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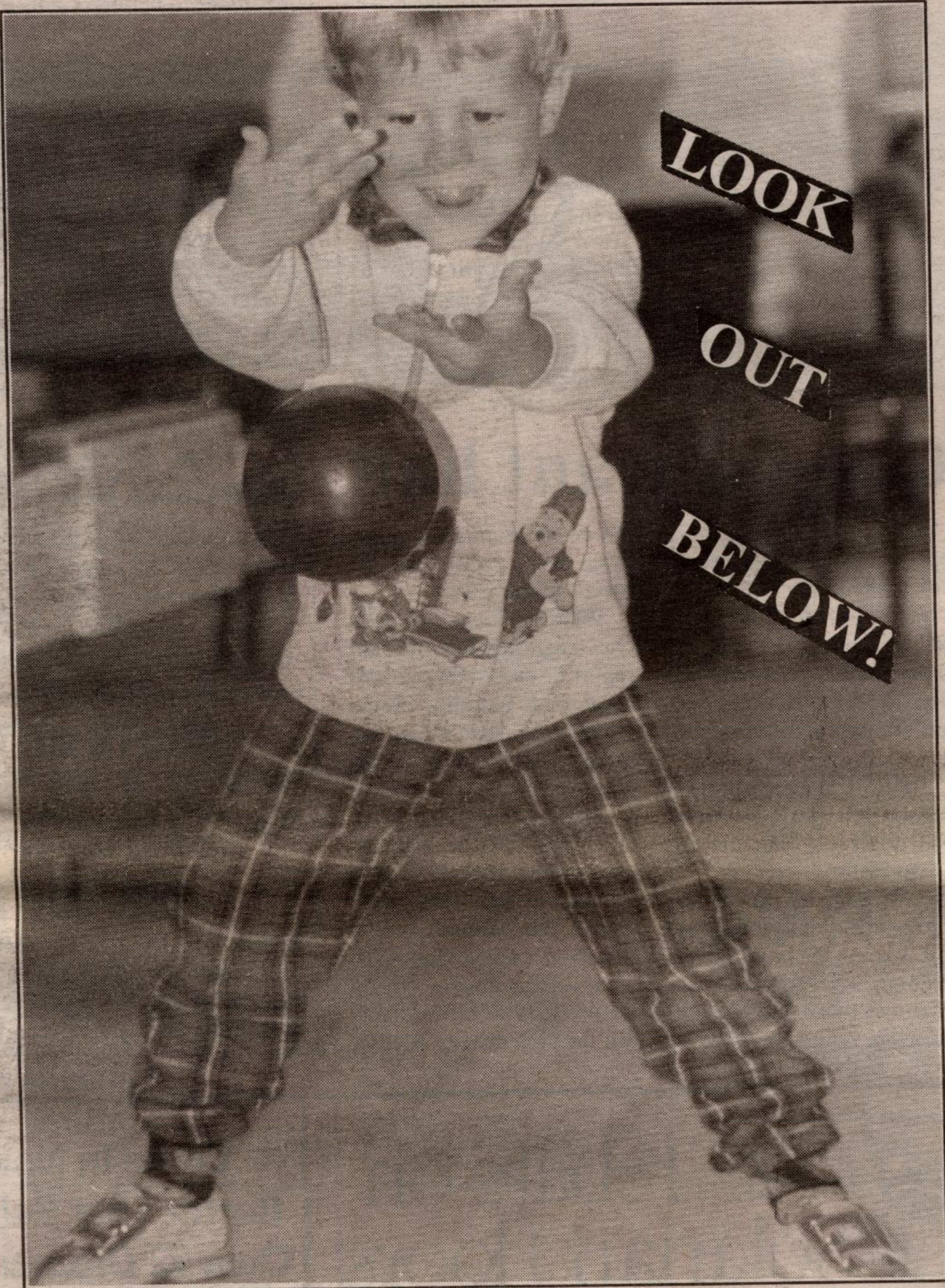
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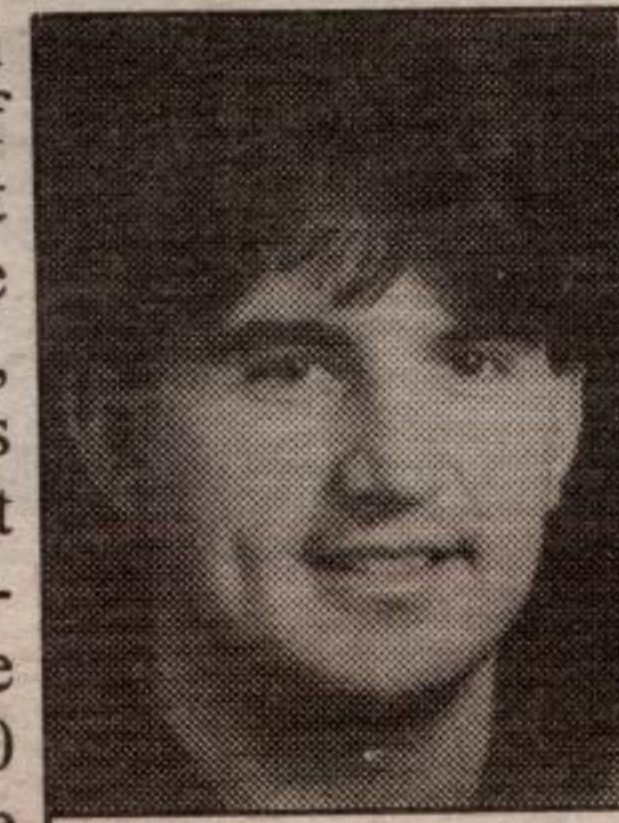
First-time bowler Zachary Loewen, 4, made up for in enthusiasm what he may have lacked in form during a recent outing at Acton Lanes' Smurf bowling league. Smurfs, aged 2-4, can bowl Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Saturday mornings. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Two accidents take man's life

