

Store owner wants farmers' market

The owner of the Campbell House Gallery in Georgetown would like to see a Farmer's Market on Main Street to attract tourism to what he calls a strip plaza town.

Raimond Rikevicius appeared before town councillors Monday night saying a Farmer's Market throughout the summer would bring in an "influx of people."

"Georgetown is becoming a strip (plaza) town," he told councillors. "People driving through Georgetown don't even realize there is a downtown."

"I've been in Georgetown just two years myself, and I would like

to see things happening here," he said.

Councillors agreed with Mr. Rikevicius' idea, but said it would be a project for Georgetown's Business Improvement Area (BIA). Mr. Rikevicius said he had not approached the BIA.

But the Campbell House owner said because the street is a public street, "it does become a council issue."

Georgetown Coun. Pat McCarthy, who is a BIA member, said he would welcome Mr. Rikevicius to the group's next meeting.

And Acton Coun. Gerald Rennie said the BIA "would jump at the

idea" of a Farmer's Market.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he was glad to see Mr. Rikevicius involved with Georgetown's downtown.

September is special

September will be a special month in Halton Hills when the town designates Sept. 6 as Literacy Day and the week of Sept. 10 to 16 as Square Dance Week.

The North Halton Literacy Guild says it would like "more awareness" of illiteracy. One in five adults in the Region cannot read or write, the Guild says.

North Halton Club moves driving range

A Georgetown man who says he spent the last seven or eight years dodging golf balls in his backyard, will get some respite from the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Maple Avenue resident Robert Harris told Halton Hills town councillors in April that he and his wife, who have lived in their house 36 years, were afraid to sit in their backyard for a cup of tea for fear of being struck by errant balls from a nearby driving range.

What the town referred to as "a friendly neighbor call" to the Maple Avenue golf course, resulted in an agreement to relocate the driving range.

The golf club told the town in a recent letter that "the Board of Directors are pleased to advise you the decision has been made to relocate the driving range to an area of the Club away from the perimeter of the property."

Mr. Harris had said that he has repaired many broken windows in the past and has seen neighbors' car windshields smashed with golf balls.

But Mr. Harris' sense of humor didn't fail him when he appeared in front of town councillors in April.

He said he was tempted to sell the balls in a garage sale, or hit them back to the driving range with his own golf clubs.

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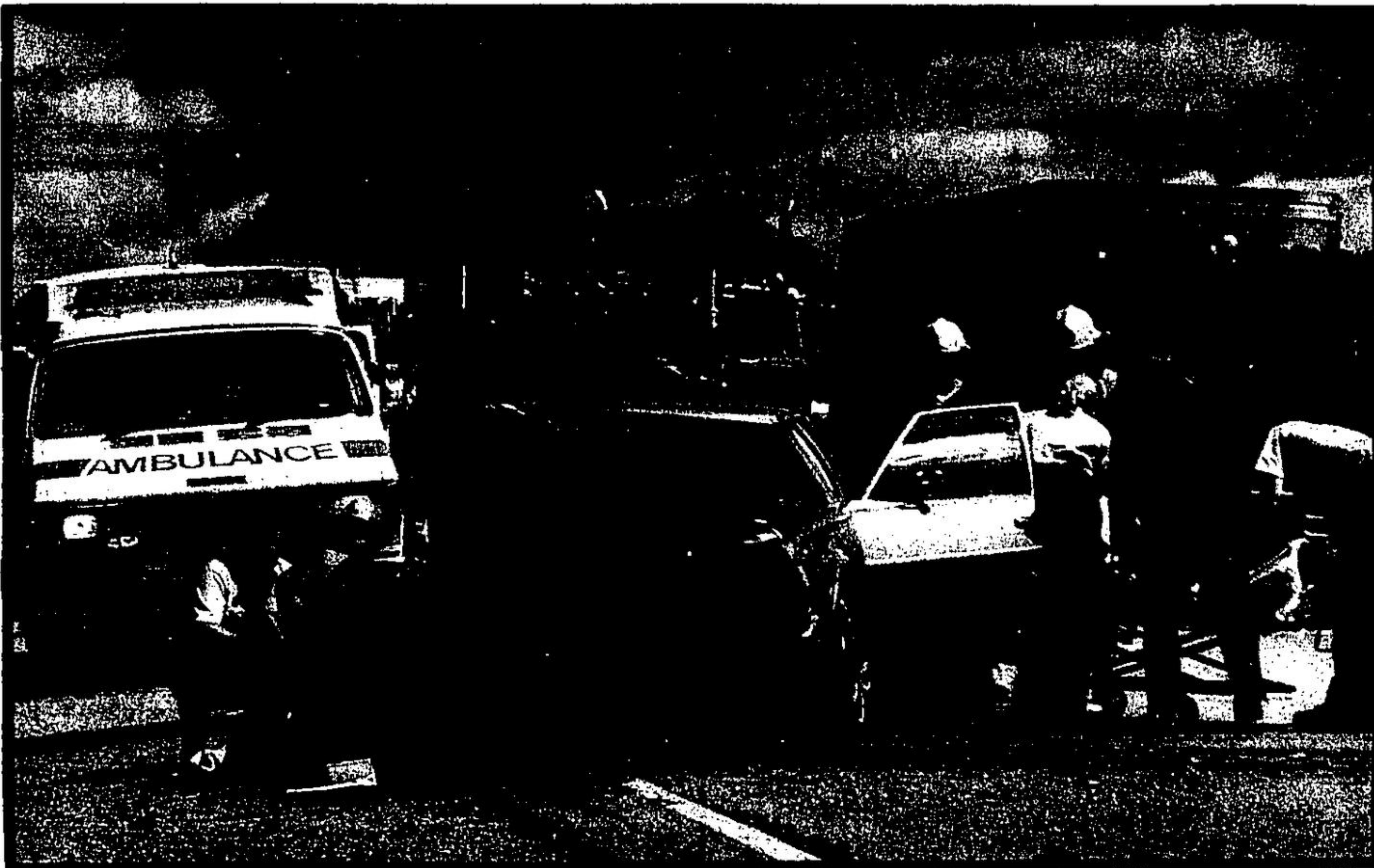
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Acton woman loses battle over trailer park



