

200 jobs in limbo

Varian Associates for sale

Employees at Varian Associates Inc. were notified Thursday that the Georgetown operation, and five other similar U.S. Varian operations, are up for sale.

Joe Caldarelli, president at the Georgetown location, said the company is seeking buyers for its electron devices operation, which includes Georgetown.

"We will continue as normal. At this time there is not a buyer,"

said Caldarelli. He added it is hoped after the sale the Georgetown operation, which has been in town for 40 years, will remain open keeping all 200 of its staff members employed.

In a press release from Varian's Palo Alto, California head office, chairman and CEO J. Tracy O'Rourke said the decision to sell the smallest segment of Varian allows them "to exit what is essentially a components business

and intensify its focus on faster growing equipment segments serving the health care, semiconductor equipment and instruments market."

The electron devices segment of Varian's business reportedly has assets approaching \$150 million. The segment produces vacuum tubes, power supplies, amplifiers, and other products for communications, medical and defence markets.

Got a question for the candidates?

The Municipal Election for the Town of Halton Hills takes place on November 14. The Chamber of Commerce is organizing a Meet the Candidates Meeting on October 30, at the John Elliott Theatre (Cultural Centre), in Georgetown. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Because of the great number of candidates, a new format has been devised so that candidates can share their platforms with the voters.

Voters are asked to send in their written questions to the Independent/Free Press (fax: 873-0398) and the Chamber of Commerce (fax: 977-7115) in Georgetown, or to the Halton Cable Television Station and Community Centre in Acton.

Only written questions will be accepted and these may be addressed to a specific candidate, a few candidates or all the candidates. If you need a detailed answer to your question, add your name to your written question and it will be passed on to the candidate in question.

Written questions will also be accepted in the lobby of the Cultural Centre on the day of the Candidates' Meeting.

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Traffic studies

At the committee meeting Monday night town engineering staff members were asked to begin traffic studies at the corner of Guelph St. and Armstrong Ave. and Brucewood Rd. and Prince Charles Dr., and the possibility of installing street lights at the walkway between Irwin Cr. and Mountainview Rd.

Request turned down

A request by Rita Landry to support a motion stating the town would not be a host community for waste imported from outside of Halton Hills was turned down at Monday's committee meeting. A motion stating the town would not support outside waste coming to Halton was also lost. Councillor Norm Elliott said due to the fact the town is currently being sued by Equity Waste Management (proposing a composting facility) the town shouldn't be passing motions dealing with waste now.

Alarm allergy

Firefighters responded to an alarm at a business on Mill St. in Georgetown on Monday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. turned out to have been activated by dust from a worker using a saw.

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Eight-year-old Sarah Yates was airlifted to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto after a three vehicle collision on Highway 7 just north of Georgetown on Wednesday afternoon. The highway was closed for an hour while police, ambulance and firefighters worked at freeing Sarah. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Five injured

Youngster airlifted to hospital after crash

Five people were taken to hospital after a three car collision on Hwy. 7 which left the highway closed for over an hour Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.

Eight-year-old Sarah Yates was airlifted to the Hospital For Sick Children, where she is in good condition.

Sarah, her 12-year-old brother Jeffery and her grandmother Ethel Yates, 63, were heading south on Hwy. 7 near Trafalgar Rd. north

when their Bronco was struck by a southbound Ford pickup truck which was behind them, said Const. John Riggs of the Milton OPP. He didn't yet know why the two vehicles collided.

As a result of the impact, the Yates' Bronco crossed into the oncoming lane of traffic and sideswiped an oncoming 1990 Ford Tempo. The Yates' Bronco then rolled and ended up in a ditch, Riggs said. The Halton Hills Fire

Department was called in to extricate Sarah who was in the back seat of the vehicle.

The Ford pickup was driven by George Bird, 56, of Esquimes. The Tempo was driven by Arlene Mulder, 54, of Limehouse.

The three drivers and Jeffery Yates were taken by ambulance to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Bird and Ethel Yates were transferred from Georgetown Hospital to Sunnybrook Hospital in

Toronto. Thursday afternoon Ethel Yates was reported in fair condition at Sunnybrook. Bird was later transferred back to Georgetown and reported in stable condition. Jeffery Yates and Mulder were both treated and released from Georgetown Hospital.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Police had still not received statements from two of the drivers at press time.

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