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BACKHOE BLAZE: Milton firefighters battle a blaze at a pallet factory near Trafalgar Road and Hwy. 401 yesterday morning after a backhoe caught fire. There were no injuries and the operator of the backhoe likely prevented a more serious fire by backing the machine away from a large pile of pallets when he first noticed the smoke and flames. It's believed a broken hydraulic line is to blame. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Man charged in crime spree

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A Milton man faces a slew of charges including multiple counts of kidnapping in connection with a multi-million-dollar crime spree involving thefts of tractor-trailer loads.

Peel Regional Police arrested 10 suspects last week as part of 'Project Kingpin,' which police started in July in response to a series of tractor-trailer-related robberies and kidnappings.

There were 12 robberies believed to be connected that took place between March and August, said Peel Regional Police Const. Jodi Dawson.

Most of them happened in Peel. None were in Milton.

During the incidents, victims — mostly security guards or truck drivers at the targeted truck yards — were assaulted and held against their will. As they were being held, the property contained in the trailers was stolen, states a press release issued by Peel police.

None of the victims was injured. Loads containing electronics, appliances

and tobacco products were targeted, Dawson said.

The total value of the stolen property is estimated to be millions of dollars.

"It's huge. We can't even put a dollar value on it, which is why we said (in the press release) millions and millions worth (of property) was taken," Dawson said.

A portion — about \$1.6 million worth of Imperial Tobacco products and \$65,000 worth of appliances — has been recovered.

Dawson said that's "nothing in the grand scheme" of what was stolen.

A 39-year-old Milton man has been charged with six counts of kidnapping, as well as multiple counts each of robbery, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, theft over \$5,000, use of an imitation firearm, possession of property obtained by crime and possession of stolen property, as well as one count of break and enter.

He was held for a bail hearing Thursday at Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

The other suspects hail from across the GTA and face similar charges.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

(Under Section 17 of the Planning Act)
Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38)
"An Amendment to Incorporate the Results of Sustainable Halton and a Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan"
Applicant: Halton Region

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, has scheduled a Statutory Public Meeting on the Halton Regional Official Plan Review.

This Statutory Public Meeting will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to make representations to the Planning and Public Works Committee with respect to the proposed amendments to the Halton Regional Official Plan, 2006, as set out in proposed ROPA 38, pursuant to Section 17 of the *Planning Act*.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Those wishing to address the Planning and Public Works Committee at this December Statutory Public Meeting must register with the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7200, before 4:30 p.m., on the day before the meeting in order to be listed as a delegation at the meeting. Or, they may register with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Purpose and Effect: Proposed ROPA 38 would incorporate the results of the Sustainable Halton process and a comprehensive review of the current Halton Regional Official Plan. It is also intended to meet the statutory requirements of the five-year review of the Plan under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*. The implications of the proposed ROPA 38 are region-wide. Following consideration by the Planning and Public Works Committee on December 2, 2009, a recommendation for the adoption of ROPA 38 will be presented to Regional Council on December 16, 2009.

For More Information on Proposed ROPA 38: For questions regarding the Statutory Public Meeting or proposed ROPA 38, contact **Perry Vagnini, Senior Planner at 905-825-6000, ext. 7987, or toll free at 1-866-442-5866 or by email to Perry.Vagnini@halton.ca.** To submit comments, send them in writing to Perry Vagnini, Senior Planner, Legislative & Planning Services, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1. All information may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or by contacting Perry Vagnini, or by visiting the website www.halton.ca.

Note: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 38 is adopted by Regional Council, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding ROPA 38 to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed ROPA 38 is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, after ROPA 38 is approved by the Province of Ontario, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed ROPA 38, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

Dated at the Town of Oakville, November 13, 2009

Susan Lathan, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Halton

INDIAN RIVER DIRECT

CITRUS TRUCKLOAD SALE

MILTON

Friday, November 27th, 2009

10am - 12noon

409 Main St. E., Milton
(Play it Again Sports)

20 lb box of
Florida
Seedless Naval
Oranges
OR Ruby Red
Grapefruit
\$22.00
per box