



Burning bridge

When this tanker exploded at 8:40 p.m. Monday it killed the driver and started a 2 1/2 hour fire to the James Snow Parkway overpass at the 401. Traffic will be detoured around this stretch of the 401 by Steeles Avenue for the next two weeks. The driver of another tractor trailer was charged after the accident which caused an estimated \$5 million damage to the overpass. (Herald photo)

Canada Trust robbed

Police suspect the man who robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia in Georgetown Feb. 20 is responsible for robbing the Main Street Canada Trust. The Georgetown Canada Trust was robbed at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The two robberies were carried out in a similar way and descriptions of the thief were similar, Det. Sgt. Keith Robertson said. The robber gave a note to a teller stating he had a gun and demanded money.

The teller gave him money from her cash drawer totalling about \$1,000, Det. Sgt. Robertson said. At no time did the teller see a gun.

There were about six people in the bank at the time of the robbery. None of them were aware the bank was being robbed until after the robber fled. He fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a 5 foot 6 inch white male between 25 and 30 years old. He has a thin build and light moustache and was wearing a dark colored waist length jacket and blue jeans. Police have no suspect yet, Det. Sgt. Robertson said.

A similar robber made off with a small amount of cash from the Bank of Nova Scotia Guelph Street branch Feb. 20. Detectives Woodstra and Nicholson are investigating both robberies.

Acton man dies after hwy. collision with transport

A 35-year old Acton man was pronounced dead at the scene after an accident on Highway 401 with a tractor trailer early Friday morning. Robert Flesch of Mill Street West was westbound on Highway 401, just half a kilometer west of Ninth Line, when his 1984 Oldsmobile collided with the rear of a westbound Quebec Transport truck at 1:30 a.m.

After the initial impact with the truck, Mr. Flesch was struck outside his vehicle by several other westbound drivers, Milton OPP said.

The father of three grade-school aged daughters, Jennifer, Heille and Kelly, and the husband of Linda, Mr. Flesch was cremated Monday after an afternoon funeral service.

Mr. Flesch was the director of transportation for Overland Express in Mississauga and was active in transportation circles. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Flesch of Port Colbourne, a brother John of Welland, a brother Don of Whitby and a sister Mrs. George Flynn of Port Colbourne.

Milton OPP said an off-duty Metropolitan Toronto police officer stopped at the accident scene to direct traffic. Donald Meads of Milton received minor injuries while assisting, when struck by a truck tire propelled from the accident scene.

Milton OPP have laid charges against a 41-year old Milton man for failing to remain at the scene of the accident.

Too many males isn't fair

Nine regional councillors will recruit, interview and eventually recommend a new Chief Administrative Officer for Halton.

Their recommendation will then have to pass muster at the region's administration and finance committee and finally council.

All those on the selection sub-committee are male, something that didn't go down too well with Oakville Coun. John Graham, who noted there are five female councillors who weren't included.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Oakville Mayor Bill Perras, and Couns. Peter Arch, Brad Clements, Pat McLaughlin and John McDonald are members of the sub-committee.

"This is the most important personnel issue this council is likely to face in its three years and it's important that the other 16 people be involved to some extent," Coun. Graham remarked.

He wanted no fewer than three finalists recommended to the whole council for interviewing, but his suggestion was defeated last week by council.

Coun. Pam Sheldon was concerned about the size of the sub-committee, calling it unworkable and unwieldy, and called for it to be chopped.

Barbecue stolen

A gas barbecue was stolen from a Maple Avenue home between 11 p.m. March 21 and 11 a.m. March 22. The barbecue was worth \$350.

"I just think it's extremely unfair for anybody who's a candidate for this position to come and not have someone in attendance. They (councillors) should all be there for every candidate. I think it's wrong otherwise," Coun. Sheldon said.

Consultants paid \$22,000 to find a new leader

Woods Gordon Management Consultants of Toronto have been hired to find Halton region a new Chief Administrative Officer at a budget of \$22,000.

Halton councillors acted promptly to find a replacement for the current CAO Dennis Perlin who starts as Toronto's City Solicitor April 21.

The top civil service job is to be advertised in the Globe and Mail. In the meantime, councillors decided to fill the post after Mr. Perlin leaves on a rotational basis with department heads.

Red Cross helps

The minor disaster committee assists people whose property or personal belongings have been destroyed by such means as fire, flooding or vandalism. Temporary aid in the form of food, clothing and shelter may be provided for a period of three days.

Police say stop sign turned sideways

Christine Wilcox probably would not have seen the stop sign she went through leading to her death March 11, Sergeant Gary Bogue of the Halton Regional Police said. The stop sign was turned parallel to the Fifth Line on which she was southbound when her car collided with another vehicle eastbound on Sideroad 15.

Police are still investigating the accident and could not say why the sign was not visible. It was corrected after the accident, Sergeant Bogue said.

Christine Wilcox, 17, of 142 Guelph Street and Mary Robertson, 74, of 8 Durham Street in Georgetown were killed in the accident.

The son of Mrs. Robertson, Bryan Robertson, was released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital March 12. Stephen Wingfield, 17, who was in the car with Christine Wilcox is still at Peel Memorial Hospital. His condition is stable and he should be home soon, an official said.

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