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News

Digest

**Counterfeit bill**

A counterfeit Canadian \$20-bill was found on Tuesday by Glenlea Pharmacy, when they were going through their receipts at the end of the day. The serial number 56880991428, police said.

**Public meeting**

The first public information centre will be held Wednesday June 22 at the Civic Centre between 6 and 9 p.m. for the Class Environmental Assessment for Additional Water Supply for the Georgetown urban area.

Thirteen alternatives for water supply, including supply from Lake Ontario, Georgian Bay, the Credit River and local groundwater aquifers will be described. The 13 alternatives will be examined in the next phase of the project to reveal a preferred alternative to be unveiled at a second information centre later this year.

**Stamps taken**

Police are looking for two suspects in relation to an incident at the Delrex Smoke Shop on Thursday evening at around 8:15 p.m.

While someone distracted a clerk, another person is believed to have taken \$800 in stamps, police said. One suspect was grabbed by an employee, but he broke free and got away.

One suspect was white, 5 ft. 5 inches, husky build, had dirty blond hair, a scar on his cheek and wore dark baggy clothing. The second was 5 ft. 7 inches, slim, had short hair, was clean shaven and wore a dark T-shirt. Both suspects are in their 20s, police said.

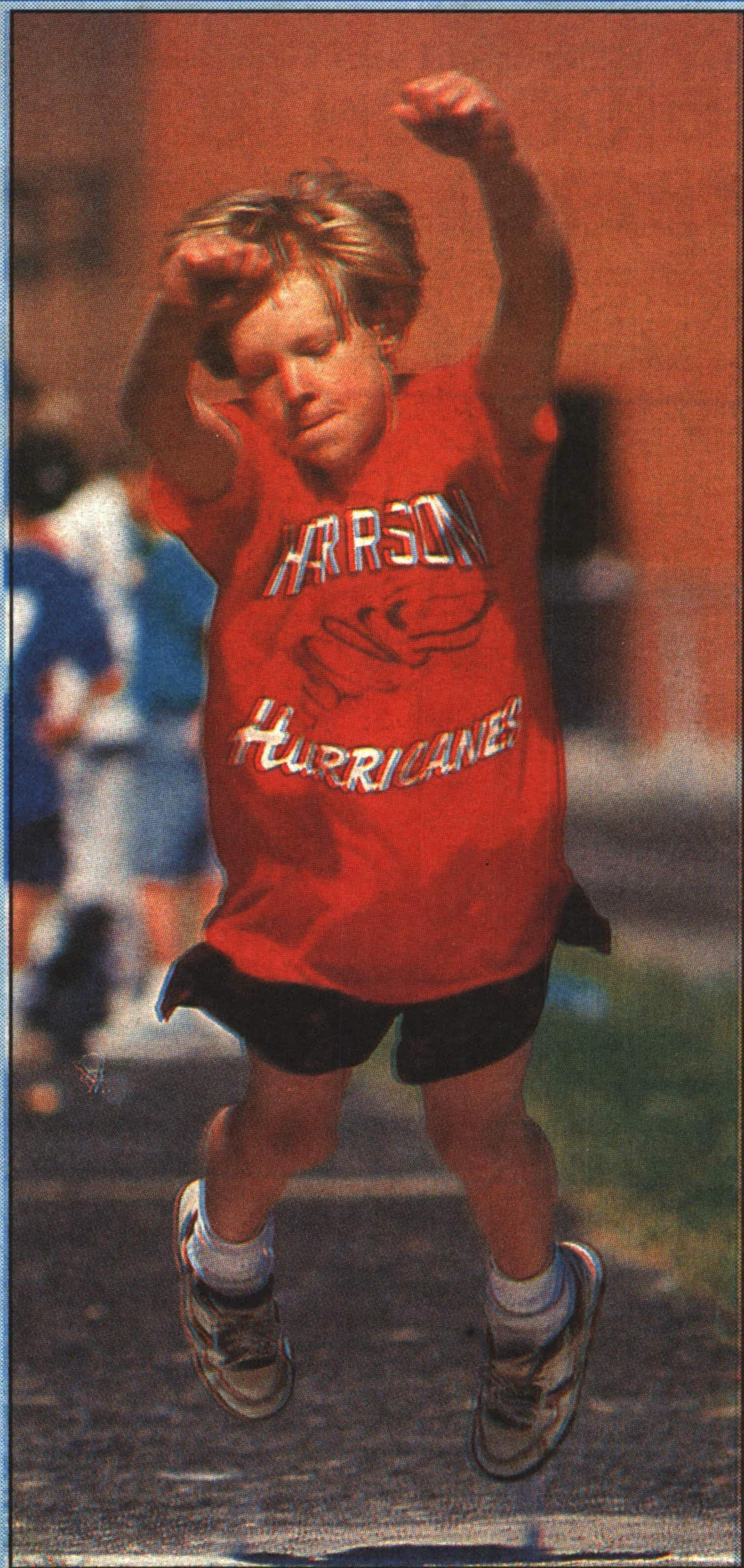
**Equipment stolen**

A rear window in a car parked at Glen Williams School was broken Tuesday evening and \$500-worth of Tai Kwan Do equipment was taken, police said.

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Best foot forward...



Cory Reed, 8, of Harrison Public School became momentarily airborne as he competed in the standing long jump class at an elementary school track and field competition at Georgetown High School on Wednesday. The meet offered a number of different events, including high jump, ball toss and races for the young competitors. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

## Food drive planned for Pioneer Days

By JANET BAINE  
Staff writer

Love-in-Christ Food Bank is holding a food drive during Pioneer Days in downtown Georgetown next weekend, from Thursday until Saturday.

"It's not only the first time we've held a food drive at Pioneer Days, it's also the first time we've had a food drive on our own. Usually the Scouts help us out during the fall, but we're in dire straights," Laura Ellison, coordinator of the food bank said.

"I won't tell you what we don't have, it's a lot easier to tell you what we do have, which is macaroni and cheese and beans. We are really right up against it," she said. Usually there is lots of tomato soup, but they've even run out of that.

While summer is always a very bad time for the food bank, this

