

EDITORIAL

Trafalgar and 7: Dangerous corner

For the third time in less than a week someone was hurt at the intersection of Trafalgar Road, south and Highway 7.

On Thursday, a woman escaped with minor injuries after her car was struck on the passenger side by a scrap metal truck.

On Monday, a 76-year-old man, his 72-year-old wife and their grandson were travelling to Collingwood when they became involved in a two car accident at the corner just west of Georgetown.

The man was trapped in the vehicle for almost 45-minutes as rescue workers cut him out of the car.

Last Thursday a man was trapped in his truck for almost 1/2 hour as rescue workers tried to free him after a two vehicle accident.

In all cases, a car was making a left turn from Trafalgar Road onto the highway when it was struck.

The corner appears innocent enough with its gentle sweep and decent sight-lines.

Sight-lines are something planners and engineers get excited about at intersections because the better the sight-line the less like you are to have an accident — you can see what's coming.

It may be those good sight-lines that cause the problem at the intersection. Anyone who has driven north on Trafalgar Road knows the corner is dangerous from experience.

But in the three accidents last week, only one driver — of the six in control of a vehicle in an accident — was from Halton Hills.

How many times have you thought it was safe to make a left onto Highway 7, got half-way through the turn and realized the traffic was moving faster than you thought.

For those of us aware of the danger, we make sure that there is no traffic coming for a long time before pulling out.

But as the most recent series of accidents show, it is not Halton Hills residents who have the problem at the corner.

Compounding the problem at the corner is rush hour traffic.

When commuters are travelling home from work in the evening, the traffic can be backed up for several kilometres along Trafalgar Road.

Get an inexperienced or tired driver sitting at the intersection, with traffic streaming past on Highway 7 and an unruly group of drivers waiting to get home and you have the formula for disaster.

Meanwhile construction of the Law Development just to the east of the intersection continues. When finished the commuters from those homes will be joining the thousands of travellers moving through the area.

Whoever is responsible for the corner — the town, region or province — has to act now to make improvements to the intersection before someone is killed.

We have been three-times lucky.

Fun to shop at Home

Dear Editor;

We recently purchased a new wood shed at Home Hardware in Georgetown.

What a treat it was to do business there, a very nice man, Jeff Smith, not only gave us the very best customer service possible, but also, when he came to deliver the shed, gave us a few valuable tips about a problem we were having with our house!

We discovered, thanks to Jeff,

that we need a new roof, and might not have otherwise checked into the situation right away, which would have led to much more serious problems later on.

Our "hats off" to Jeff and the friendly staff at Georgetown Home Hardware. It really does pay to shop at home!

