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Man dragged - charged with robbery

Halton Regional Police say a man dragged more than 80 metres (200 feet) by a car on the Eighth Line, was attempting to rob a cab driver.

At about 1 a.m., July 7 a man suffered "severe" burns to his back, feet and buttocks after being dragged along the Eighth Line near 27 Sideroad. At the time police said details about the case were "very sketchy."

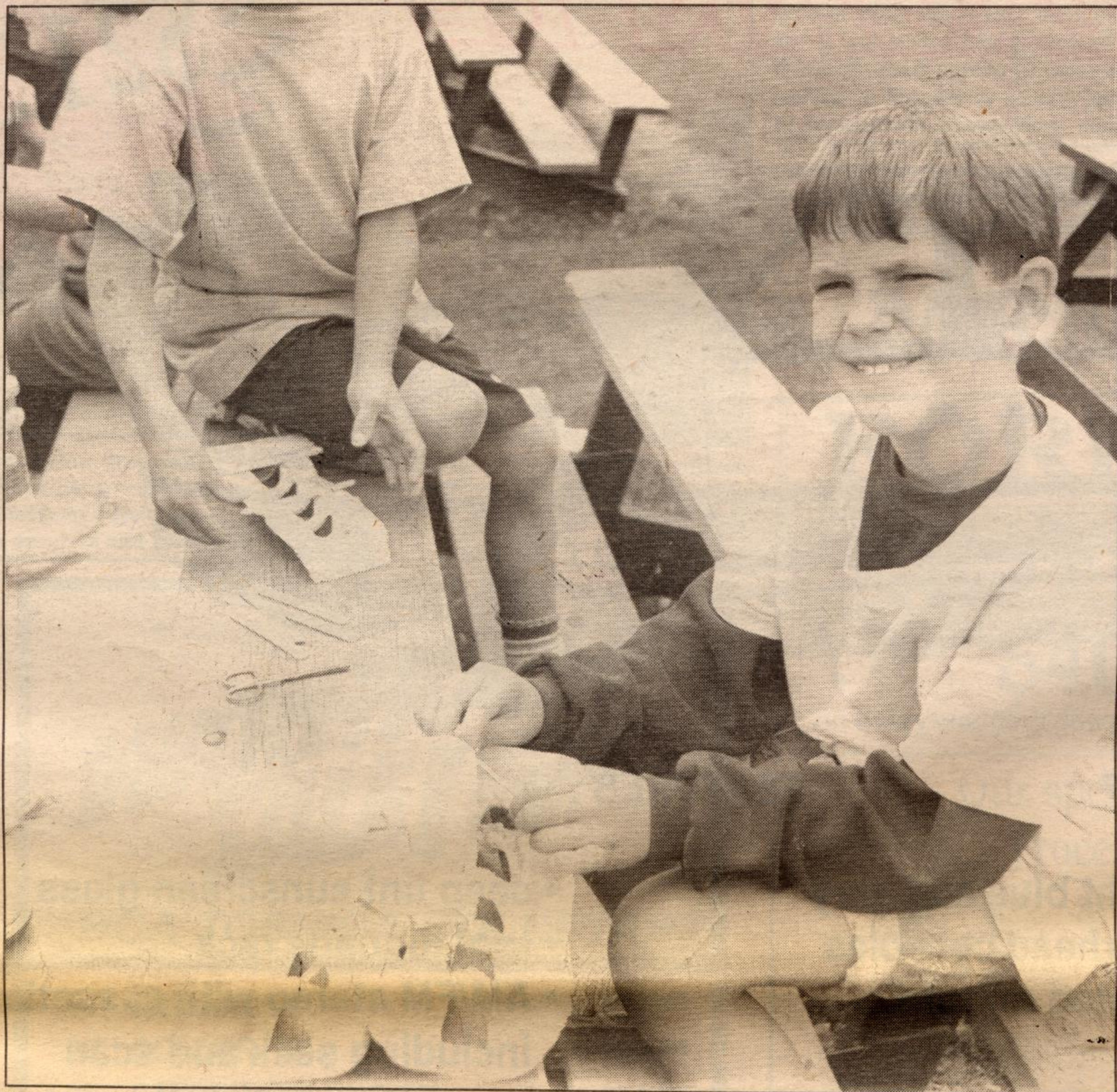
A police investigation revealed that the man hired a taxi in Malton and had it "drive to various locations" before arriving on the Eighth Line.

