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Const. Laurel Barnett

Turn signals are there for a reason

The other day I was driving on Hwy. 401 towards Toro-nto and I saw a vehicle in my rearview mirror that was bobbing and weaving, and moving fast.

The vehicle passed me in a blur and continued to bob and weave across all five lanes until it was out of sight, never signaling once. I continued in my lane, going with the flow of traffic until I got to Hwy. 427, where I was going to exit. Who did I see? Mr. Bob-n-Weave, right next to me.

So what exactly did he achieve with his poor driving? He broke a couple of traffic laws; speeding, failing to signal, and following too closely. He annoyed a lot of other motorists. He put his life and other motorists and passengers' lives at risk. He burned more (very expensive) gas than someone driving at a consistent speed, and he didn't even arrive any quicker.

Signal lights on vehicles are important safety devices, just like seat-belts, and brake lights. A signal light should be activated before a lane change or turn is started. The driver should be signaling before they change direction, not as they are already doing it. The signal light is for the benefit of all other motorists, so that they know that the vehicle is going to be changing direction.

Remember, save yourself the aggravation of being involved in a collision, because if you hit another car while you are changing lanes, it's no accident! Signal, because it's the law, and it's a best practice.

Just a reminder to get your Barbara Coloroso tickets for May 30. Tickets are \$10 and are available at The Early Years Centre at 96 Guelph St, Georgetown, the Freckled Lion at 56 Main St S, Georgetown, the Georgetown Police Station, the Acton Library, Off the Wall at 47 Main St, Acton.

If you have any questions about this or any other matters contact me at 905-878-5511 ext 2120 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

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Council cool to MOE response

Halton Hills council was less than pleased with the response by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on the local resolution calling for a deposit-return system for metal, glass, plastic and other recyclable beverage containers.

Minister of the Environment Leona Dombrowsky gave no indication of her support for the proposal, but merely listed the ministry's recycling efforts to date and extolling the virtues of the Blue Box system.

"What we got back, makes me wonder whether the Minister 'got' what we were after," said Acton/rural Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, the one who initiated the resolution that also was sent to all Ontario municipalities. More than 100 have replied, indicating their positive support.

Somerville suggested the Minister be invited to the next community-wide Clean Up to see how many plastic bottles and soda pop cans had been tossed onto the side of the road.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said he would send a letter back, listing all the municipalities that did support the town.

Fire department warns:

Follow these precautions when barbecuing

With barbecue season already started for many, Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services strongly recommends area residents take several precautions to avoid possible disaster.

- Inspect and clean your propane or natural gas barbecue. Clean the burner ports of dirt, cobwebs and rust using a pipe cleaner or piece of wire.
- Check the gas supply hose from the cylinder to the regulator for any wear or cracks.
- Check all hose and cylinder

connections for leaks. Use a mixture of 50 per cent soap and water brushed onto the connections and check for bubbles.

- Never use a match, lighter or any open flame to check for leaks.
- Always light the burners with the lid in the open position, never closed.
- If the barbecue fails to light immediately, turn the gas control knob off and wait a minute or two before trying again.
- Keep children away from the hot barbecue at all times.
- If you have any doubts about

the condition of any part of your appliance, replace the part with a new one.

- When the meal is cooked, turn the gas supply valve off first to allow the gas in the hose to burn off, then turn off the burner control.

For more safety tips about propane or natural gas barbecues, visit the Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services Information Centre at Georgetown Market Place on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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