

Andrew Upton, 5, was one of the many volunteers who turned out Saturday at Georgetown South Community Park for Dandelion Day.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine



Anti-pesticide group gets donation

A Halton Hills grassroots group opposing the use of pesticides is \$5,000 richer after receiving a donation from the Shell Environmental Fund.

HOPE (Healthy Options for People and the Environment) wants to eliminate the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes, and is launching a program to educate the public. The Shell money will contribute to the group's effort to produce and distribute a brochure on the alternatives to pesticides, said HOPE representative Ruth Kuchinad at Monday's council meeting.

The group has also applied to Halton Region's Healthy Communities Fund for money for an action kit, for inserts in the town's Recreation and Parks Community Guide and for a TV spot.

But its first major education initiative began Saturday, with Halton Hills' first Dandelion Day at Georgetown South Community Park. Kuchinad said about 75 people turned out to pull weeds and go on a Pesticide-Free Walkabout.

It involved residents walking along a mapped route in the park, stopping at stations to learn about

the potential dangers of pesticide use. Pesticide Free Ontario and Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment supplied information booklets.

The day was co-hosted by POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) and the Town of Halton Hills. In January, town council passed a policy to limit pesticide use on all town owned or leased lands, including sports fields for a three-year trial period.

Assisting HOPE are TEAC (Town Environmental Advisory Committee), Halton Hills Hydro, Georgetown Soccer Club, and Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club. Kuchinad said other community groups have also begun to show an interest in HOPE's aims as well.

"Over the next few years, I think you will find people will indeed change their behaviour once they become aware of better ways to care for their lawns and how to carry out these safer, more environmentally-friendly methods," Kuchinad told the councillors.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Norval man suspected of running down wife with van makes court appearance today

The Norval man charged with first degree murder in the death of his wife who was run down by a van driver in an Orangeville mall parking lot Sunday, is expected to make his first court appearance today (Friday).

Orangeville Police Chief Rod Freeman said Angus Levi Snow, 52, was released from hospital in Thunder Bay Wednesday and was to be brought into the Orangeville Police Station late Thursday.

Freeman said Snow was expected to be in Orangeville court at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

A Canada-wide warrant was issued for the arrest of Snow after his estranged wife, Shirley Grace Snow, 44, died after she was beaten and struck by a man driving a van at the Orangeville mall.

Witnesses say the disabled van, which blew a tire after hitting the median, drove off and a short time later a man banged on the door of an Amaranth Township house and demanded the keys to a 1996 Mercury Sable, in which he fled. That car has not been recovered.

Acting on information received from a family member and tracing a cell phone call Snow was arrested at the Empire Motel in Thunder Bay at approximately 4 a.m. Tuesday. He was taken to hospital, suffering from an apparent drug overdose.

Freeman said Thursday that he did not yet have the report on the post mortem on Shirley Snow but three of his officers were on hand for the examination and her "injuries were consistent with being struck by a motor vehicle."

