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Failed to stop

Halton Regional Police say two vehicles were severely damaged after a driver failed to stop for a red light at Trafalgar Road and 5 Sideroad Friday. Police say an Ottawa man, driving a 1991 Chev sedan, was travelling north on Trafalgar when he ran a red light and collided with a 1985 Honda driven by a Milton man. The Honda was travelling east on 5 Sideroad. The Milton man sustained minor injuries. Police have charge the Ottawa man with going through a red light.

Failed to yield

Police charged a Norval man Friday morning with a Highway Traffic Act offence after he failed to give the right of way to an on-coming car which smashed into his 1984 Chev sedan. The Norval man was stopped at a stop sign on No. 5 Sideroad at 8th Line and proceeded into the intersection when he was struck by a 1984 Pontiac sedan driven by a Milton woman. There were no injuries.

Vehicles collide

Two vehicles collided Friday morning while approaching a narrow bridge on 5th Line near Hwy. 7, police report. An Acton female driving an International Bus and a Rockwood man driving a 1988 Ford pickup were approaching the bridge from opposite directions and tried to slow down. But both slid and collided. Police say no charges were laid due to heavy fog and rough road conditions.

Counterfeit money

Police are asking local merchants to be aware of counterfeit American \$50 bills. Police say four \$50 American bills were passed in Guelph on Feb. 26 in small variety stores and fast food outlets. The bills appear to be photocopied on very heavy paper and have serial numbers B22745731A and G65366773A. Police say there are two suspects and ask that anyone who comes across these bills or is given one of the bills in payment, to contact the investigative department of the Halton Regional Police.

Trains vandalized

Police say unknown culprits caused over \$900 damage to two GO Transit trains in Georgetown between 9:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Saturday night. Police say culprits broke plastic compartments holding fire extinguishers and discharged two on the train. All the fire extinguishers removed from their casements were recovered. Police have no suspects but are continuing their investigation of the incident.

Vacuum cleaner lifted

Police say a \$1,000 vacuum cleaner was stolen from a Georgetown apartment Saturday morning. The complainant told police he had left the vacuum cleaner in an apartment he had just vacated so he could later return and clean the apartment. Police are continuing their investigation.

Money for R.I.D.E.

Ontario Solicitor General Mike Farnan announced Friday that Halton Regional Police is receiving \$8,000 for overtime costs of the R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program for the 1990/91 year.

