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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Youth hit by car

■ A 10-year-old Georgetown boy who was riding his bicycle northbound on Mountainview Rd. Thursday morning received minor injuries when he was struck by a car at the Barber Rd. intersection.

Police say the boy was knocked off his bike onto the roadway when a 1999 Audi driven eastbound on Barber Rd. by a 52-year-old Georgetown woman hit him about 8:30 a.m. as he was riding across the crosswalk.

He was taken to Georgetown Hospital by ambulance, treated and released. No charges will be laid.

Employee charged

■ An employee at Nutrition House in Georgetown Marketplace has been charged with theft under \$5,000 in connection with the theft of money from the store's till on Wednesday.

Charged is Trevor Metvedt, 23, of Fifth Line, Halton Hills.

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Are you ready for some football?

The Georgetown District High School Rebels were busy Wednesday preparing for today's Halton Secondary School Athletic Association football season opener against the Milton Mustangs. (Above) Jeremy Hodnett takes a shot from Dave Gibbons while trying to catch a pass while (left) Dan Van Haastrect tries to bring down running back Ryan Inglis in a tackling drill. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

Photos by Herb Garbutt

Town lodges complaint with rail company

The town has lodged a formal complaint with Transport Canada over CN's blockage of both the Trafalgar Rd. and 17 Sideroad crossings for a hour last month.

"There is a longstanding problem with blockages of Trafalgar and 17 Sideroad with trains crossing there," said Ward 2 Councillor Kathy Gastle at a recent council meeting.

According to Ted Drewlo, town manager of public works, CN told him that a moving train is allowed to block a roadway up to 40 minutes and if it's a double track—as these crossings are—two trains (which occurred on that August evening) are allowed to block the crossings up to 80 minutes.

If there is an emergency, Drewlo said, the town must contact the provincial police who will contact the rail company to have the train stop and disconnect cars to allow the emergency vehicles to go through.

If the train is stopped, the time limit for blockage is shorter, but Drewlo said it's not often the train is actually stopped.

"I find that unbelievable, and unacceptable," said Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette who recalled a day when Acton was split in half for more than 30 minutes due to a blockage of all its town's crossings. Bonnette said it's the first time in his political career that the town has formally complained to CN.

Council also directed its engineering department to prepare a report on the cost of a CN underpass on Trafalgar Rd. as a joint project with the Region of Halton, including the realignment of 17 Sideroad across the newly-acquired land for the town sports park. This report will be presented to the budget committee for consideration during its 2000 capital forecast discussions.

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