expire at

Police blotter Local man faces assault charge

Georgetown man has been charged with Lassault following an altercation Saturday evening.

Halton Police said around 7 p.m. an altercation on Joycelyn Cres. ended with the victim being punched in the face and suffering a bruised eye and lacerated lip.

Charged with assault is Alan McLean, 31, of Main St. N. in Georgetown.

Two ladders were taken from a pickup truck parked on Main St. N. The two aluminum ladders, a 28-foot and 32-foot ladder, were taken overnight Sunday/Monday. The ladders are valued at \$600.



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