



## Truck, car collide... and truck wins

Occupants of a southbound Toyota wagon escaped serious injury after their vehicle was hit from behind by a southbound gravel truck on Regional Road 25, just north of 10 Sideroad Thursday morning. Traffic was rerouted on the Third Line while emergency personnel cleaned up the scene. *Photo by Ted Brown*

## Career cut short by charge— lawyer

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“His brief and promising career as a hockey coach was cut short,” said Kort.

Kort also said the incident had been publicized on the front page of *The Independent & Free Press* and was reported in the *Toronto Sun* and on a radio station.

“This is the way it should be,” said Forsyth. He said the publicity acts as a general deterrent.

“I say, those are the consequences of actions sometimes,” said Forsyth.

Kort provided a letter of support for Kirby from the head coach of the team he helped coach. The letter was also signed by the parents of all the team members.

Kort said his client was “deeply ashamed” of his behaviour in the incident.

Both Kort and assistant Crown attorney Maureen McGuigan jointly

requested the conditional discharge, however, McGuigan asked for 18 months probation, to give the victim that amount of time to be free of seeing the accused, and to allow for the anger management counselling. Kort called for 12 months probation.

Forsyth said, in light of the fact that Kirby had a previous conviction for assault in 1997, it was “very unusual” for the Crown attorney to support a discharge.

“Mr. Kirby is being treated very well by the prosecutorial authorities,” said Forsyth.

He did not support the Crown’s request for an 18-month probation, or the defence request for 12 months, instead offering a compromise of 15 months.

Kirby declined to both speak in court when given the opportunity by the judge, and to the *Independent & Free Press* following the proceeding.

Bob DeZeeuw, referee-in-chief for Georgetown Hockey Referees Association, was satisfied with the outcome.

“If the justice system thinks this is fair, I’m fine with it,” said DeZeeuw Thursday. “I’m glad to see it wasn’t summarily dismissed or ignored. I hope that spectators will think twice now about crossing the line.

“Our first responsibility is to make sure our referees are safe in that environment, and we encourage parents to remember, this is just a game,” he said.

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## Acton man, 71, missing

Halton Police are looking for an Acton man who left his home nine days ago and hasn’t contacted his family since.

Police say George “Arthur” Wheatley, 71, of Tanner Dr. was unhappy and left his home last Wednesday (July 19) after a discussion with his wife.

His wife wasn’t concerned because he had done this before, leaving for a couple of days on a previous occasion. But when they hadn’t heard from him by Monday (July 24) the family contacted police.

Police believe he may be staying somewhere in Toronto or Scarborough.

Before retiring, Wheatley worked at the Washington United Church at 3739 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. He is known to the members of the church community and typically introduces himself as “Arthur.”

Police have learned that Wheatley’s credit cards have been used in and around Toronto, and after witness interviews, police presume Wheatley is using the cards.

“Witnesses that have seen him tell us that Mr. Wheatley appears to be unkempt and over-dressed for the weather. We are concerned for him and hope to locate him and confirm he is in good health,” said Halton Police lead investigator Detective Rob Lloyd.

Wheatley is described as black, 5’ 9”, 180 lbs with greying, brown hair. He was last seen wearing a green windbreaker and black pants. He wears a hearing aid and is usually neat and well-groomed.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Milton Investigations Division at 905-878-5511 ext. 2419 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



**GEORGE 'ARTHUR' WHEATLEY**

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