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Rock climber survives plunge

By Linda Kirby

A 22-year-old rock climber who accidentally slashed his own lifeline, narrowly missed death Sunday afternoon in a fall from the Kelso bluffs. Craig Ruffner of Michigan is recovering in Milton District Hospital with a broken leg, internal injuries and cuts after falling 30 feet off a rock face. The American visitor was climbing with his brother Keith, when the accident happened shortly before 3 p.m.



The Canadian Cancer Society has designed a kit to promote non-smoking in grades 7 and 8. Fred Demers, physical education teacher at St. Peter's school was the first Milton teacher to be instructed in the kit's use. Mr. Demers and Kim Macdonald, a grade 8 student at St. Peter's display the colorful teaching aids included in the kit.

School smoking kit discourages young

By Jane Muller

Milton students in grades 7 and 8 are being educated in the advantages of not smoking through a kit provided by the Canadian Cancer Society.

"It is not sufficient just to teach a child the health hazards of smoking," said Donna Elliott, education chairman for the Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. "We must also help him or her learn how to make a decision in favor of good health and then stand by it, against overwhelming peer group pressure to do otherwise."

W.I. Dick and Holy Rosary schools in Milton will receive their kits soon. Cancer society volunteers trained to demonstrate the kit have done so in these two schools.

St. Peter's School already has a kit. Fred Demers, physical education instructor at St. Peter's, attended a kit demonstration in January on professional development day. He was surprised to see no other representatives from the other Milton schools.

Mr. Demers said, "It's the most useful kit I've ever received." He recommends the kit highly, and commended the Cancer Society for its well organized presentation of the kit. He has used the kit in health classes, and has found it an effective teaching aid. He mentioned one experiment which was suggested in the kit, and its

popularity with his students.

The students must blow air through a straw to displace water in an inverted bottle with air, to measure the volume of air in the lungs.

"They all wanted to try it, and they found they were a lot less windy than they thought," said Mr. Demers of his students.

"I hope what I'm doing here is important," he said. Mr. Demers hopes his efforts to deter his students from smoking will stay with them through their lives, and not end with public school.

The kit was developed by the Canadian Cancer Society at a cost of \$100,000, and is distributed free to schools.

"This particular kit has been a number of years in the making. It was developed by specialists in physical and health education, medical doctors, and the children themselves," said Mrs. Elliott.

The colorful kit, completed last year, is a binder with a teacher's guide relating to six pockets full of teaching aids, designed to supplement health education materials.

The kit for senior public school children is one of a series following the Celly program for kindergarten to grade 3, and a kit on health awareness for grades 4 to 6.

Halton Regional Police said the youth was rappelling down a cliff when his jacket snagged on a pulley.

In an attempt to cut his jacket free, he severed a rope holding him and fell to the rocks below.

The accident comes at a time when Halton Region Conservation Authority officials remain undecided about the future of rock climbing on conservation property.

A ban on rock climbing has been suggested by some members but the idea failed to gain full approval.

There are now restrictions on organized rock climbing groups taking to the bluff. Permission is necessary to carry out group climbing.

The incident indicates the Authority will have to take some action, said Bill Warwick, director of conservation services.

He pointed out the Authority has "only limited means" to ensure safety.

"The only easy avenue is to ban climbing—but nobody is in agreement with that."

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been granted approval to film rock climbing on the Kelso bluffs later this month.

Members of Halton Region Conservation Authority agreed a fee will be charged to the Toronto television station to use the popular conservation area for a program entitled "For the love of Sport."

Filming will take place Saturday, April 26 and feature Brian Hibbert, president of the Ontario Rock Climbing Association.



A pinball player's paradise

Step into the world of electronic amusement machines, featuring the world famous pinball. Oriena Currie and her son David make these entertaining machines their business at Currie Amusement Distributing at Campbellville. The Curries' shop is a pinball

Player's paradise, filled with hot-off-the-line computerized pinballs and many antique models collected by David. See feature on Pg. C1.

Two dumps possible — Raftis

By John Colliston

Despite refuting claims that he told a Burlington audience recently that there will be two major landfill sites for Halton, Regional Chairman Jack Raftis has not discounted the possibility.

Regional councillors Bill Johnson of Milton and Oakville's Terry Mannell have claimed that Raftis said, at a public meeting in Burlington two weeks ago, that with the anticipated approvals of Site F in Milton and the optimism surrounding the hydro-

geological tests of Site A in Burlington, (National Sewer Pipe Lands), there will be two major dumps in Halton to accommodate the region's refuse.

The councillors are upset with Raftis for allegedly making the remark since it is not fully known whether or not garbage can be dumped on the two sites without fear of contamination to ground water.

They also feel the remarks will do nothing but to antagonize some Halton residents, specifically those in Milton, who have strongly opposed the establish-

ment of a major dump in this area.

However, Raftis claims he said there are two applications before the Environmental Assessment Review Board for the establishment of landfill sites in Halton and did not remark there will be two sites.

He added, however, that if Site A and Site F areas are found to be hydrogeologically sound, then there is a distinct possibility that Halton will go with two major dumps.

"It's one possibility. There's no question about that," he said. "It could be zero, one, or two."

Raftis admitted, however, that he has been in favor of Site A "for sometime."

"I can't say there is going to be two (sites). I don't have that dictatorial power," he added.

"I'm not the Environmental Assessment Board."

"I said there are two applications to the Assessment Board. I wouldn't say there are going to be two (dumps) since it has to get the Board's approval."

Anything I said, everyone has known for months." Johnson also claims that Raftis told the gathering he "didn't want to let any cats out of the bag."

Mayor wants 'two dump' clarification

Milton Mayor Don Gordon has asked Ontario Environment Minister Harry Parrott to look into comments made recently by Regional Chairman Jack Raftis who said two new dumps will be operating in Halton.

Mr. Gordon, in a letter to Dr. Parrott, wants to know why Mr. Raftis has said here will be two

dumps when Ministry policy to date has been to allow only one approved landfill site per region.

The comments by Mr. Raftis were made at a ratepayers' meeting recently in Burlington where Mr. Raftis said Site F in Milton would handle refuse from North Halton and east Oakville; while Site A on lands now own-

ed by National Sewer Pipe in Burlington would handle the rest of the garbage from Halton Region.

In his letter Mr. Gordon said the town and the members of the cit-

izen group which had fought Site F had thought the decision by the OMB to allow Site F to go ahead had left the door open for the environmental advantages of both landfill sites to be

discussed at an upcoming Environmental Assessment Board hearing.

Mr. Gordon also said he wants clarification on the Ministry stand over a region having more than one dump.

Halton Region strike may be over

A strike between Halton Region and its 120-member outside workers union may be over by this afternoon.

An emergency Regional Council meeting was held Monday at 8.30 a.m. at which councillors were presented with a copy of a new agreement which both sides had tentatively agreed upon.

Councillors have given the tentative settlement their approval and have authorized Region Chairman Jack Raftis and Clerk Garfield Brown to sign on behalf of Halton, if the agreement is signed by the union.

It is hoped the agreement can be signed by both sides in time for a meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee this morning which was expected to recommend the agreement go into force.

No details of the settlement are to be released before it is approved. The members of the

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 636, have

been without a contract since Jan. 1. Most of the issues

which prompted a walk-out two weeks ago were over working conditions

and harassment tactics which the union alleged the region was using.



Trucks stopped. Members of Halton region's striking outside workers union halted traffic into the Oakville dump last Wednesday. During the stoppage a picket was seriously injured when he was struck by a garbage truck driven by a private operator. The strike is expected to be over by today.

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