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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Head-on crash kills area man

■ A 65-year-old Brampton man died as a result of an accident that occurred on Steeles Ave. near Ninth Line Friday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police report that at about 4 p.m. a 1990 Pontiac Bonneville, driven by Andreas Heinig of Brampton, was traveling eastbound on Steeles Ave. near Ninth Line when it crossed the centre line and collided head-on with a westbound 1998 Chrysler mini van, driven by Rosemary Giannacco, 48, of Woodbridge.

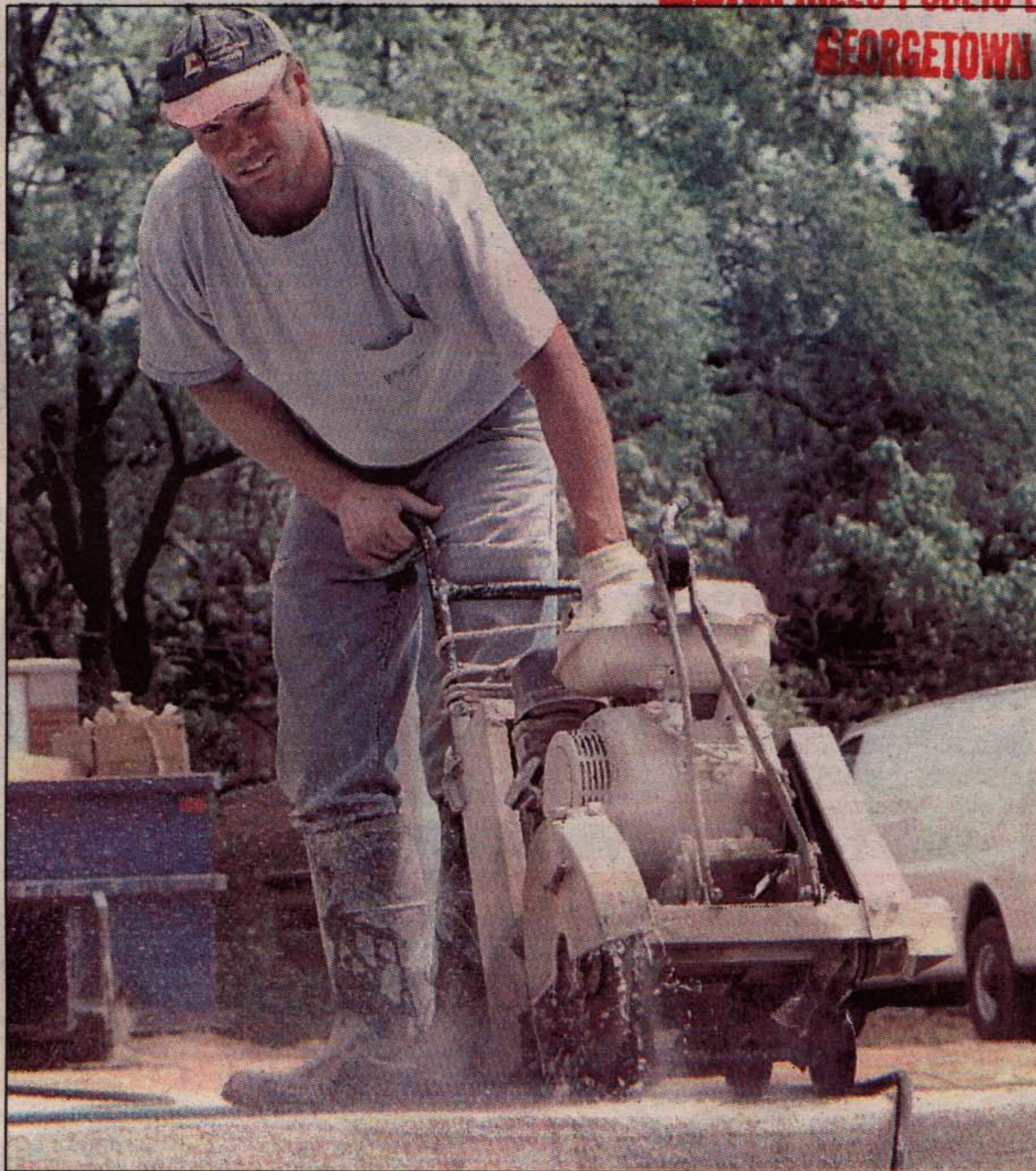
Heinig was pronounced dead at the scene and Giannacco received major injuries and was taken to Credit Valley Hospital. Her condition was unavailable at press time.

CD games stolen

■ Forty-two game CDs and a memory card for a Sony Playstation, valued at \$2,500, were stolen from a locked cabinet at Canadian Tire in Georgetown on Friday between 11 a.m. and noon.

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The first cut is the deepest

The construction at St. Francis of Assisi School is progressing well, and Oshawa contractor Vince Kersten spent Friday afternoon in the hot sun cutting expansion joints into the sidewalks surrounding the school and parking lots.

Photo by Ted Brown

Man charged after Georgetown woman raped

A Brampton man has been charged with the date rape of a 37-year-old Georgetown woman.

Peel Police say a woman reported being assaulted in a Brampton apartment on Malta Ave. in the late evening of May 14. The victim said she met a man for a date that night, and went to his apartment afterward, to socialize.

She told police she was attacked and prevented from leaving for approximately three hours. She was treated at hospital and released.

After an investigation by 22 Division officers, a man was arrested and charged May 19.

Felix Ayensu, 34, of Malta Ave. has been charged with sexual assault and forcible confinement.

Change in region development charges could result in tax hike

A Halton Region study is proposing changes to its development charges that could impact Halton households by \$40 a year.

Development charges are costs which developers must pay to help the municipality pay for infrastructure costs. Currently regional development charges pay for a wide range of capital projects including water, wastewater, roads, water management, hospitals, homes for the aged, police and general administration.

However, that changed when the provincial government's new Development Charges Act came into effect last year. The Act reduces the number of things municipalities can use development charges for. From now on, development charges can only be recovered to pay for water, wastewater, roads and police. Any future growth-related costs related to waste management, hospitals or general government services must be collected through user fees or tax rates.

The new Act also requires municipalities to set its new development charges by the fall.

The region has prepared a study— 1998/99 Development Charge Background Study—which outlines a number of proposals for regional development charges.

In addition to the new residential rate of \$6,210 per single unit, the study recommends a number of changes to the commercial/industrial development charges. The average annual impact of providing the exemptions and reductions to the commercial and industrial development sector is estimated at \$40 per household.

These changes include:

- Reduction of 50 per cent to the non-residential development charge rate. This means

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