### Family dispute sparked 12-hour stand off

A 12-hour stand off with a 34-year-old man believed to be armed inside a Sunrise Crescent home in Bronte, Friday, ended when Halton Regional Police used a gas to subdue the

After being apprehended, the man was taken to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for assessment, under provisions of the Mental Health Act.

The incident began at 12:20 p.m. when police were called to a domestic situation between a son and his parents in the family home.

Both parents had left the house, but there was information about firearms in the house, and the man refused to respond when police arrived.

Police officers, the Canine Unit, Tactical and Rescue Unit (TRU) and police negotiators responded.

Sunrise Crescent was closed, and residents were unable

Shortly after 1 a.m. police released into the house a gas they say is non-lethal and temporarily incapacitates a person without causing physical harm.

Police say the gas is used when there is an indication of harm to the person involved or others.

Following the release of the gas TRU officers entered the home and removed the man.



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A Halton Regional Police TRU officer talks with an Oakville Hydro employee and a Halton paramedic before shutting the power off to a Sunrise Crescent home Friday.

#### Sobering news — no drunk driving charges laid during last week's RIDE program

While Halton Regional Police did not lay any impaired charges during the second week of its Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program. they did issue seven 12-hour licence sus-

During Week Two of RIDE, which runs throughout Halton during December.

a total of 5,648 vehicles were stopped. Thirty-one roadside screening device tests were conducted, 30 Highway Traffic Act charges were filed and 116 warnings/cautions were issued.

The Oakville Beaver has agreed to publish the names of those charged with impaired driving.

#### West Nile virus had less impact this summer

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virus in the area," the health report stated. "Although mosquito larvae were found on a few occasions, these seemed incidental occurrences of a small number of larvae."

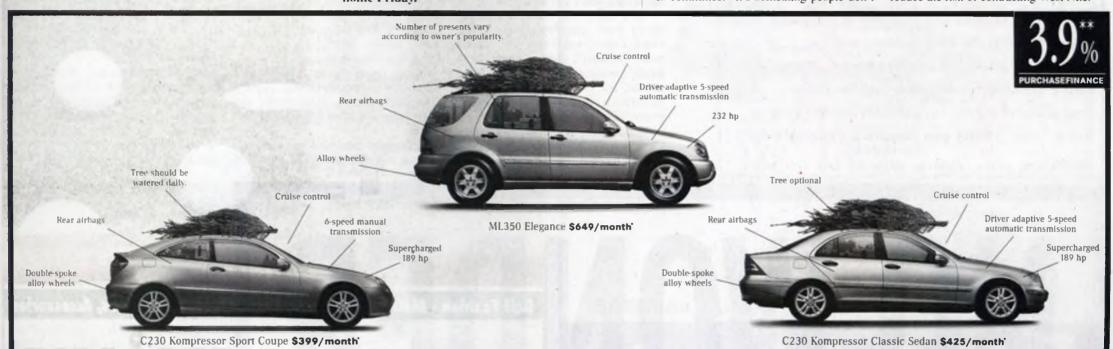
Burlington and Oakville regional councillors are relieved by the results. Like the health department, they hope the study allays fears that algae might be linked to West Nile.

"The report helps us understand that we have to put it into perspective," said Burlington's Rick Craven, also the newlyminted chair of the health and social services committee. "It's something people don't have to overreact to."

Not only wasn't that the case, but West Nile didn't have the damaging impact on Halton this past summer many thought it

There were no human cases of the disease locally and the number of human cases across Ontario fell dramatically compared to

Health officials believe larviciding programs municipalities enacted this year, including Halton, killed off many larvae eggs before they could mature into potential virus-carrying mosquitoes, thus helping reduce the risk of contracting West Nile.



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