

Pesticides pose a deadly threat to little girl

Child is afflicted with most serious allergies doctor has ever seen

By **KAREN SMITH**
The Champion

Little Dawn Kippax hopes to spend more time at her Bronte Street home this summer, but she needs the public's help.

Kim Kippax, the mother of the five-year-old, is making her third public plea in two years, asking nearby residents and businesses to call them before spraying pesticides on lawns.

Dawn suffers from life-threatening allergies, including an intolerance of weed-killing chemicals. She suffers serious anaphylactic reactions from a long list of

foods, substances and chemicals. The reactions bring on breathing problems and low blood pressure, and without immediate medical attention can result in death.

While Ms Kippax can control what Dawn eats and what substances she comes into contact with at home, she can't stop the spread of airborne chemicals.

"I don't expect anyone to stop spraying," Ms Kippax said. "I just wish people would call us first to let us know so we could get her out of the area."

Dawn has been rushed to the hospital after reacting to lawn spraying as far away as Wilson Drive, Ms Kippax said.

To avoid neighbourhood spraying last year, the concerned mother took Dawn and her four-year-old son to the family's Huntsville trailer for most of the summer.

Too costly

But that's not as practical this year due to financial constraints, she said. It's too costly to stay at the trailer as well as maintain the family's Bronte Street home,

where Ms Kippax's husband Ed must remain to work.

An emotional Ms Kippax — who in the past has sent letters around the neighbourhood explaining the difficult situation — recently approached The Champion for help after people in the area began spraying without her knowledge. Dawn suffered another reaction that sent her to hospital.

"I can't understand how people can put a green lawn over a child's life," she said. "People don't realize what this does to us."

Most serious case

Her last public appeal in September, 1997 was backed by Dr. Shawn Kao, a Bramalea pediatrician who confirmed that Dawn has the potential to suffer an anaphylactic shock to chemicals in pesticides. He added that the little girl has the most serious case of the disorder he's ever seen.

He has said that Dawn has severe asthma and is allergic to so many things that the cause is hard to diagnose.

And the problem is becoming progressively worse, Ms Kippax said, as Dawn has become allergic to more foods and her reactions have increased.

A trip to Zellers last year sent Dawn into a full-blown anaphylactic reaction due to latex in the shoes Ms Kippax was attempting to buy her daughter.

And the little girl can't sit in traffic jams very long because of the latex in car tires.

The family has tried to relocate to a more rural setting, Ms Kippax said, but they haven't found a home within their budget.

"I really don't know what to do at this point," she said. "It's becoming a major undertaking to take her anywhere."

Kim and Ed Kippax can be reached at 878-9475.