year the problem has come earlier than usual.

The goal of Love in Christ is to collect 4,500 lbs of non-perishable items.

Items used to make lunches, like canned meats, tuna and peanut butter would be especially appreciated, because the children are home from school during the summer and won't be able to get anything from the lunch program at the schools, Ellison said.

Donations can be dropped off at Telehop Communications, which is on the corner of Main and Wesleyan Streets.

Everyone making a donation will be able to fill out a raffle ticket for a draw for a gift basket, compliments of Carol's Hair and Beauty Salon.

The Royal Bank is also raising money for the food bank, and has a number of gifts which will be raffled off, Ellison said.

## Emergency services not threatened — yet!

By JANET BAINE  
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Emergency services at Georgetown Hospital aren't threatened just yet, but they may well be in the future.

The Ontario Hospital Association recently did a survey on emergency services in small and rural hospitals. It found that 40 Ontario hospitals weren't receiving enough money to cover their emergency costs, and as a result they had to make extra payments to physicians in order to guarantee access to hospital emergency services.

"We're currently not in that group, but anything is possible these days," said Dr. Elliot Halparin, head of Emergency at Georgetown Hospital and a member of a government committee set up to look into emergency services. "It becomes a problem if the government clawbacks become higher and higher because people begin to look at shedding the most difficult part of their life."

Cutbacks may inspire doctors to no longer assist at local hospitals, and just maintain a daytime practice, he said.

About a half dozen doctors with practices in Halton Hills have

already opted not to take shifts at Georgetown Hospital, which means they work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "and leave the rest of us to do all their difficult work," Halparin said. Until now, this type of practice has only been "a big city deal."

He is frustrated with the current health system and has decided to devote one day a month to the government committee, because he is optimistic that he can "try to help the system run as efficiently as it can."

**Bus service for seniors**

Continuing a tradition, Young's Pharmacy is sponsoring a complimentary bus service for seniors this Thursday (June 16), the first day of Pioneer Days.

The service will operate from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will pick up seniors from anywhere in Georgetown to bring them to Pioneer Days and will also bring them home.

Seniors interested in using the service can call 873-1010 for the service.

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