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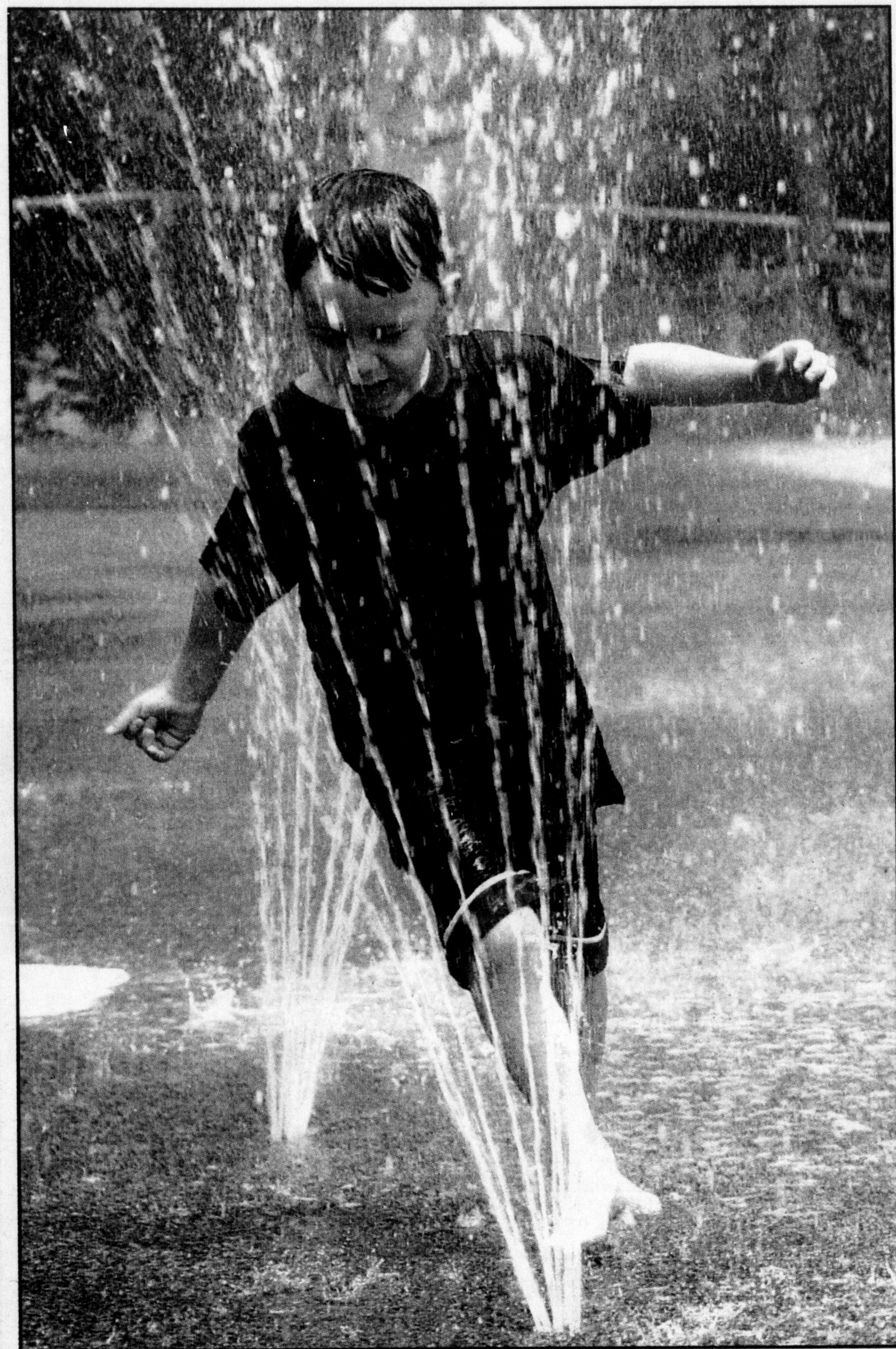


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Water works

Six-year-old Evan Royle tries out the Splash Zone pad at Rotary Park to beat the summer heat and humidity.

Two men stop van on highway after driver passes out

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Two local men managed to prevent a disaster on Highway 401 with a dramatic take-down of an out-of-control Chevrolet Lumina mini-van last week.

The pair managed to corral the erratic vehicle after the driver passed out — and stayed out — for up to 10 minutes near the Trafalgar Road exit of Hwy. 401 at about 6 p.m. July 11.

No one was hurt in the incident. Estimated vehicle damage is about \$2,000 for the mini-van, and \$3-400 for a Senoma truck which managed to scoot ahead of the van and bring it to a halt on the shoulder

Flamborough crash claims local couple

A fiery, two-car crash in Flamborough Saturday claimed the life of a Milton couple.

Lois Richardson, 74, and her husband John, 76, died on impact after their 1992 Buick Century collided with a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier at 7th Concession East and Centre Road at about 6:45 p.m.

Two 16-year-old Freelon youths in the Cavalier suffered only minor injuries.

Both vehicles caught on fire and the flames were extinguished by citizens at the scene as well as firefighters, said Sgt. Maggie McKittrick of Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police.

The couple's car, travelling east on 7th Concession East, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection and struck the Buick, she said.

The couple was pronounced dead at McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton. The youths were sent to St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton and were released.

"The more I think of the story, the less I can believe it. They were both mature men. I thought it was a pretty neat thing."

GORD WESTWATER

of the highway.

Milton's Michael McConnell, 46, knew something was wrong when the Lumina ahead of him driven by Campbellville resident Veronica Westwater drifted from the centre lane to the fast lane.

It then swung onto the shoulder and smashed against a guardrail.

The quick-thinking Mr. McConnell swung his Senoma alongside and saw the driver was slumped over, seemingly unconscious.

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