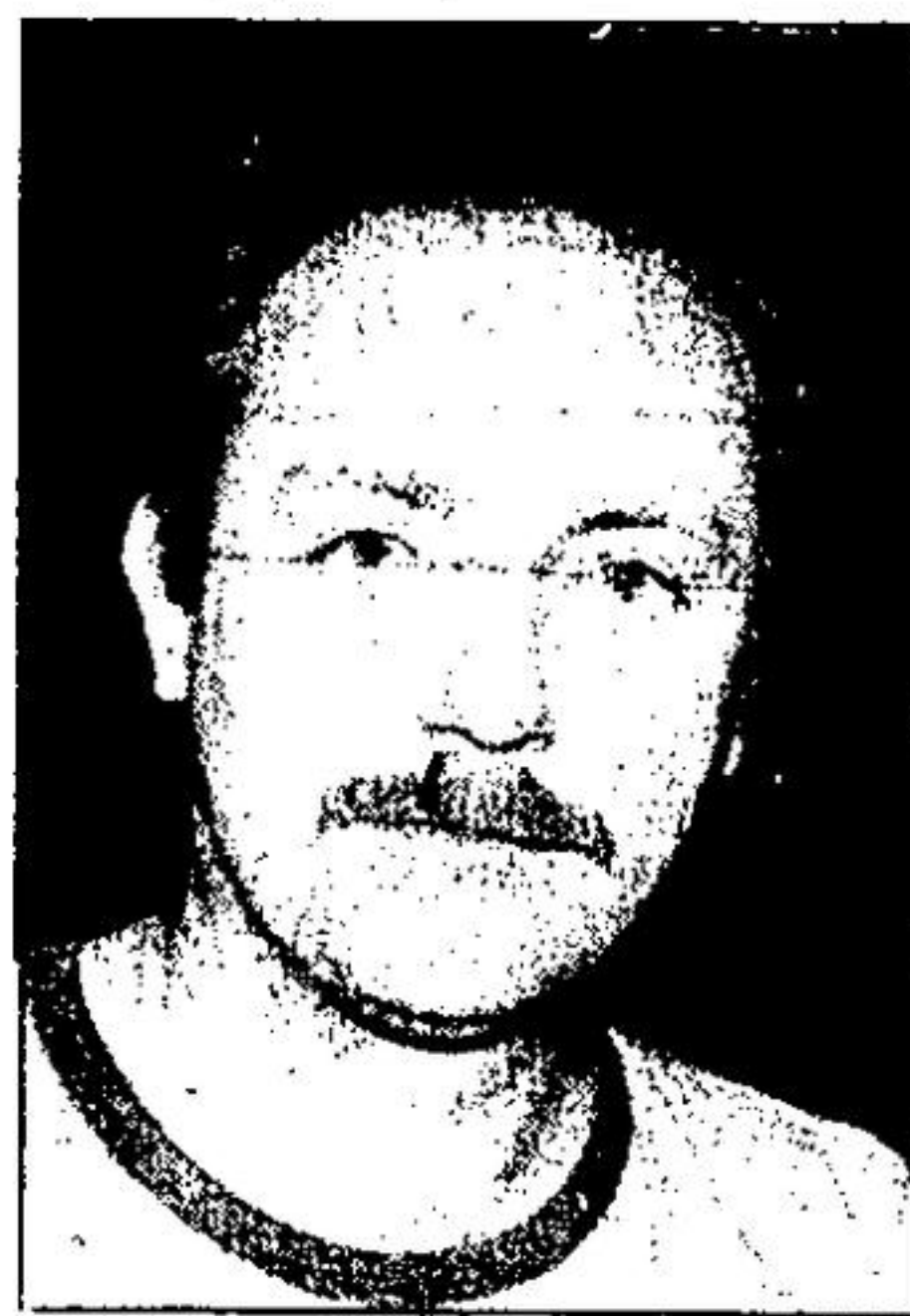
"We consider it money well spent," says the Solicitor General. "R.I.D.E. is a proven, successful community-policing initiative which assists significantly in deterring impaired drivers. This funding has allowed many municipal police services across Ontario to expand law enforcement efforts and to provide a valuable service to the public.

The funding for Halton Region is part of \$600,000 being allocated

to 97 municipal police forces in Ontario to pay overtime on officers in the R.I.D.E. program this year. A total of \$1.2 million has been allocated for the R.I.D.E. program for the next two years.

"The R.I.D.E. program is credited with bringing about a major change in the public perception of impaired driving in Ontario," states the Solicitor General. "More people are realizing that driving a vehicle while impaired is a dangerous, socially unacceptable act."

