MAN DESTROYS FLEAS, HOUSE

The next time Paul Molz needs to get rid of a flea and tick problem in his yard he’s going to use a water-based spray that doesn’t burn — not gasoline.

The 31-year-old North Miami man accomplished his purpose when he sprayed his lawn with gasoline. What Molz didn’t figure on was the pilot light in his water heater.

Half of his one-story house was burned in the resulting blaze, and Molz was hospitalized in fair condition with second-degree burns on his legs.

Molz’s Irish setter, Sinbad, was having problems with fleas and ticks, which frequently are a problem with South Florida pet owners because of the year-round warm climate.

Molz figured spraying the lawn with gasoline would eradicate the pests.

Dade County firefighters said the gasoline fumes were ignited by the pilot light of the water heater on the porch of his house.

The fire spread quickly through the house and it took six fire units 16 minutes to douse the flames. Firefighters estimated damage to the house at $25,000.

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The Golfing Superintendents

During the recent Palm Beach county amateur sectional qualifying rounds, six area superintendents distinguished themselves not only as turfgrass managers but also as competitors. Over 400 players try to qualify for the event, one of the largest local tournaments in the nation.

Three different Palm Beach county courses were used. At Wellington Country Club Kevin Downing of Atlantis Golf Club tied for fourth place with 76. Also qualifying was Glen Klauck of Delray Dunes with 83. At the President Country Club north course, Mark Henderson of Mayacoo Lakes Country Club and Bill Whitaker of Seminole Golf Club shot 71 and 72 respectively. These great scores enabled Henderson to tie for third place and Whitaker for seventh. At the Indian Spring Country Club Fred Klauck of Pine Tree Golf Club took the low qualifying honors with a two over par 74. Pete Brooks of the Palm Beach Golf Club was also able to qualify with 82.