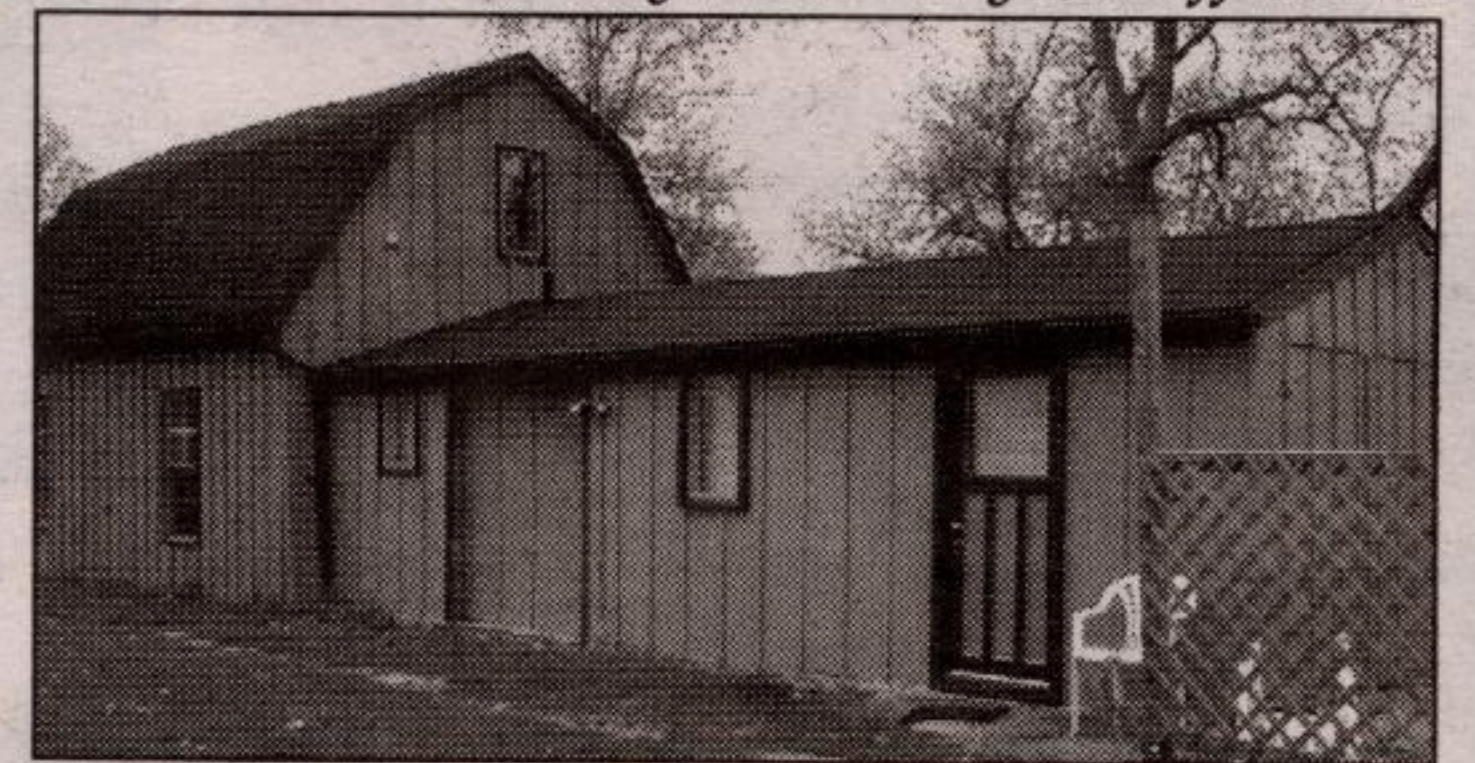
Freeman said police have interviewed at least 25 witnesses from the scene.

"The investigation is still ongoing and will be for the days to come," said Freeman.

A private family funeral service will be held for Snow at Ward Funeral Home in Brampton (tomorrow) Saturday followed by interment at Meadowvale Cemetery.

Snow is survived by her children Amanda White and her partner Sabrina, Holly Snow and her spouse Bruce Morgan, Bronson Snow, Heidie Snow and her spouse Andrew Johnston, step-children Angus Jr., Anson and Ardis Snow, 10 brothers and sisters and parents Bram and Edna White of Point Lemington, Newfoundland.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



Correction

Angus Levi Snow, charged with first degree murder in the slaying of his wife Shirley, shared this residence with his wife at 550 Guelph St. A photo of a home on the same property was incorrectly published Wednesday. The Independent & Free Press regrets the error.

Man charged in connection with condo break-ins

A Mississauga man is facing charges in connection with two break and enters at The Sands on McFarlane Dr.

Halton Police say they responded to the condominium Monday afternoon after receiving calls from several residents who reported

seeing two suspicious-looking men. Police arrested one man in the underground parking area and are looking for another.

Charged with two counts each of break and enter and breach of recognizance is Dumark Lindsay, 19, of Falconer Dr.

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