

Science is great! Adam Key, T.J. Shail and Sean Ashbee, all 10 years old, demonstrated their Super Power experiment in the Glen Williams Public School Grade 4 and 5 Science Fair this week. They tested the effect of electricity on metal. Photo by Wendy Long

Tuesday marked the first day of the Halton Regional Police annual Christmas RIDE program.

According to Sgt. Joe Martin, the service's media relations officer, the annual campaign aimed at getting drunk drivers off the road stopped more than 109,000 vehicles last year and laid 88 impaired driving charges.

"We have been pleased with the success of the program in previous years," Martin said in a media release Tuesday. "(We) look forward to another successful year in combating the drinking driver problem on our roads."

Throughout December a fiveofficer team from the Traffic Unit will join officers in each of the regions four districts on daily spot checks.

The program's launch was somewhat marred by an incident

PHOTO

from a spot check.

At about 10:40 p.m., police stopped a driver at a spot check. The officers "formed the opinion that the driver was impaired," Martin said.

When the officers asked the driver to get out of the car he fled the scene. A short chase through a residential area near Main and Martin Sts. ensued but the driver was apprehended when he lost control of his vehicle.

Now in its fifth year, the RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program "continued

to be an integral part of the Halton Regional Police Service) response to the community concern surrounding drinking and driving," Martin said.

In 1988 — the first year for the spot check program — Halton Regional Police stopped more than 48,500 vehicles and charged 125 drivers with impaired driving. As well, 79 12-hour suspensions were issued and close to 5,000 other tickets and warnings were issued.

Last year police in Halton stopped 109,227, charged 88 for drinking and driving.

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MONDAY - TUESDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

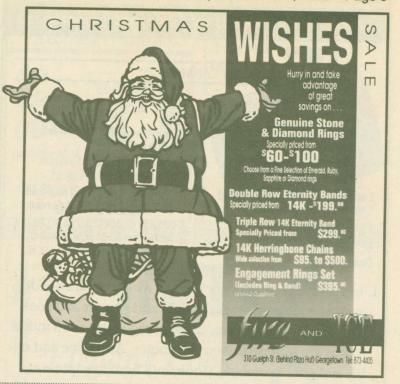
Man ordered to stand trial

The Georgetown man charged in connection with the June murder of a Georgetown woman has been ordered to stand trial.

Keith Bettridge was order to trial last week following a preliminary hearing in Milton.

Kimberly Thompson died from a single gunshot wound to the face at the Wednesday in which a driver fled Eighth Line home she shared with Bettridge.

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Verhaegen - Rorison



Ted and Gale Verhaegen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Holly to Jason Rorison son of Anne and Hugh Rorison.

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