Once there, the man exited the cab for a brief time and when he came back, he demanded the keys to the vehicle and the driver's money.

According to police, the man reached inside the cab and struck the driver in the head. A struggle then ensued and while the pair were struggling the cabby started to drive northbound on the Eighth Line.

The man "somehow got caught in the door of the cab" and was dragged, police said.

A 30-year-old London resident — who is still in Toronto's Wellesley Hospital awaiting skin graft surgery — has been charged with robbery.



Brandon Arsenault, 8, was on hand at a Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department day camp this week. Here, Brandon works on a sailing vessel, ready for a race in Cedarvale Park. Photo by Jamie Harrison

Harvey's to locate on Guelph Street

Construction of a Harvey's Plus outlet is expected to begin this summer on Guelph Street in Georgetown.

Town planner Glenn Wellings said the proposed restaurant development will be located between Countrywide Realty and The Indoor Mall, and is contingent on approval from Halton Hills Town Council.

Acknowledging that there are "still some technical details to iron out" before the proposal reaches the site plan stage and is considered by council for site plan approval, Wellings said proper zoning of the

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Region-wide picnic planned

Children from Georgetown and Acton are being invited to join boys and girls from across Halton Region for a Children's Picnic, August 3, at Coronation Park, Oakville. "The picnic is for children across the Region and that includes Halton Hills," Walt Elliott, a spokesperson for The Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton, said Wednesday. The Foundation is the sponsor of the picnic, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will feature 20 activity centres including face-painting, coloring contests, a balloon toss and a water pad. Each child completing six or more activities will be given a prize.

The Ronald McDonald Magic Show will begin at 1 p.m. on the stage in Coronation Park. The day's entertainment program will also include singer Annelise, who will be featured in the bandshell from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Glen Williams Family of gospel singers will present a morning and afternoon concert in the bandshell.

Admission to the picnic is free, but a voluntary donation to loony boxes at the event would be appreciated by the Foundation, which will provide a free hot dog and drink to the first 500 children under the age of eight attending the event.

Additional information about the picnic can be obtained by contacting Elliott at 876-3377 or 844-8211.

Concerns about treatment plant to be addressed

By Dianne Cornish

Georgetown residents with concerns about Halton Region's proposed expansion plans for the water treatment plant near Cedarvale Park will get an opportunity to have their questions answered by representatives of the region's public works department. Regional staff have agreed to return to Georgetown on Monday — not for another public information meeting on the topic — but to present a report to council.

However, Councillor Gail Rutherford, who pushed for another public meeting, told Halton Hills This Week during an interview Tuesday that steps have been taken

to ensure that residents with concerns will have a chance to see them fully addressed.

Rutherford said the town's clerk, Janet Lunn Stewart, has confirmed that a display of information on expansion plans for the plant will be set up outside council chambers before 6:30 p.m. Monday. Regional staff will be there to answer questions and a form will be available to people who want to write down their queries.

If regional representatives don't answer particular concerns during their presentation to council, those posing written questions will receive a response by letter from the region, Rutherford said.

"If enough concerns are raised during the course of the evening, it's my understanding that another public meeting could be the result," Rutherford added.

A public information meeting about plans for the facility was held by the region, in Georgetown, June 17. A handful of people attended the session, which was advertised in local papers.

Despite public notice of the meeting, Rutherford complained at the June 22 meeting of council that "the timing and notification of the session was poorly handled."

She argued that many people are

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Baby bruised when being fed man, 19, charged

A 19-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with child abuse and assault after a five-month-old baby was found to have suffered bruising to his face.

According to police, the baby — the son of the man accused — was left in the man's care of the several times between March and July.

During those times, police allege "the suspect pinched (the baby's) nose and depressed his tongue to stop him from crying". As well the baby suffered bruising to his face while "feeding and burping" were taking place.

Police say the suspect also would not change the baby's diapers.

The man is set to make an appearance in a Milton Court August 31.

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