

5-year-old injured

A five-year-old Georgetown girl was taken to hospital by ambulance with serious injuries after she ran in to the street and was struck by a car.

Police say Elyse Triggerson of Halton Hills ran on to the street in front of 115 Bower St. Acton as a 1988 blue Ford Tempo turned westbound on to Bower St. on July 9 at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The five-year-old was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and has been released.

Car demolished

A 1988 blue Ford Escort was demolished after it went out of control on Winston Churchill Blvd. near Sideroad 32 on July 4 at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Police say the driver, a 34-year-old Bramalea man, was travelling south on Winston Churchill when the car slid on loose gravel, went off the road and smashed into a sign post.

Vehicle collision

A 26-year-old Milton man, driving his 1988 white Buick, was travelling through the parking lot at 235 Guelph St. when his car collided with a car travelling southbound through the lot. The Georgetown Marketplace accident occurred July 11, at about 10:30 a.m. Police say the southbound car, a 1987 blue Buick, driven by a 46-year-old Georgetown woman, drove in front of the Milton man's car when the collision occurred.

Charges laid

Several charges including dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident have been laid against a 22-year-old Milton man after his 1979 Camero went out of control and in to the ditch near Main Street and the Fifth Line.

Police say the July 8, 1:44 a.m. single-car accident occurred

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after the Camero was travelling eastbound at a high rate of speed and attempted to turn northbound on the Fifth Line.

Marijuana confiscated

Police confiscated 19 marijuana plants on July 10 after a Norval resident reported unknown persons planted the marijuana in the resident's field. Police say the plants were found approximately 20 metres north of Sideroad 10 and one kilometre east of the Ninth Line.

The plants were seized and taken to Halton police at Division 11 where the plants are to be destroyed. No further investigation will be conducted.

Impaired driving

A 52-year-old Georgetown man will appear in Milton Provincial Court on Aug. 20, 1990 on impaired driving charges. Police say the man was involved in a single-car accident on July 10 at 5:30 p.m. and was transported to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The accused refused breathalyzer tests.

Investigation continues

Police responded to a Children's Aid Society worker's call at Georgetown's Village Day Care Centre on July 9 at 3:30 p.m. Police say the worker reported a girl who stays at the centre said her father had sexually molested her. The girl's mother was contacted and both were taken to 11 Division Investigation Bureau where further interviews were conducted. However, the girl who was reported to have been visibly upset and began to deny the incidents occurred. The interview was discontinued. Police will investigate further.

Chairman warns about future financial troubles

Halton Region won't be able to cover unbudgeted expenses for new and existing water and sewage capital projects in the future. Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy told Halton's Treasurer, Joe Rinaldo, and Public Works Commissioner, Robert Moore, during Wednesday's planning and public works meeting.

The Treasurer and Public Works Commissioner were asking committee members to recommend that Regional Council approve an extra \$300,000 to spend on 1990 water and sewage projects. One being the North Halton District Water SCADA system, in Halton Hills and Milton. The system monitors the draw on the Amabel Aquifer.

After much debate, the committee voted to recommend the money be taken from the Region's unallocated reserve fund. The recommendation will go before council next Wednesday.

But Chairman Pomeroy warned the region will be unable to cover similar unexpected costs. "Economic indicators for the Region are not good right now," the Chairman stressed. "And you (the committee), will be hearing from me in August about the financial situation," he added.

Mr. Rinaldo concurred with the Chairman noting the Region couldn't support these costs next year. "Our unallocated reserves are almost depleted now," he warned.

Chairman Pomeroy suggested that to avoid shortfalls in the coming years the Region will have to consider implementing a hiring freeze and/or reducing the use of consultants.

Mr. Rinaldo attributed some of the shortfall to the provincial government. The provincial government denied the Region \$1.7 million in direct grant money for capital projects this year, said Mr. Rinaldo.

The lack of money initially meant the Region's financial shortfall to fund this year's projects was just over \$800,000. But the Region received just over \$600,000 this year in unexpected lifelong grants, said Mr. Rinaldo.

Another reason for the eventual shortfall was due to the cost of projects, such as SCADA, being greater than the original estimate, explained Mr. Rinaldo.

Constructions for the million dollar SCADA project were estimated last fall to cost \$650,000. But the cost was subsequently increased to \$836,000.

Chairman Pomeroy asked planning and public works staff

member, Bruce Kitchen, why the estimate and actual cost of the construction were so different. To which Mr. Kitchen replied, "The scope of the work to be done was enlarged." The expanded work included instrumentation and control systems, said Mr. Kitchen.

Committee members were upset that the Public Works Department didn't inform Council about the change in estimate before the 1990 budget was raised in March.

Mr. Kitchen said the department decided not to bring the increase in construction costs to the council's attention at the time because the Capital works budget process was finished, before the increased construction costs were known.

Burlington Regional Councillor, Rob Forbes, asked Mr. Kitchen, "Is it safe to say you screwed up?"

"Had the timing been right it should have been included in the budget," replied Mr. Kitchen.

4-H members council stages family festival

On Sunday, July 29, the Halton 4-H Members' Council is hosting a Halton 4-H Family Festival at Scotsdale Farm, Trafalgar Road North, Georgetown. The event begins at 12:30 p.m. The Festival has been planned to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the 4-H program in Ontario.

12:30 p.m. - Chicken BBQ (4-H families please bring a salad for the "pot luck salad bar")

1:30 p.m. - Special Ceremony/Cake Cutting to honour the 75th Anniversary of 4-H in Ontario.

1:45 p.m. - Games and Entertainment (with prizes) for Children and Adults. (Tug of War, Round Bale Rolling, Wagon Rides, Horse-Shoe Pitching, Celebrity Feud and More...)