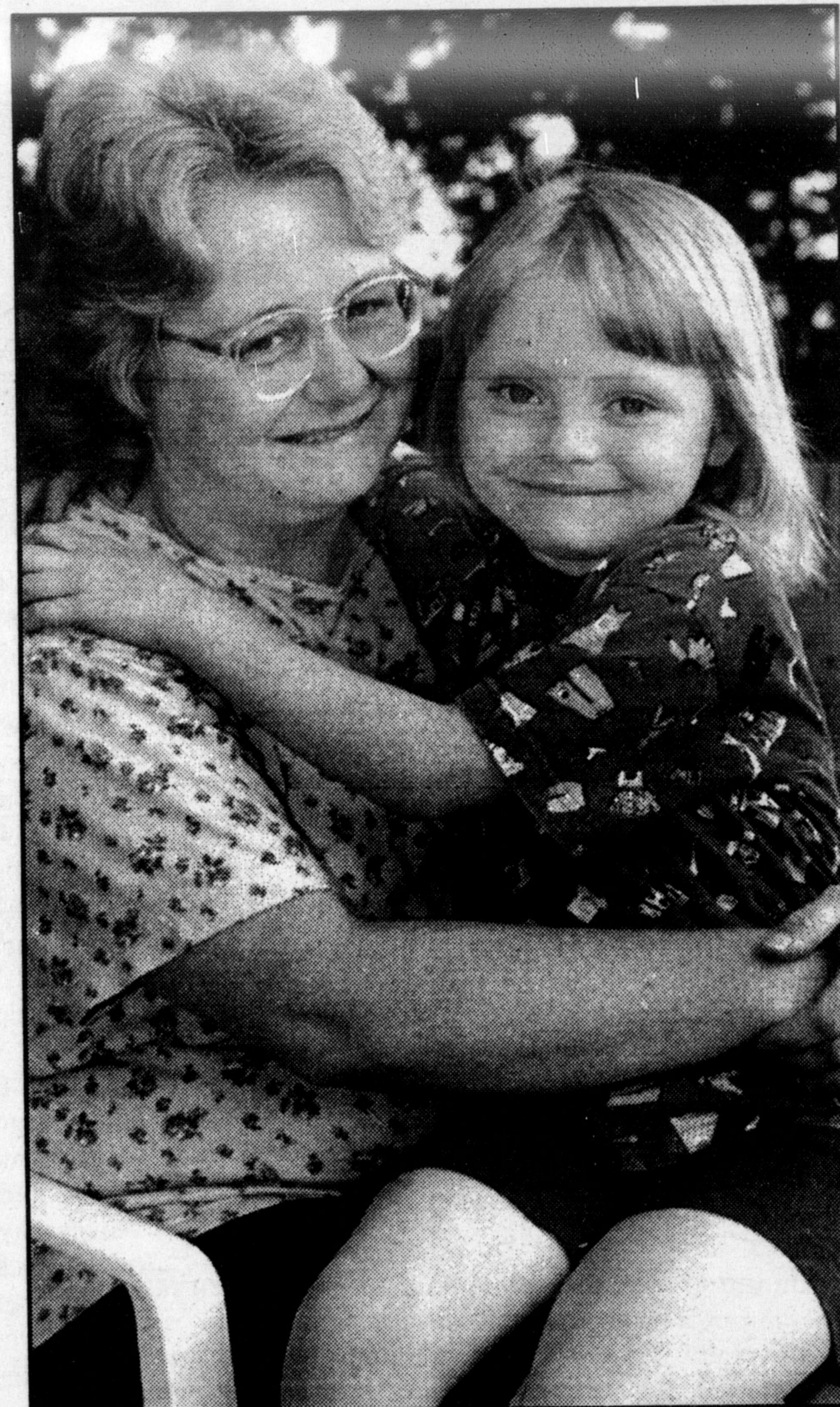


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Kim Kippax with her daughter Dawn, 5. The child has severe allergic reactions to countless substances.

MILTON IS NOW ON-LINE
http://www.town.milton.on.ca

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TTY: 878-1657 878-7211

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD ALLOWANCE CLOSURE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton intends to declare the closure of a portion of the 8th Line Road Allowance generally described as the Road Allowance located in Lots 12 and 13, Conc. VIII (Trafalgar), extending approximately 1100 feet north of the north limit of Canadian Pacific Railway rail line and 670 feet south of the north limit of the CPR rail line.

This notice is provided pursuant to the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. Further information with respect to the aforementioned Notice of Proposed Road Allowance Closure Notice may be obtained from Phillip Antoniow, Co-ordinator, Engineering Services, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario, (905) 878-7211, up to and including June 15 1999.

Dated at the Town of Milton, this May 18, 1999.

H. Lisi
Town Clerk

TIRES BY-THE-INCH EVENT

Savings You Can Really Measure.
Hurry In! Offer Ends June 19th.

<p>ALL 13" PREMIUM ALL SEASON GOODYEAR REGATTAS \$65</p> <p>16SR13 P175/70R13 P185/70R13</p>	<p>ALL 14" REGATTA DELIVERS EXCELLENT ALL WEATHER TRACTION \$75</p> <p>P185/70R14 P205/75R14 P185/75R14 P215/70R14 P195/75R14 P215/75R14 P205/70R14</p>	<p>ALL 15" REGATTA LONG TREAD LIFE SMOOTH QUIET RIDE \$85</p> <p>P205/65R15 P215/70R15 P205/70R15 P225/70R15 P205/75R15 P225/75R15 P215/65R15 P225/75R15</p>
--	---	--

GOODYEAR
*1 in TIRES

ONTARIO'S DRIVE CLEAN
Accredited Test & Repair Facility*
*An official mark of the Province of Ontario used under licence.

Brian's
Auto Repairs & Tire Centre
For all Your Auto Needs!
390 Ontario St. N. Unit #1, Milton
HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 7-6, Sat. 8-12 except long weekends
875-1522

NISSAN'S BRIGHTEST IDEAS

NOW SHOWING
Y2000 MAXIMA GXE
Priced from **\$28,590⁰⁰**

Y2000 CREW CAB
Priced from **\$24,998⁰⁰**

CLEAROUT PRICING ON ...
1999 NISSAN ALTIMA GXE
Priced from **\$20,600⁰⁰**

NISSAN DRIVEN.

NORTH END NISSAN 878-4137
610 MARTIN ST. MILTON

*FRT., PDI, UC, EXTRA. Financing available OAC. special lease packages on request. See dealer for details.