

Brothers Tyler and Brandon Hynes, five and eight-years-old, respectively, helped Shelley Oake (standing) request Mayor Russ Miller to recently declare a "Say No to Drugs" Day for Halton Hills. The threesome are part of the Toronto-based group which encourages people of all ages to be drug-free. A petition which generated over 50 signatures in less than an hour in Georgetown, along with an anti-drug book entitled Clear Body, Clear Mind, were also presented to the Mayor.

Impaired driving

A man found sleeping in the front seat of his vehicle just before midnight Tuesday was charged with impaired driving. The man, a Mount Forest resident, had left the hazard lights on and the keys in the ignition, police said.

Rubbish fire

A Mill St. resident in Acton was caught burning rubbish in his backyard without a permit Tuesday afternoon, according to the Fire Department. A fire official advised the owner of the Town's burning regulations after the fire was extinguished.

Car fires

Firefighters responded to two separate car fires in the rural areas Wednesday. The first involved a Chevy Impala, which was engulfed in flames on 5 Sdrd. at the 10th Line early in the morning. Halton Regional Police were also on the scene, but the owner was not in the area, according to the Fire Department. The cause and estimate of damage was undetermined. Late in the afternoon, a Chevy Silverado 4X4 received

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approximately \$10,000 in damage after a small fire broke out in the engine. The vehicle was parked at a Fourth Line business north of 17 Sdrd. No injuries were reported, and the cause was undetermined, according to the Fire Department.

Pizza stolen

A pizza driver was delivering a pizza to a house on Mary St., Georgetown Monday evening, and was told by the occupants that they didn't order the pizza. When he returned to his unlocked car, the driver found a second pizza and a warming bag had been taken, police said.

Cinema signs damaged

The manager of the Georgetown Cinemas returned to the premises on Monday night at 11 p.m. to find \$3,000 damage had been done to the sign. Police believe suspects threw rocks from a nearby construction site, causing severe damage.

Kissing interupted

A young couple in the backseat of a car parked near a donut shop were interupted Tuesday at 2 a.m. The couple had been in the front seat talking, and had just began their activities in the back seat when the woman's exboyfriend opened the rear door of the vehicle and began punching the man in the face, police said. The man received a broken nose and abrasions, police said.

Georgetown assault

A man and a woman were arguing Tuesday night when the man pushed the woman down, knocking her to the floor, police said. The accused hit the woman then left the residence, police said. A Georgetown man has been charged with assault.

Clarification

In the Wednesday, July 31st edition, a news story on the police stand-off with a robbery suspect referred to two unidentified women at the scene. These two women were not the occupants of the Prince Charles Dr.

Tractor damaged

A tractor sitting in a field on Thompson Rd. and Trafalgar Rd. was damaged sometime between Monday afternoon and Wednesday at noon. Unknown suspects let the air out of the tires and put dirt in the gas tank, police said.

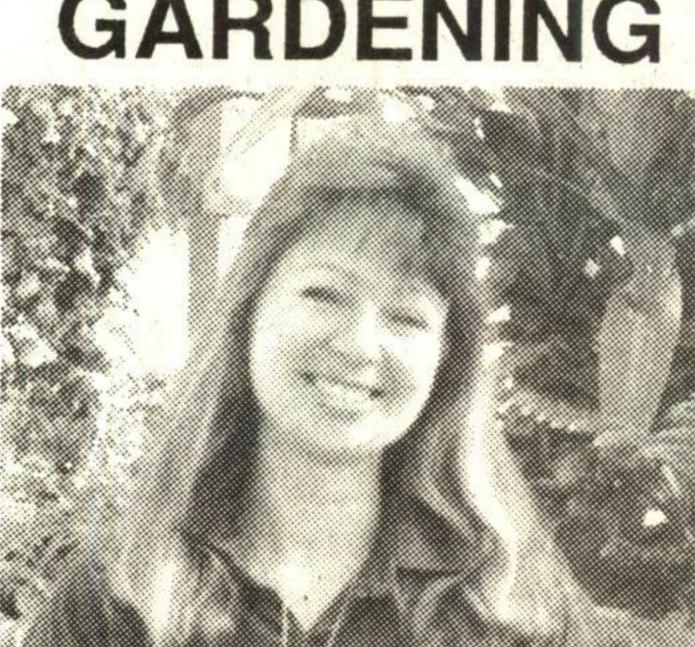
Downriggers stolen

Two downriggers and a fishing pole were stolen from a boat parked in a Stewarttown driveway sometime Monday night or Tuesday. No evidence was left at the scene, police said.

Car totalled

A car was totalled when it tried to avoid an accident with a second car on Wednesday at 9:25 p.m. The car, a 1989 Ford, was been driven south on 10th Line near 27 Sdrd. when the driver noticed a second car heading north was in the middle of the road, police said. The driver of the Ford turned to the left to avoid a collision, went into the ditch and rolled over. The second vehicle just kept on going. The driver of the Ford, an Erin resident, was taken to Georgetown Hosptial by ambulance where he was treated for minor injuries.

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

Galls are swollen, abnormal growths that develop on various plant parts (leaves, branches, roots). Galls may form on virtually every landscape plant but, they are most commonly found on Roses, Maples, Willows, Walnuts, Spruce and Oaks. You may be surprised to learn that many plant galls are the result of insect activity; usually a wasp, fly or midge.

