

## Police Beat

### Minor injuries

A Brampton couple were treated for minor injuries on Wednesday after their car slid out of control at about 10 p.m. on the icy bridge of River Drive in Georgetown. The car was going approximately 30 kilometres an hour. No charges were laid. The bad driving conditions were blamed by police.

### Deer hit

An Acton woman ran into a deer on the 5th Line near Highway 25 in Halton Hills on Monday. She was unhurt and the accident, which happened at 1:15 a.m., caused only minor damage to her vehicle. No charges were laid.

### Lost control

In swerving to miss a squirrel and subsequently a mailbox, a Georgetown woman lost control of her car and ended up hitting a ditch and rolling her car over. The incident happened at about 3:30 Saturday afternoon and there were damages to a fence on a nearby property. The woman was unhurt. No charges were laid.

### Hydro pole hit

A Georgetown man was treated for minor injuries at Georgetown hospital last Saturday after he lost control of his car while travelling north on Winston Churchill Boulevard at 3 p.m. near 17th Sideroad in Halton Hills. According to police he was trying to get something out of the back seat while travelling along gravel, crossed over the south-bound lane and hit a hydro pole. No charges were laid.

## Fire calls

### Bus shelter blaze

Halton Hills Fire Department quickly extinguished a homemade bus shelter fire at the 10th Sideroad and 10th Line in Halton Hills on Tuesday. There was no damage to the shelter and the owner is unknown. Fire officials don't know the cause of the fire but it is suspicious in nature, it was reported.

### Alarm activations

Two alarm activations at the senior's apartment complex on Hyde Park Drive had Halton Hills firemen hopping on Wednesday. The first went off at 1:23 a.m. and the second went off at 4:30 p.m., due to malfunctioning equipment, say officials.

## Police to stage blood donor clinic

Halton Regional Police, in conjunction with all Regional employees and the Canadian Red Cross, will be sponsoring their 4th annual blood donor clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Oakville Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's clinic is a special one for Halton Police. They have decided to dedicate it to the

memory of Wayne Olmstead, a constable who passed away on May 11, 1990 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

At noon, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Police Chief W.I. Harding will be present, as well as long time donor S/Inspector Kent Laidlaw, who has made over 100 donations, and his daughter Andrea, a first time donor.

## Cost escalating over sewage issue

By BEN DUMMETT  
The Herald

Halton must pay an additional \$40,000 to \$55,000 to continue its investigation of how best to provide a sewage system for the expansion of Georgetown West.

Halton Region Engineer Ric Robertshaw told the Region's Planning and Public Works Committee Wednesday the extra money was needed to address concerns raised at a recent public information meeting on the sewage system issue at the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

During that meeting, the Region's consultants, Marshall, Macklin, Monaghan, of Thornhill and J.E. Hanna Associates of Pickering, outlined that their preferred sewage system would be the twinning of the existing Silver Creek Trunk sewer running through the Silver Creek valley. Many nearby residents oppose this idea because the valley contains sensitive wetlands and digging up the valley could end up in the contamination of Georgetown's water supply.

They are concerned that if the Region approved the twinning project two dormant landfills in the valley would have to be dug up. If the contents were toxic and entered the creek Georgetown's drinking water would be contaminated.

Mr. Robertshaw told committee members an investigation of the landfills as well as some other concerns necessitated increased spending.

In response to a question from committee members about the landfills, Mr. Robertshaw said the Region only became aware of the landfills this past July.

Burlington Regional Councillor Pat McLaughlin asked if the existence of the landfills could jeopardize the consultants preferred route, noting it is the cheapest option.

Mr. Robertshaw explained it had been suggested the pipe could be twinned up to the landfills and then built out to Main Street and around the dumps.

Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy instructed staff to inform the residents living in the area of the valley that staff needed extra funding.

During the public information meeting, residents had asked to be informed of any further report concerning the trunk sewer, and that copies of the reports be forwarded to them. Mr. Robertshaw said this report wasn't sent to the residents because it was only an information item.

The chairman also told committee members that he will meet with North-Halton MPP Noel Duignan next week to discuss if the trunk sewer sewage system should go through a full environmental assessment. Only a Class Environmental Assessment is being conducted now. This type of assessment is less in-depth than a full assessment.

The MPP couldn't be reached for comment at press time about why he may want a full assessment to be carried out.



## Post office aids food bank

Halton Hills' needy are hopeful those more fortunate will help fill this food drop off box located in the lobby of the Georgetown Postal Station. Pictured above, local postmaster Otto Kirchmayr and the director of the Georgetown Love and Christ Foodbank, Laura Ellison, introduced the box Friday. All food collected will be donated to the Love and Christ Food-

bank at Mountainview Baptist Church. The Georgetown post office is part of Canada Post's York Division in which all of the membership offices will be collecting food for area foodbanks. The Love and Christ Foodbank is open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Herald photo)

## Pioneer Days expansion planned

By BEN DUMMETT  
The Herald

A plan for a new and expanded Pioneer Days next summer and the establishment of a new office for the Georgetown Business Improvement Area were the two major announcements made Tuesday night during the group's annual general meeting at the McGibbon Hotel.

The general consensus of those approximate 20 business owners who attended the meeting was that the BIA sponsored Pioneer Days this past summer was unsuccessful. For instance, BIA manager Margaret Vint said following the meeting the event was reduced from the normal three days to two days.

In March Ms. Vint sent around a strongly worded memo to the membership warning if more people didn't volunteer their help the event may have to be cancelled.

Pioneer Days wasn't cancelled but a lack of response to Ms. Vint's request meant it had to be reduced to two days, she said.

