

School buses not affected by faulty brake systems

Halton parents can rest assured that weekend media reports citing faulty anti-lock braking systems on more than 40,000 school buses across North America do not affect their children. None of the Halton buses have the system identified for recall, a release from Halton District School Board contends.

A spokesperson for the Halton District Catholic School Board said their system's buses are integrated with the public board, so they have no problems with brake systems either.

Thomas Built Buses Inc., and its parent company, Freightliner Corp., reported late last week that almost

6,000 of its school buses, built between March 1998 and last month, may have faulty anti-lock braking systems which can cause buses to temporarily lose their braking ability for up to three seconds when they are travelling slower than 35 km/hour.

The defect is in the sensor wires controlling the anti-lock braking system (ABS) on buses equipped with air brakes. A spokesperson for Bendix, the brake manufacturer, is quoted as saying as many as 40,000 buses across North America may have the problem. All buses affected with the defect will be equipped with a new electronic control unit (ECU), supplied under the recall process by the brake system manufacturer.

The Halton District School Board immediately contacted its bus contractors to determine if any Halton buses were affected. The Halton Board contracts transportation services with Tyler Transport, Laidlaw Transit, Attridge Transportation Inc., and Stock Transportation Limited.

"Our contractors have confirmed that there are no buses transporting Halton District School Board students affected by the recall. In fact, none of the buses used in Halton have had this type of braking system," said Wayne McNally, Supt. of Business Service with the Halton Board.

5% increase in crime

Statistics released by Halton Regional Police Service show an increase of 434 criminal offences over the same period (July 1999 to July 2000) last year. It's an increase of five per cent and reflects a 1.5 per cent increase in the crime rate.

There were fewer robberies (down 20 per cent), auto thefts (down 21.2 per cent) and 2.8 per cent fewer break and enters.

Increases in crime included: Sex offences up 10.7 per cent, offensive weapons up 61.4 per cent, domestic assault up 4.4 per cent, fraud up 19.2 per cent, property damage up 9.5 per cent, stolen property up 11.7 per cent, other criminal activities up 19.7 per cent and property damage motor vehicle collisions are up 10 per cent.



CONCENTRATING: Dylan Conroy, 3, had his mind on the job as he flew down the slide, above. When he hit bottom he wasn't impressed to see the camera. - Maggie Petrushevsky photos

Free seminar on prostate cancer

Individuals with prostate cancer and their families are invited to attend a free seminar entitled "Prostate Cancer: Issues and Controversies in Management," on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Milton District High School. This event is presented by the Canadian Cancer Society and Halton Healthcare Services - Milton District Hospital.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men. When detected early, before it has spread to other organs, the cancer may be curable. It is usually a small and slow-growing cancer. Risk increases with age, and most cases are in men over 65. Since it is more common in older men, it usually does not shorten life. Treatment programs are developed to meet an individual's need and depend on a man's age, his health and the status of the cancer growth.

Seminar speakers include Dr. P.C. Punnen, an urologist at the Milton District Hospital and the Humber Memorial Regional Hospital; Dr. P.

Sathya, a radiation oncologist at Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre; Lynda Putman, RN, a continence advisor with the VON and the Urology Resource Centre; and a patient with a surgical success story. These speakers will discuss treatment issues that confront a prostate cancer patient.

Milton District High School is located at 306 Williams Avenue in Milton. Displays and refreshments will be available between 6:30 and 7 p.m. when the presentations will begin. To reserve a seat call (905) 339-4379. ASL interpreter service is available for the deaf. Registration is required for these services by faxing 878-0498 or e-mailing cpopp@otmh.on.ca.

Correction Library book drop

Acton library officials now say the book drop will NOT be open while the River Street facility is closed for re-decorating from September 9-20. Library materials are on extended loan until the re-opening.

Everyone Loves a Parade!

87th Annual

Fall Fair

Sept. 15, 16 & 17

PARADE: 12 Noon

Saturday September 16, 2000

This Year's Theme: "Our Home Coming"

Assembling at 11 am

ENTRY FORM

Name of Group:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone:

Brief Description of Float (including size):

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

SO COME OUT AND TAKE THE ACTON KINSMAN CHALLENGE!!

Please return this form to: Michael Arnott, 40 Maria St. Apt. 112, Acton, Ont. L7J 2C7 or call 853-2549

OPEN HOUSE!

REGISTRATION WEEK

ACTON SENIOR'S RECREATION CENTRE

September 11 - 15

415 Queen Street East (Hwy #7) (Part of the Acton Arena Complex)

(519) 853-5951

WELCOME BACK BARBECUE FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 11:30 am Hot Dogs \$1.50 Cob of Corn 50¢ Drink 50¢

OPEN HOUSE DRAWS Put your name on a ballot each day you visit and you'll be eligible to win prizes drawn on Friday, Sept. 15 at 3:00 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:00 am Travel Desk
- 9:00 am Darts - Come and join us
- 10:00 am Crafts - Come and meet our group and discuss future ideas

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 10:15 am Free Tai Chi class - New members welcome
- 1:00 pm Euchre - Everyone welcome
- 7:00 pm Evening Bingo - Members only

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:30 am Overview of computer courses to be offered
- 10:15 am Free Fun & Fitness class
- 1:30 pm Board meeting
- 6:00 pm Pot Luck Supper - Everyone welcome Entertainment - Ralph Hollis

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 10:00 am Canasta - come and learn Everyone welcome
- 10:00 am Cribbage - Everyone welcome
- 1:00 pm Bid-Euchre - Everyone welcome

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00 am Travel Desk
- 10:15 am Learn to play Shuffleboard
- 10:30 am Choir - New members welcome
- 11:30 am Welcome Back Barbecue

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 12:00 noon Cheer for our float in the Acton Fall Fair Parade

Come any day between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and join us for Free Coffee and Donuts all week long.



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Sign up this week - Memberships available to anyone 55 years and up \$16.00 - valid to December 31/01