Sincerely,
the Laevens family
Georgetown

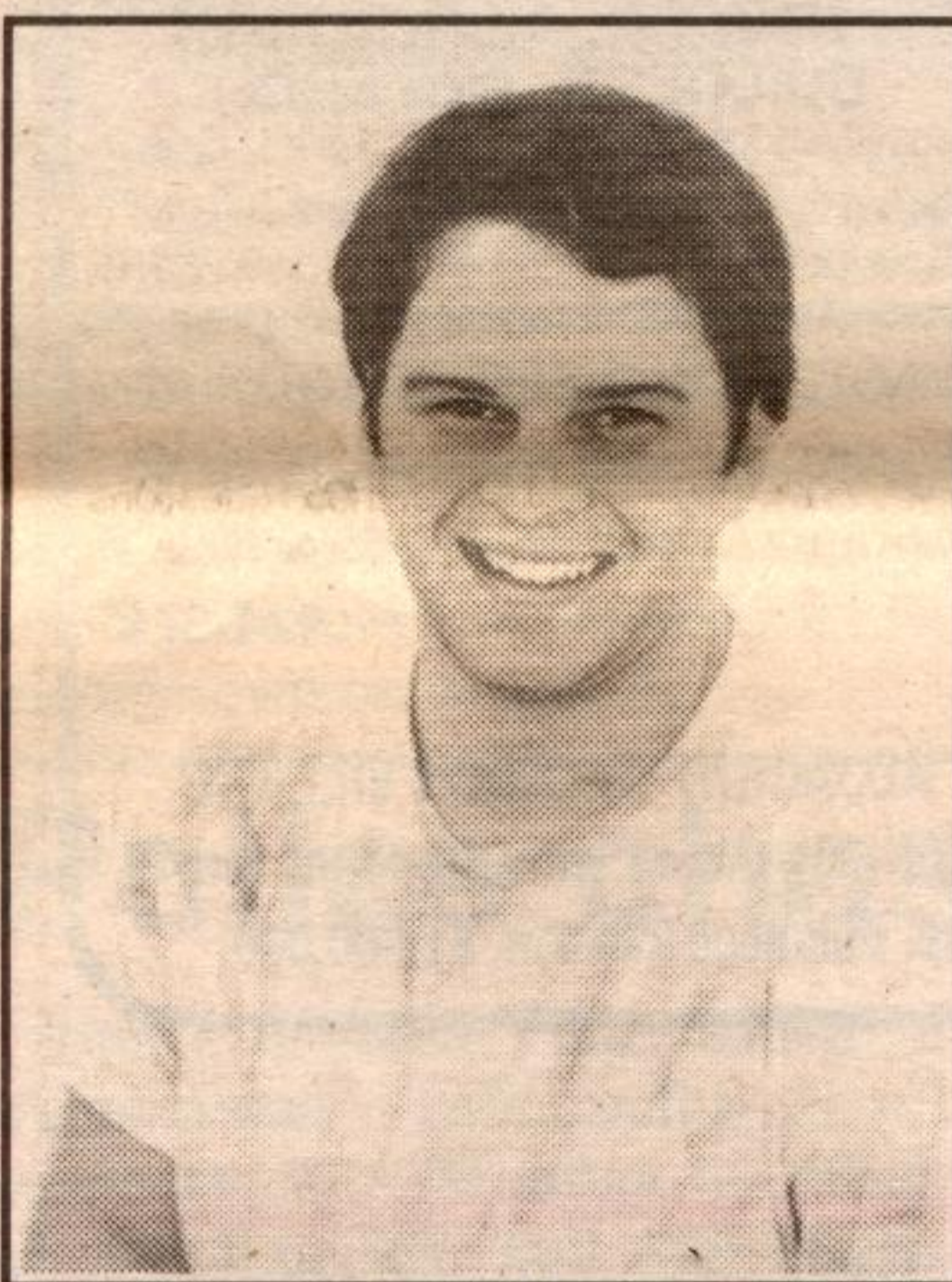
Music in the park



The Acton Citizens' Band helped entertain those at the Leathertown Festival last weekend. Several thousand turned out for the daytime activities.

Ed. Notes

by Scott Kline



Just a few thoughts about some of the things that have crossed my desk or mind in the last while.

Election rumor

Heard an interesting rumor that might actually hold some water.

The rumor is there may be a federal election this fall. Most "experts" have been predicting the spring so this is something new.

I don't usually pay much attention to rumors — especially election rumors — but it kind of makes sense.

The feds have their Trilateral Free Trade agreement in place — albeit in principal — and it looks like a Constitutional agreement may finally be in the works — if Bourassa, Mercredi and the rest of them can get what they want.

With those two major issues out

of the way, and four your years since the last election, it could very well be we will have a snap election.

After all, the way public opinion polls look, a snap election — catching everyone including the opposition unprepared — may be the only way the Tories will get re-elected.

Senseless killing

Just when you thought it was safe to stay at home you learn about the death of 18-year-old Carrie Lynn Pinard.

The aspiring Toronto model and a group of friends were celebrating the young model's new job — a modeling contract in Japan — when the shooting took place.

A fight between a bunch of ... thugs (can't say what I want to because we're a family paper) about something trivial led to a shot-gun blast ripping the door of Pinard's apartment.

The young woman, who moved to Toronto (The Good?) from Welland in the spring died in hospital as a result of a wound to the head.

I certainly hope those responsible are brought to justice. Unfortunately with the way the justice system works in this country that is not likely to happen...but that's another editorial.

We knew it all along

Finally, a little something on the

lighter side — and something you suspected all along.

A report from the United States shows that seniors enjoy love making at least once a week.

Findings from the survey of 5,738 people for University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Centre were released Wednesday's Toronto Star.

The study showed that 37 per cent of married people over 60 make love at least once a week and 10 per cent of those over 70 make love weekly.

The report also showed that seniors are making love outdoors, enjoy undressing each other, taking showers together and buy erotic undergarments.

No wonder so many seniors always seem to be so happy.

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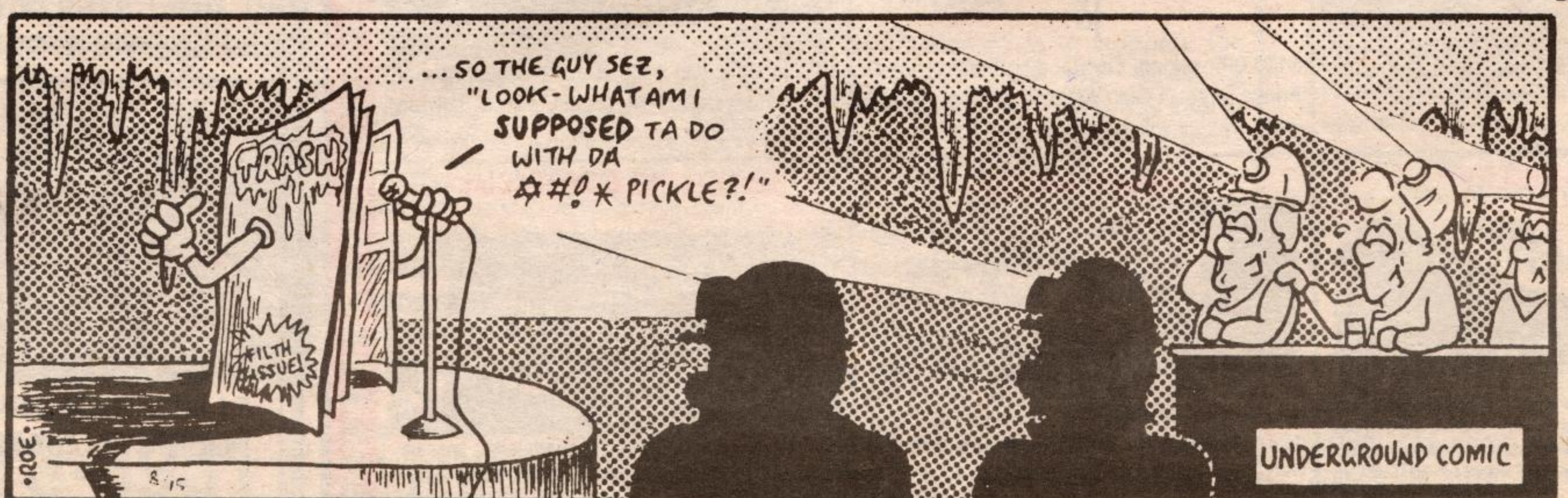
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