Each insect species causes a characteristic gall to form. The causal insect can usually be identified by the size, shape, location and/or color of the gall that is produced. For example, the Mossyrose Gall wasp causes a globular, mossy or fuzzy gall to develop. Early in the season the galls are green, and by the end of the season they turn purple and then brown. Maple trees are subject to attack by a number of mite insects that cause numerous small galls to develop on the leaves. One that you may have noticed in the past is the Maple Spindle gall (caused by a mite). As its name suggests the galls are long and thin (spindlelike) in shape and are found on the upper leaf surfaces of sugar, silver and red maples.

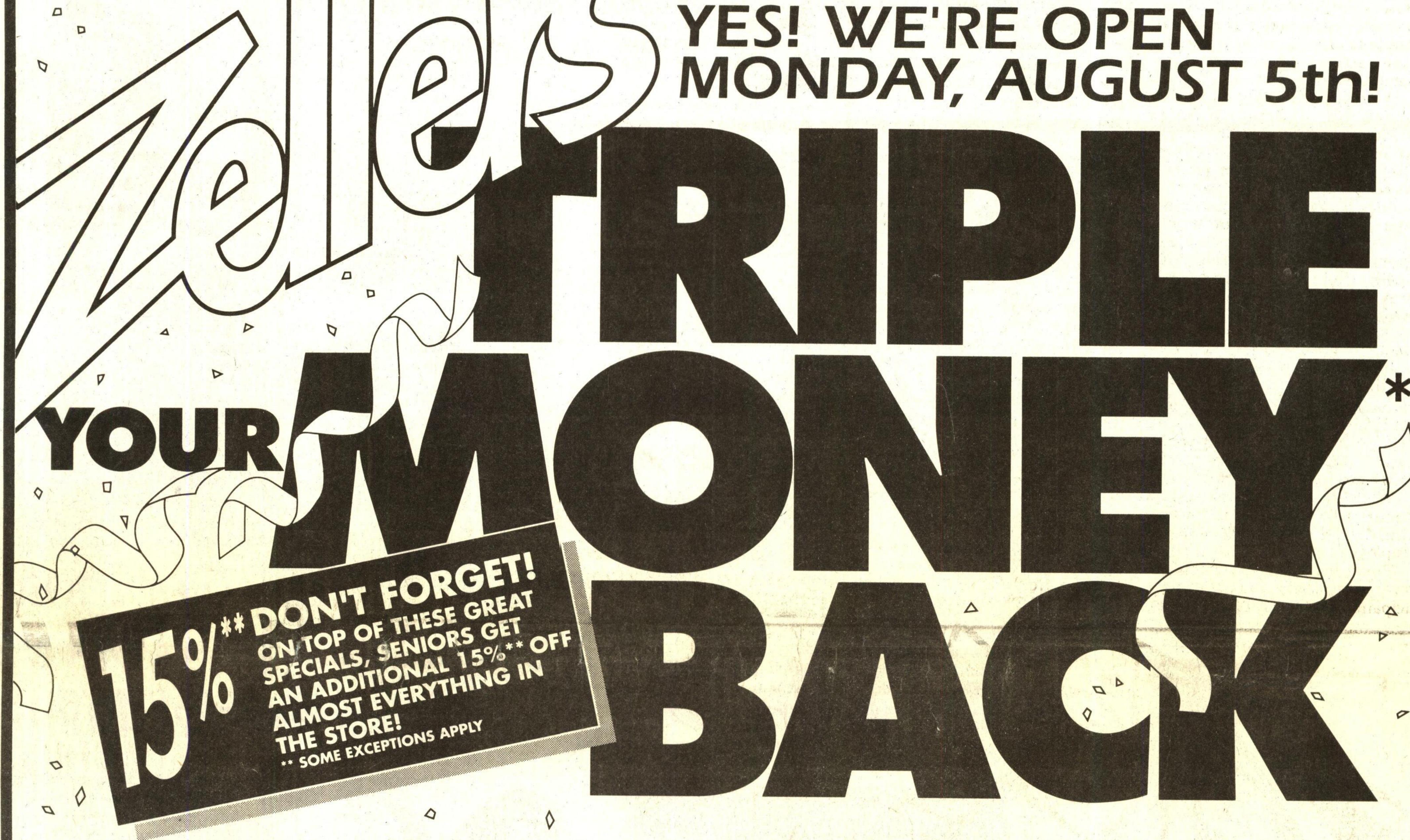
In general, the insect lays its eggs in the spring, in the plant which stimulates the plant tissues to grow in an abnormal fashion and surround the eggs. When the eggs hatch into larvae they eat in the tissues of the gall.

The gall rarely cause the death of the plant. Their most serious offense is that they disfigure the plant. The only way to control these abnormal growths from developing is to control the insects "that cause them." The simplest method of doing this is to remove the plant part that contains the gall. Do this early in the season so that you get the insect larvae when it is still in the gall. Spraying the plant in early spring with a dormant oil will eliminate any overwintering insects before they lay their

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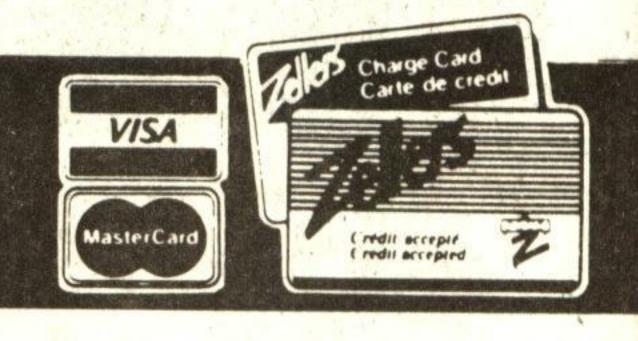
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