Georgetown resident Pieter Namink, 74, died following this two-vehicle collision on Trafalgar Road, south of Sideroad 10, in Halton Hills, Thursday afternoon. His wife Lientz, who was a passenger in the 1979 Chrysler, is currently listed in stable condition at Georgetown and

District Memorial Hospital. The driver of the 1985 Mack Tractor Trailer dump truck, Andre Patchett, 31, was treated and released from Georgetown hospital. The man's 5-year-old son walked away from the accident uninjured, police say.

Georgetown man dies in Trafalgar Road collision

A 74-year-old Georgetown man died following a two-vehicle collision on Trafalgar Road, south of Sideroad 10 in Halton Hills, Thursday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police say Pieter Namink was travelling northbound on Trafalgar Road in a 1979 Chrysler when the vehicle

crossed into the southbound lane and collided with a 1986 Mack Tractor Trailer dump truck that was transporting 114,300 lbs. of manufactured sand.

Mr. Namink's wife, Lientz, 71, who was a passenger in the car, was taken to Georgetown and District Hospital where she is

currently listed in stable condition, police say.

The truck overturned blocking both the northbound and southbound lanes, police say.

The truck's driver, 31-year-old, Andre Patchett of Mississauga, was treated at Georgetown hospital and later released. Mr.

Patchett's five-year-old son, who was a passenger in the truck, was uninjured, police say.

Witnesses at the scene told police both vehicles appeared to be travelling within the 80km per hour speed zone. An investigation is ongoing.

In a last-ditch attempt to halt approval of 30 trailer residences at Nor-Halton Park in Acton, a nearby resident pleaded with town councillors Monday night to reconsider their decision.

Christine Davies, who lives near the Regional Road 12 site, said the "heaven" of her home will be destroyed by a permanent trailer site on the property owned by Merv and Doris Barber. Nor-Halton Park is presently home to seasonal camp sites.

The site was recently approved by Halton Hills town council, ending the search for a new location for 29 evicted Willow Park families. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will evict the trailer owners this fall from the trailer park on Highway 7 in Norval. The CVCA says the park lies in a flood plain.

But homeowners near Nor-Halton Park say they should not be responsible for relocating the trailer park residents.

"What I want to do is finish my life as I've always lived it," Mrs. Davies told councillors.

"We thought this is heaven. It's a beautiful home."

Mrs. Davies said she and her husband survived the depression without any help. "I think people think I don't care about people." Back in May, Mrs. Davies told councillors she feared for her pedigree dogs if the trailer park was approved and 30 families moved to Nor-Halton.

She should not have to "suffer," she said and her 10 poodles "can't be frightened, because if they were, I wouldn't be able to show them" at dog shows, she said.

Councillors voted to approve the permanent trailer park at a lengthy council meeting two weeks ago. At that time, Coun. Norm Elliott opposed the plan, and said Monday that he remains opposed.

He said the mobile-home park should be treated as a 30-house subdivision, and subjected to the

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