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

In an odds-defying tragic twist of fate, Acton's John Wilson was killed on Saturday night after being involved in two separate accidents at the same location with two allegedly impaired drivers.

Although Wilson, 25, of Greenore Crescent was unhurt in the initial accident, which involved his car and a Jeep at the Guelph Street-Lakeview Avenue intersection at 6:40 pm on Saturday, he was killed in the



JOHN WILSON

second, which occurred about an hour later as he helped a tow truck driver clean up from the first accident

Both men were hit when a station wagon drove west-bound on Guelph Street through the accident scene. Wilson was taken to Georgetown Hospital and died before he could be transferred to a Toronto hospital.

The tow truck driver, Bill Wilson, 53, (no relation) was treated and released from hospital. Monday morning he told *The Tanner* that he was holding a shovel for Wilson to sweep broken glass onto when they were hit.

Wilson's father-in-law, Acton swim coach Gerry Ockenden, witnessed the tragic accident - he and his wife and daughter Julie, whose first child is due in February, were called to the

scene of the first accident by Wilson who had been on his way to work in Guelph.

John Michael Ogden, 52, of Georgetown, a teacher at Stewarttown Public School, was arrested at the scene and charged with

impaired driving causing death, impaired driving causing bodily harm and driving over .08 in connection with the second accident. Ogden will be back in court Nov. 4.

Forty-two year old Wieslaw Ambroziewicz of Bramalea was arrested and charged with impaired driving and driving over .08 in connection with the first accident.

Wilson leaves his wife Julie, parents Rae and Linda Wilson of Rockwood and brothers Steven and Jason.

Wilson's funeral will be 2 pm tomorrow (Thursday) at Trinity United Church. Visitation at Shoemaker Funeral Home is today (Wednesday) from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm.

At Town Council Monday night, Councillor Rick Bonnette noted there had been safety concerns in the accident area previously.

Heritage Acton's old fire hall plans still active

The Town-owned old Fire Hall in Acton will not be listed for sale until Heritage Acton, which asked the Town to convey the building to it for \$2, comments on a staff report that recommends listing the building and property for sale at \$160,000.

Although Council had directed staff

to list the surplus building at 32 Bower Street for sale with the local real estate board, the Brampton Real Estate Board returned the property prospectus because it now only accepts listings from licensed realtor members. Staff are now selecting a member to submit the listing.

In a report to General Committee on Monday, staff reported there's been some interest in the building from a local real estate agent, who said he had received "sincere verbal interest" from an individual who is presently out of the country.

Along with Heritage Acton, who

wants to restore the building as a community centre, the Town has also received letters from Acton Support Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) and the Acton Old Town Hall Theatre, a non-profit group wishing to bring live theatre to the Acton community -

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