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FRIDAY...

Look for complete results from the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's annual Day of Champs weekend in the Good Friday edition.

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Burning down the house

Dave Gunn had his video camera ready Saturday as Halton Hills firefighters staged a controlled burn of a century-old farmhouse on Gunn's Sixth Line property. The house, which had been used for training by both the police and fire services in recent years was gut-

ted because the Gunns have another home on the property. Firefighters, with a large crowd on hand, set the old homestead on fire allowing new recruits to see exactly how fire spreads in a home. See story, photos page 22. Photo by Yves Desjardins

Officers subdue gun-toting man

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Halton police officers retaliated with gunfire when a Hamilton man, who is now facing several charges, pointed a sawed-off shotgun at them in Georgetown Thursday night.

Police initially reported the suspect had exchanged gunfire with the officers when they were trying to arrest him at an industrial complex on Sinclair Ave., but now say the suspect didn't actually fire his gun during the incident.

"Investigation suggests the two officers, a female constable with almost two years experience and a male constable with almost five years experience, were able to prevent the armed man from firing at them when they recognized the man was pointing his shotgun at them and posing an immediate threat of serious bodily harm or death," said Halton Regional Police Sgt. Peter Payne.

No one was injured in the shooting, however, glass in the doors at two units in the Sinclair Ave. complex, including the Georgetown Bread Basket, were shattered by police gunfire.

The incident began shortly after 7 p.m. when witnesses saw a man driving a Plymouth Voyager minivan, later determined to be stolen from Hamilton, involved in a head-on crash with an SUV at Guelph St. and Winston Churchill Blvd in Norval.

Police say shortly afterward the driver fled the area in the extensively damaged van with witnesses following him. They called in the man's location to police from their cell phones.

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