3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.
Tickets for the BBQ lunch are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.50 for Children 12 and under.

For more information, and to order tickets for this event, contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 17 Wilson Drive, Unit 12, Milton, L9T 3J7; phone 416-878-2314.

Ministry looks at Acton GO station

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation will soon be looking into the possibility of establishing a GO Transit rail stop in Acton. Halton Hills Mayor, Russ Miller was informed Wednesday by letter from the ministry.

"We'll look into it (the possibility of a GO train stop) in the near future," is the way Mayor Miller explained the contents of the letter which was authored by the Transportation Minister William Wyre.

The Mayor interpreted the "near future" to mean that a ministry investigation will begin within months and not in two years as some local municipal politicians had originally speculated.

The province had already committed to building a GO train stop in Guelph, with construction beginning as early as the fall.

Paul Pagnuelo, the president of the now defunct Toronto-Peterborough/Havelock Line Passenger Association, who recently had a meeting with Mr. Wyre about commuter rail service said Wednesday, the minister never mentioned Acton as a possible GO station stop, during the meeting.

The Association was attempting to establish a privately run commuter rail service that possibly would have included an Acton stop.

But the ministry's plan to expand GO service killed the idea, he said.

Mayor Miller is convinced Acton will get a stop, but he suggested it might be located on either side of the town. That's what the minister will consider in looking at possibility of the stop, said the Mayor.

"I want the stop to be right in Acton," the mayor stressed. The station has to be able to serve those who can't drive to the stop, he explained.

Acton councillor Rick Bonette called the idea of locating the stop outside of Acton "absolutely ridiculous." "The government would probably have to buy land and build an stop," he said. Coun. Bonette said an Acton location would be the most cost effective solution, because of the available parking in the town.

Mr. Pagnuelo offered both the Mayor and the councillor some advice.

"Put pressure on the government because I get the feeling it doesn't have the same sense of urgency that the public does. It only acts when it's convenient for them."

Farmers receive financial aid

KITCHENER - Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food David Ramsay has announced details of Ontario's 1990 Farm Financial Assistance Package.

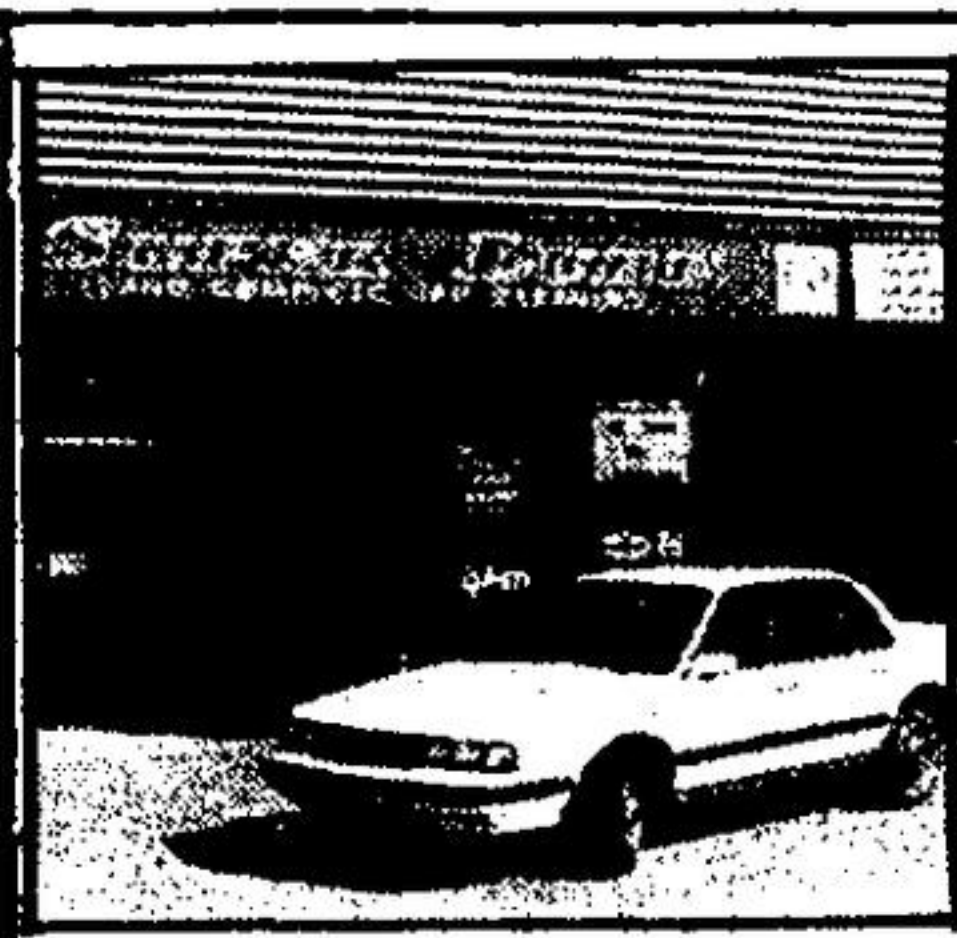
"The economic challenges facing today's farmers call for both immediate financial relief and the commitment to search out long-range stability," Ramsay said.

The financial assistance package announced by the Minister includes: a Farm Income Assistance Program comprised of short-term interest relief assistance as well as direct payments to grains and oilseed producers; a two-year extension of the ministry's Operating Loan Guarantee Program; and, for the long term, the Ontario government's commitment to work with the agriculture community and the federal government to develop long-range, market-responsive safety net initiatives.

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