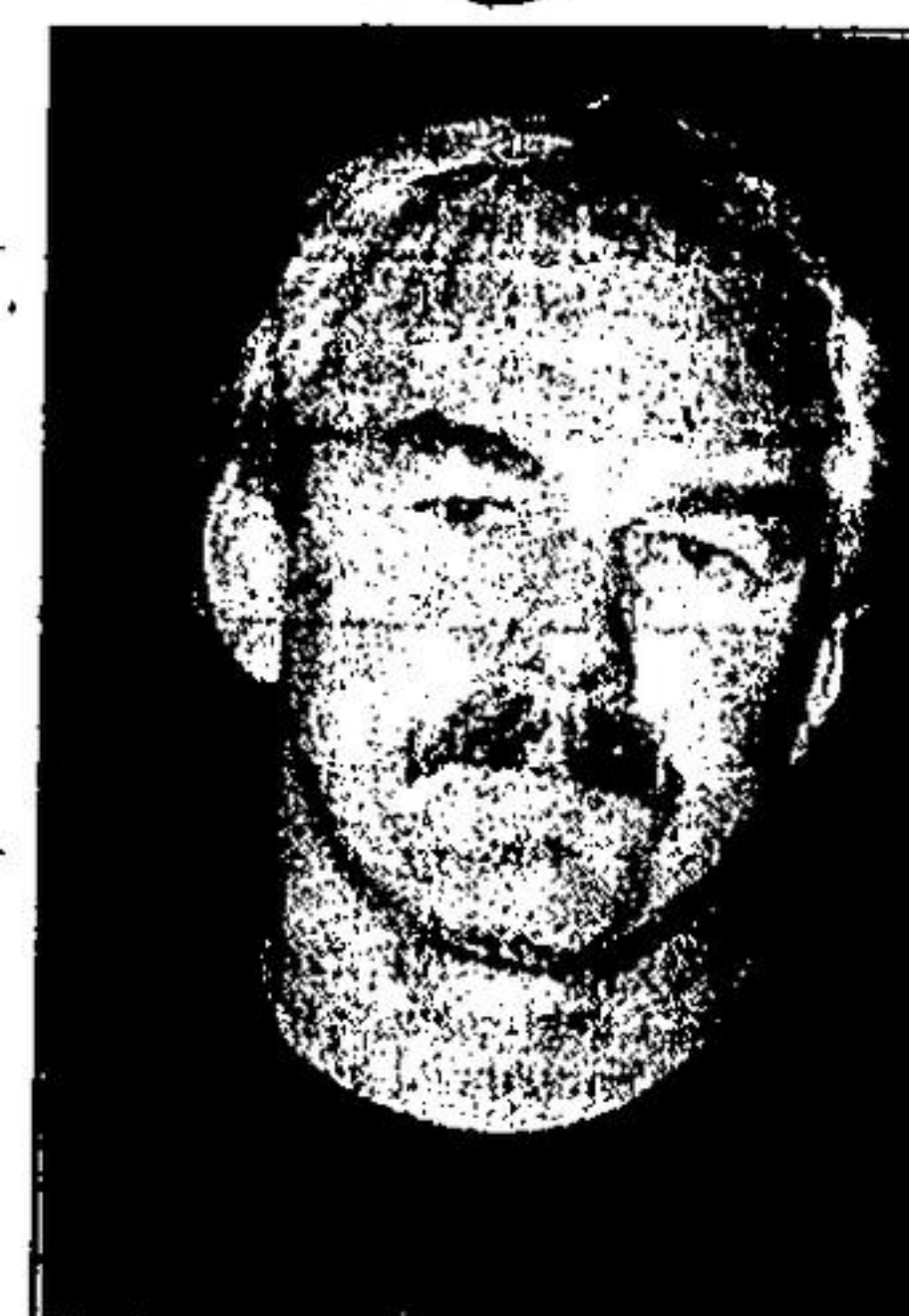
**Community Forum
Reaction to federal budget**



George Roman, Georgetown: "I didn't think it was that good. I can understand the cigarettes because it costs our health service down the line, but for everything else, I don't know how much we can continue to be pushed."



Sara Goldwin, Milton: "I don't think this year's budget is too bad. I don't smoke, so that didn't hurt. Overall, I thought it would be worse."



Mike Finn, Georgetown: "I don't really have an opinion either way. I can't really disagree with some things going up, like smoking, since I don't think people should be smoking anyway."

Willow Park residents appealing to province

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

Willow Park residents may still be out on the streets after May 15.

That's the deadline the Credit Valley Conservation Authority is requiring the mobile home park residents leave the location just off Highway 7 on the Norval-Georgetown border.

Residents must vacate the land because it has been expropriated by the CVCA. The authority expropriated the land because the park is located in the Credit River Floodplain. According to the CVCA the residents' lives would be put in danger if a severe flood happened.

Despite the deadline, Willow Park Community Association Chairperson, Heather Croft, said following a meeting Wednesday between herself, Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, provincial Ministry of Housing representative, Will Ferguson and Bill Chard assistant to local

MPP Noel Duignan, she is hopeful a solution can be found.

Ms. Croft explained the ministry of housing representative indicated the province's first priority "is to get the residents an extension."

A suggestion was also made during the meeting that an extension could perhaps be granted on condition the residents sign a waiver eliminating the CVCA and the Town from any liability if a severe flood does strike the area, said Ms. Croft.

Mr. Ferguson is now considering the Willow Park issue in its entirety and when he has done that, another meeting will be called, said Ms. Croft.

"At least the province is listening to us," she added.

The residents' biggest problem, if required to vacate the property by May 15 without another park in which to relocate, is the financial loss of being unable to re-sell their mobile

homes. It's generally acknowledged mobile homes are rendered virtually worthless unless they are sold on a location property.

The residents had expected they would be permitted to move to a site in Acton but the Ontario Municipal Board recently struck down the proposal.

Like Ms. Croft, Mr. Chard is hopeful a solution may be found. If a viable site could be found in a reasonable amount of time, Mr. Chard said the province may be willing to "fast track" the application so that relocation could take place within a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Chard said he is looking into the viability of a site on the 10th Line in Halton Hills.

Asked if he thought an extension may be possible, Mayor Miller said, "it's hard to say because there are so many players."

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