

## Court date set for driver in traffic death

A 42-year-old Georgetown man will stand trial for impaired operation of a vehicle causing death and impaired driving April 10, 1991.

Ronald Joseph Hachey heard his trial date at Milton court hearing held Monday April 2.

Halton Regional Police charged Mr. Hachey following an incident in which a former

Georgetown District High School student was killed.

Gary Russell McDonald, 19, died after being struck by a 1982 Mercury travelling west on Guelph Street, east of Sinclair Avenue, police say.

He was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The accident occurred at 12:35 a.m. March 9.

## Herald announces new publisher

The appointment of Bob Malcolmson as publisher and general manager of the Halton Hills Herald was announced today. He succeeds David Beattie, who has left the company.

Mr. Malcolmson, 40, brings considerable experience to his new posting. He began his newspaper career in Midland in 1973 and he has held various administrative positions within Thomson Newspapers. Since 1978, Mr. Malcolmson

has been an executive consultant of Thomson Newspapers in Toronto.

The appointment is effective immediately.

Mr. Malcolmson, his wife Marny and their three daughters are long-time residents of Halton Hills.

Mr. Malcolmson is looking forward to serving the town in his new position.



Bob Malcolmson

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# Students may write fewer tests



### Day of the daffodils

If you're out and about in Halton Hills today you'll see sights like this all over town. The Georgetown Cancer Society is selling daffodils on street-corners and at plazas all over town. The cancer society kicked off its April campaign Wednesday with a breakfast at the North Halton

Golf and Country Club. Here, Brenda Fielding (centre), an assistant with patient services, holds a dandy bouquet while Jenny Tuffin (left), the society's transportation volunteer and Joyce Anderson (right), of patient services, take in the aroma. (Herald Photo by Brian McLeod)

Halton students may face fewer written regional tests if the Halton Board of Education decides to implement new guidelines to a 14-year-old policy.

Superintendent of instructional services, Dean Fink, said the guidelines could mean less written tests for students, while the board looks at alternative testing methods, but does not mean an end to written regional tests.

Mr. Fink said the new guidelines would create a sample of regional assessment.

While the results of the tests will be valid on a regional level, Mr. Fink said the individual results of schools and classes should not be compared.

"To judge a whole class on two or three students would be malpractice," Mr. Fink said.

The tests must also be relevant to the students' curriculum, he said. If the test are not relevant, the students may not take them seriously, Mr. Fink said.

"I can remember hauling students into a hot cafeteria to write tests that had nothing to do with what was being taught," he said.

At the March 22 board meeting, Bob Williams, the director of education said, "the existing policy allows us to do anything" in the way of regional testing.

The existing policy states: "This board is in favor of standardized, uniform tests for all schools in the Region of Halton." It was initially implemented in 1976.

In the short term the new guidelines will mean the \$10,800 that the board spends on regional testing will decrease. In the long run this "base minimum" set aside for the testing will increase, Mr. Fink said.

Ozzie Caldarelli, principal of Acton High School, believes the tests can be effective if they are properly used.

He noted that comparisons between schools could be dangerous.

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