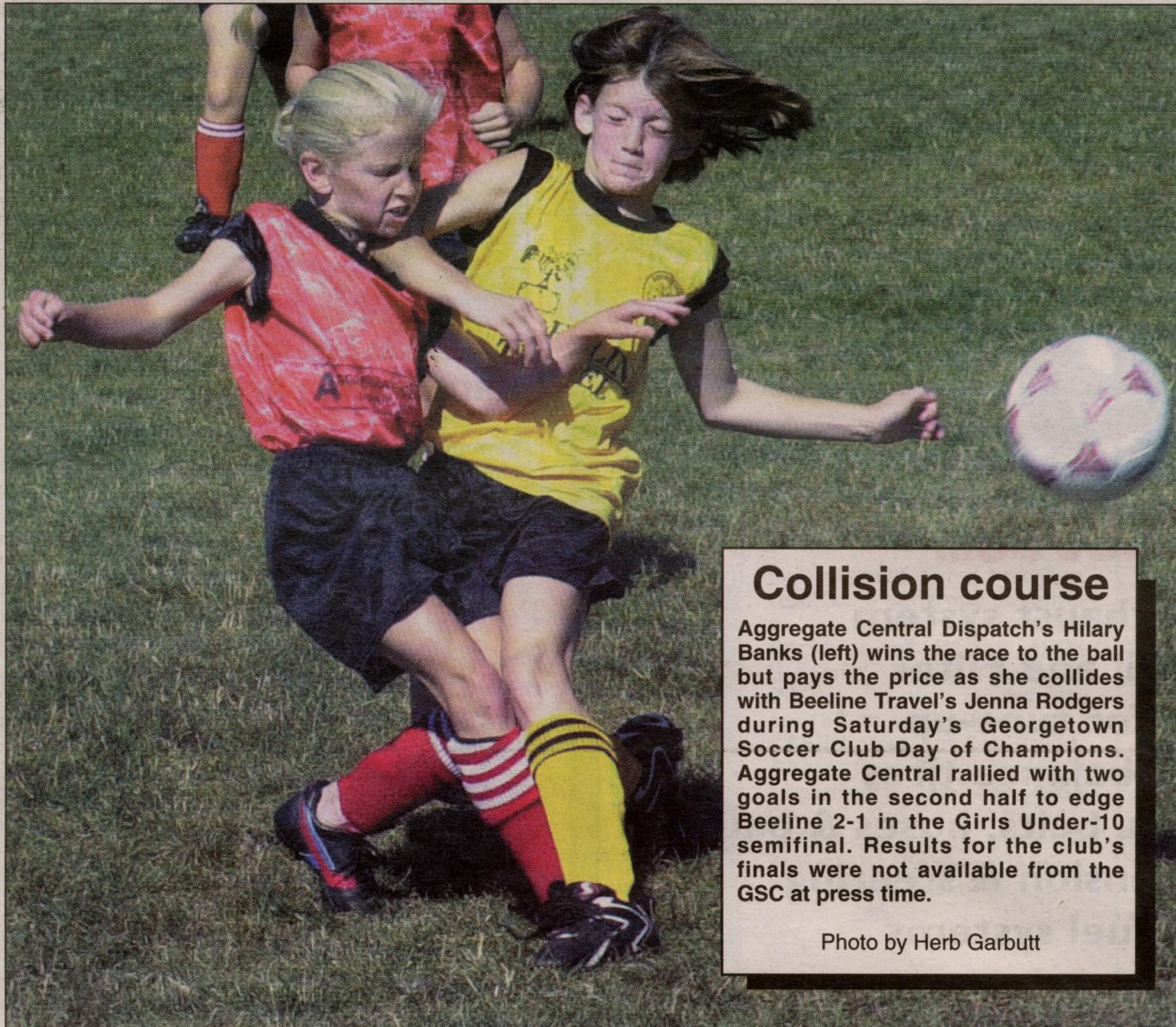


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Collision course

Aggregate Central Dispatch's Hilary Banks (left) wins the race to the ball but pays the price as she collides with Beeline Travel's Jenna Rodgers during Saturday's Georgetown Soccer Club Day of Champions. Aggregate Central rallied with two goals in the second half to edge Beeline 2-1 in the Girls Under-10 semifinal. Results for the club's finals were not available from the GSC at press time.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Salvage yard operators face tougher bylaw

Salvage yard operators in Halton Hills now face stricter requirements for obtaining salvage yard licences after a new bylaw was passed by council.

Halton Hills council made only two changes last week to the draft bylaw it looked at earlier in the summer.

Council decided to give current operators three years, instead of the two spelled out in the draft bylaw, to fence their entire yard. Council also approved an amendment to the draft that exempted the requirement for a fence on the property line between two salvage yards. There are seven salvage yards currently operating in Halton Hills.

Before council voted they heard from area residents and salvage yard industry representatives.

Carol Humphrey of Mega City Auto Recycling Ltd. asked that the town's present bylaw be grandfathered and said she was willing to sit on a panel.

"Our life has been utterly decimated by this business," said Randy Gray, who lives beside Mega City. "This is a good bylaw. It's a fair bylaw."

"This is a good bylaw, we the neighbours support it. Please pass it without any changes," said area resident Ted Brankiewicz.

The bylaw was passed unanimously by council. Councillor Moya Johnson was absent.

Key highlights of the bylaw include:

- The operator will be required to submit, every five years, a certification by a professional engineer confirming the business has not contravened any provisions of the Environmental Protection Act.
- The operation must pay a \$500 fee (it was \$20 previously) upon yearly renewal or application of licence, and fire and bylaw enforcement staff must conduct annual inspections.
- Hours of operation for heavy equipment, loader or crusher will be allowed only Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Fencing must be of metal, wood or other opaque screening, earth brown in colour. There is also a height requirement.
- Storage outside the fence area longer than 36 hours isn't permitted.
- Storage isn't permitted above the fence.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Police, groups promoting peace

Halton's various multicultural organizations, along with the Halton Regional Police Service, have banded together to prevent incidents of racial or religious intolerance in the wake of last week's terrorist attack on the United States.

The multicultural councils and various leaders in Halton's ethnic communities are working in partnership with Halton Police to promote peace within Halton.

Despite some reported incidents in other communities, Halton Police Chief Ean Algar said, "We are, and we contin-

ue to be, one of the safest communities in Canada.

"We are fortunate there is this willingness to work together to preserve the safety of our neighbourhoods," said Algar. "Our community and this Service will not tolerate any racially-motivated incidents. Offenders will face the full consequences of the law."

Halton Police hosted a meeting Wednesday which was attended by 20 representatives of various groups in Halton. Participants will meet on an ongoing basis to address the needs of Halton residents.



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