Calling Pioneer Days the "BIA's biggest event of the year," George Markou, the co-owner of the McGibbon and a BIA member, said success next year will require better organization and more help. He heads a committee that has already started laying the ground work for next year's event.

Plans call for the street festival to be once again three days, and the events of each day will centre on one of three themes: seniors day, family day, and children's day. The overall theme for next year will be 'Let's Return to the Good Old Days'.

As well, there will be the Great Balloon Race from Acton to Georgetown and a big name musical act. Mr. Markou wants to see between 700 and 1,000 people on Main Street for the concert.

The BIA's aggressive approach is also reflected in their decision to establish an office to be located on Mill Street, announced BIA chairman Liz McNeilly. The manager "can't be working off a kitchen table anymore," said the chairman following the meeting.

The office will open at the start of next year. It will be located in a \$200 per month office on Mill Street. Ms. McNeilly wouldn't reveal the address because the deal is still being worked out. "The BIA has grown considerably and it's no longer a

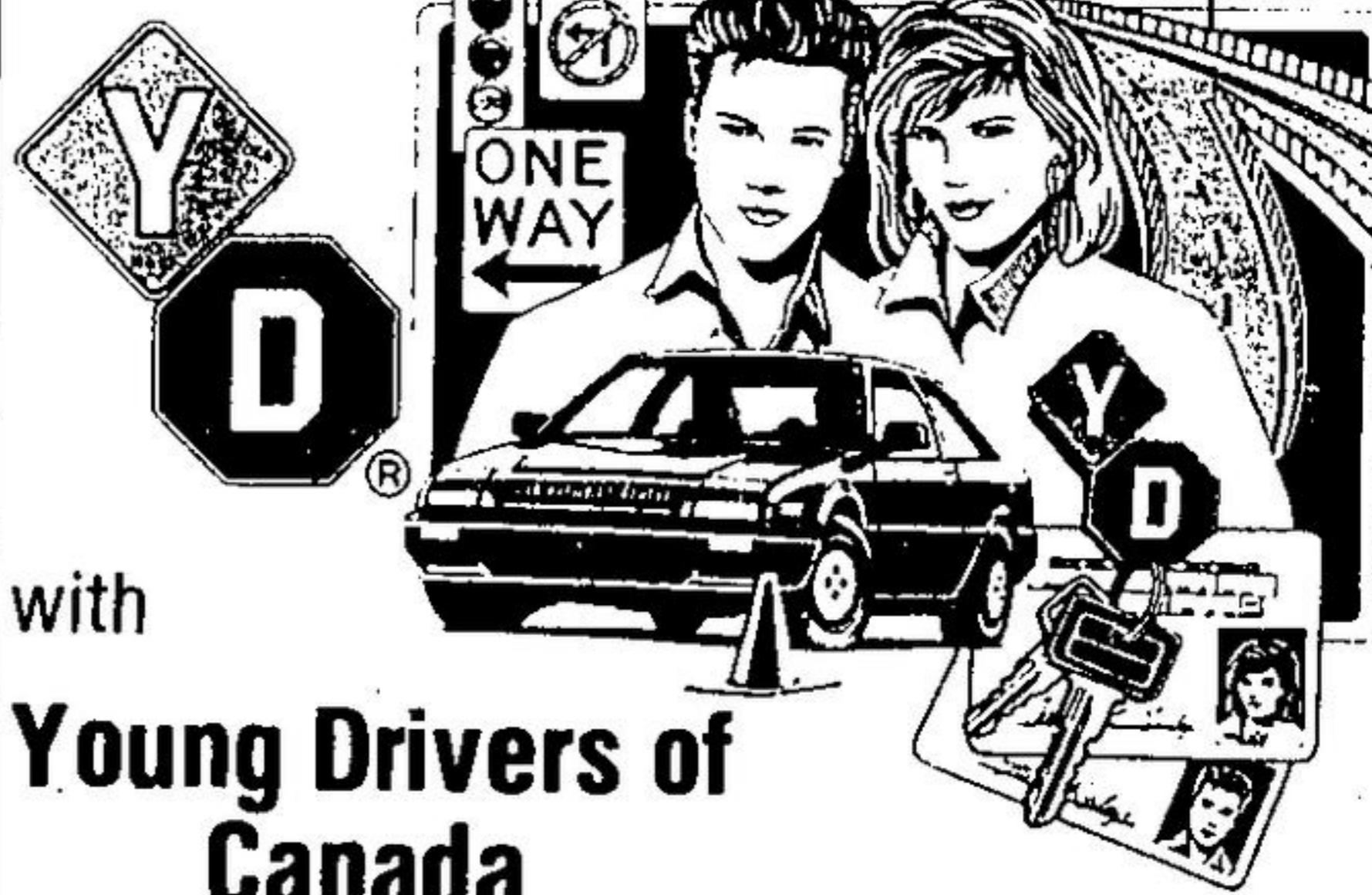
small operation," said Ms. McNeilly in defense of the office space.

Pat McCarthy, a town councillor representative on the BIA, was the only member to oppose the new office at the meeting. Only Coun. McCarthy voted against the BIA 1991 budget and when questioned after the meeting said the budget could have been kept lower if the expense of the new office had been excluded from the budget.

Given the tough economic times ahead, argued Coun. McCarthy, businesses want to keep their expenses as low as possible. "The establishment of an office may have been better left to another time," he said. The office, like every BIA expense, is paid for out of the group's membership fees.

Ms. McNeilly said the office is necessary if the BIA is going to grow in conjunction with the town.

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