

Is there a doctor(s) in the house?

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That was followed by the provincial NDP government's 10 per cent clawback of medical fees prompting an exodus of Ontario doctors to other provinces or the United States.

"At the peak (1995) there were 500 doctors who left the province, mainly to go the United States," said Sutherland. "While we've repatriated some of these physicians, we're still looking at the loss of one to two whole graduating years of physicians."

Adding to the problem was a temporary Ontario rule prohibiting out-of-province doctors moving to Ontario.

A newer challenge, said Sutherland, is the new breed of younger doctors—many reluctant to become involved in a family practice that includes after-hours hospital work and most refusing to work the 70-hour weeks of their older counterparts.

"As older physicians retire, we see that newer physicians are working less," explained Sutherland,

land, who added since 50 per cent of the recent graduating classes are female, the profession is also running into maternity and family issues.

"We're finding that a lot of family physicians who are graduating do not want all that responsibility (a new practice and hospital duties)," he said. "They basically just want to go to a setting and just slide in with everything all ready for them, and they don't have to do a lot of after-hours duties."

How can the town help to change this? Sutherland has lots of suggestions:

- Provide more office spaces for doctors to set up a medical practice. In particular, he's looking for a large affordable building for six or seven doctors. As well, he notes there are no doctors in the Georgetown South area and that needs to be addressed. Councillor Rick Bonnette suggested those items can be considered in the town's Official Plan which is currently under review.

- Provide more "decent" rental

housing for doctors who are looking for temporary lodging. He recounted the story of one doctor who was forced to stay in an Acton basement apartment—not a conducive environment to encourage people to stay, he said.

- Offer financial support for office start-up to doctors relocating here. Through the government, Wm. Osler is already offering \$40,000 tuition program to a family doctor prepared to take on hospital duties and stay here for four years. The hospital also provides interest-free loans. Since the town has been designated an underserved area, the province will provide an additional \$15,000 to a doctor who decides to come here.

- Continue to participate in recruitment tours and job fairs. "We've found that it's really important for the town to be involved with recruitment," said Lackie.

The town and hospital will continue to meet on this issue.

—By Cynthia Gamble,

Man escapes injury after car hits house

Getting a bottle of wine from the wine cellar may never be the same for Werner Kuehnappel after Monday night.

The 30-year Eden Place resident was in the wine cellar of his basement around 8:30 p.m. Monday when he heard a crash, and looked out of the cellar to see a car sticking in his basement window.

"At first I thought my wife had done something," said Kuehnappel, "But as soon as I looked out of the wine cellar, I saw the glass all over the carpet, and the front of the car sticking in the window."

Kuehnappel was only about 10 feet from the window when it happened, so it was quite a shock for him.

"It pretty near gave me a heart attack," said Kuehnappel, "That car hit the fence outside, and came right up the lawn, then hit the window pretty hard."

Halton Police report the car, a 1998 convertible Ford Mustang which belongs to a Georgetown man, was stolen while he was buying gas at the Guelph St. Sunoco station about 8:25 p.m.

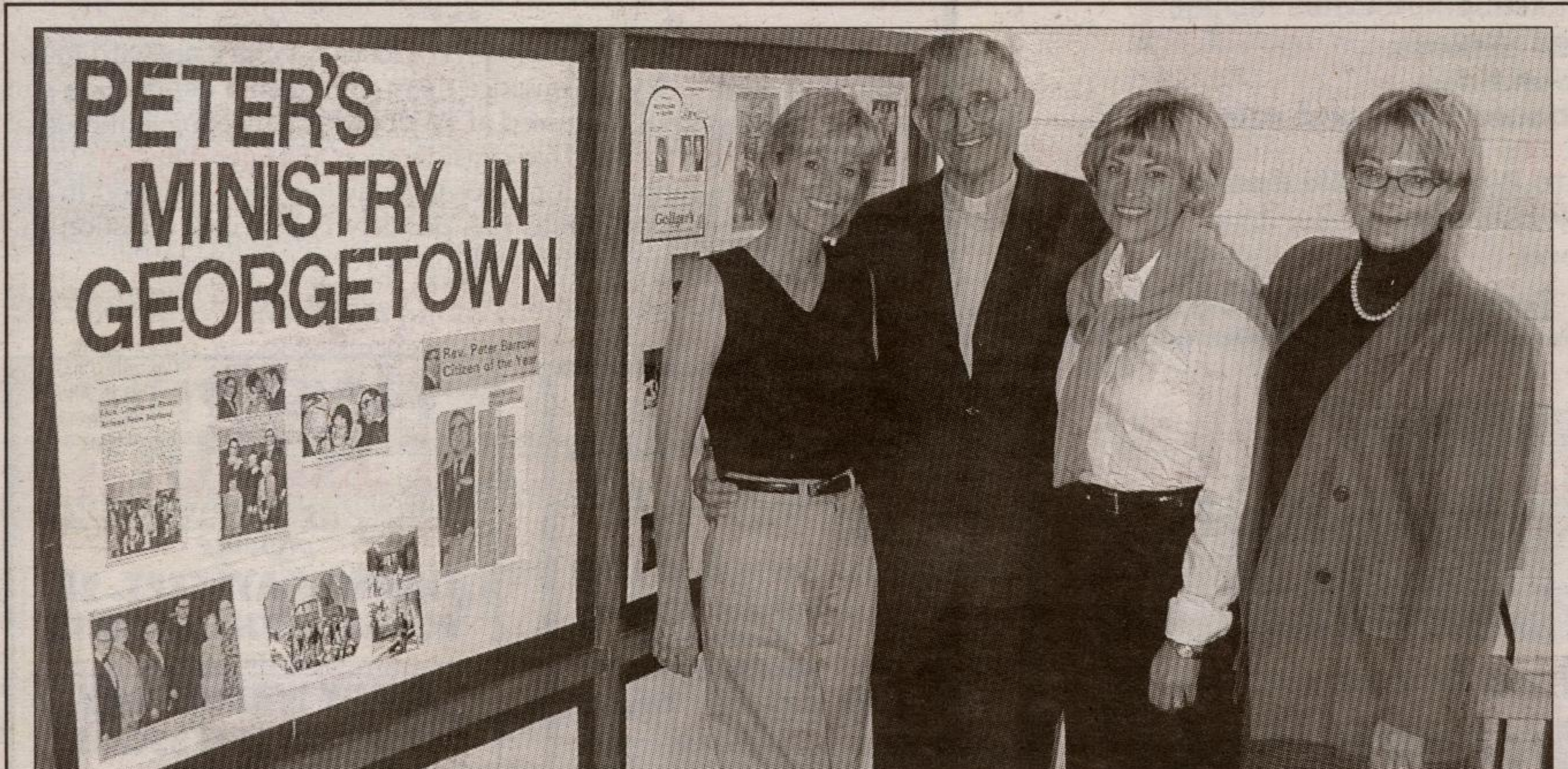
A man jumped into the car and fled along Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd. before hitting the Eden Place home.

After the car struck the house Halton Police say the driver fled on foot but they nabbed him a short time later.

Charged with theft over \$5,000, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, refuse to provide a breath sample, impaired driving, fail to remain, and prohibited driving is Robert Jackson, 35, of Maple Ave. He was held for a bail hearing.

At press time police didn't have damage estimates on the car or house, but the homeowner said the ceiling tiles in the basement have fallen off since the impact, and the basement windows will have to be replaced.

—By Lisa Tallyn and Ted Brown, staff writers



Reverend retires

After nearly 30 years at both Knox Presbyterian and Limehouse Presbyterian Churches, Rev. Peter Barrow was honoured Sunday at a retirement reception at Knox Church hall, as he was

joined by his daughters (from left) Jane, Maggie and Tricia, as they received well-wishers. Limehouse congregation will honour Rev. Barrow Oct. 21 at Limehouse Church. Photo by Ted Brown

September 21

10:47 a.m.— District Two staff responded to 48 Stevens Crescent to check on an over-heated dryer. A small electrical short had caused the outlet and power cord to overheat. No damage was reported.

September 22

7:23 a.m.— District Two staff responded to an alarm activation at the William Osler Health Centre located at 1 Princess Anne Drive.

Investigating firefighters found that the alarm

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originated from a roof mounted HVAC unit, and that there was a problem related to the motor which had caused the alarm to activate.

September 23

7:36 p.m.— Firefighters from District One responded to a serious motor vehicle accident on Highway 7 at the Milton/Eramosa border. Two-people were trapped in a small pickup following a head-on collision with a larger pickup truck. Firefighters assisted with the extrication of the trapped persons. Guelph OPP are investigating.

Police blotter

Acton man faces charge

Halton Police charged an Acton man with break and enter after receiving a call from a citizen that a man was spotted attempting to get into the Red Dog Cafe through a rear window early Monday. Police responded and arrested the man.

Charged with break and enter is Ron Walsh, 30, of John St.

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A Guelph man was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle after police saw someone doing doughnuts in the parking lot at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School early Sunday. Police stopped the 1994 Plymouth van but the two occupants fled on foot. One of the occupants was apprehended a short time later but the other one got away.

Charged is Ryan Ramsay, 18, of Waverly Dr., Guelph. The van had been stolen from Guelph.

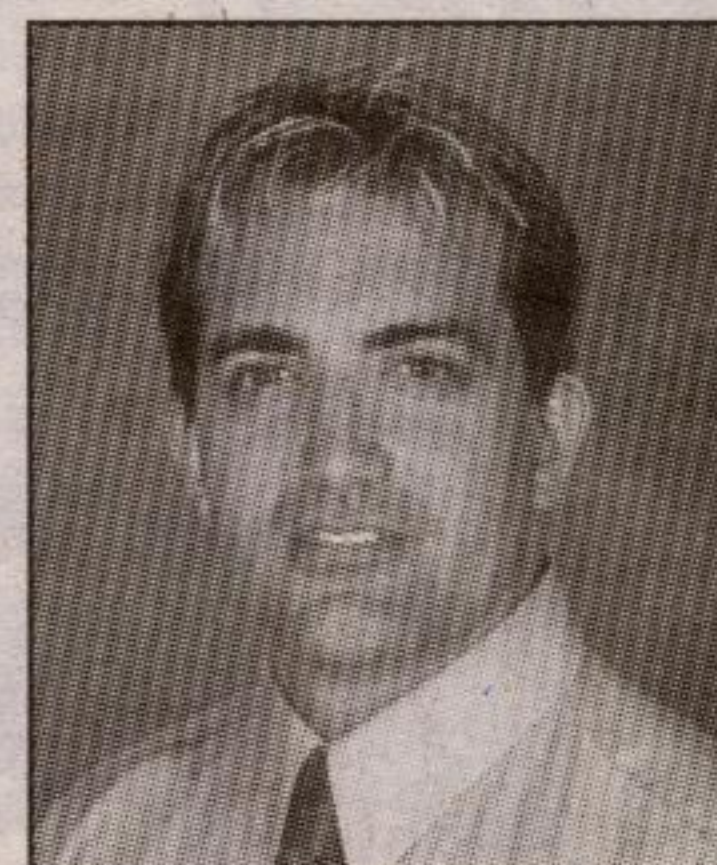
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A Georgetown man was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after a minor accident at Main St. S. and 15 Sideroad Friday afternoon.

Charged is Frank DeYoung, 75, of Eaton St.

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