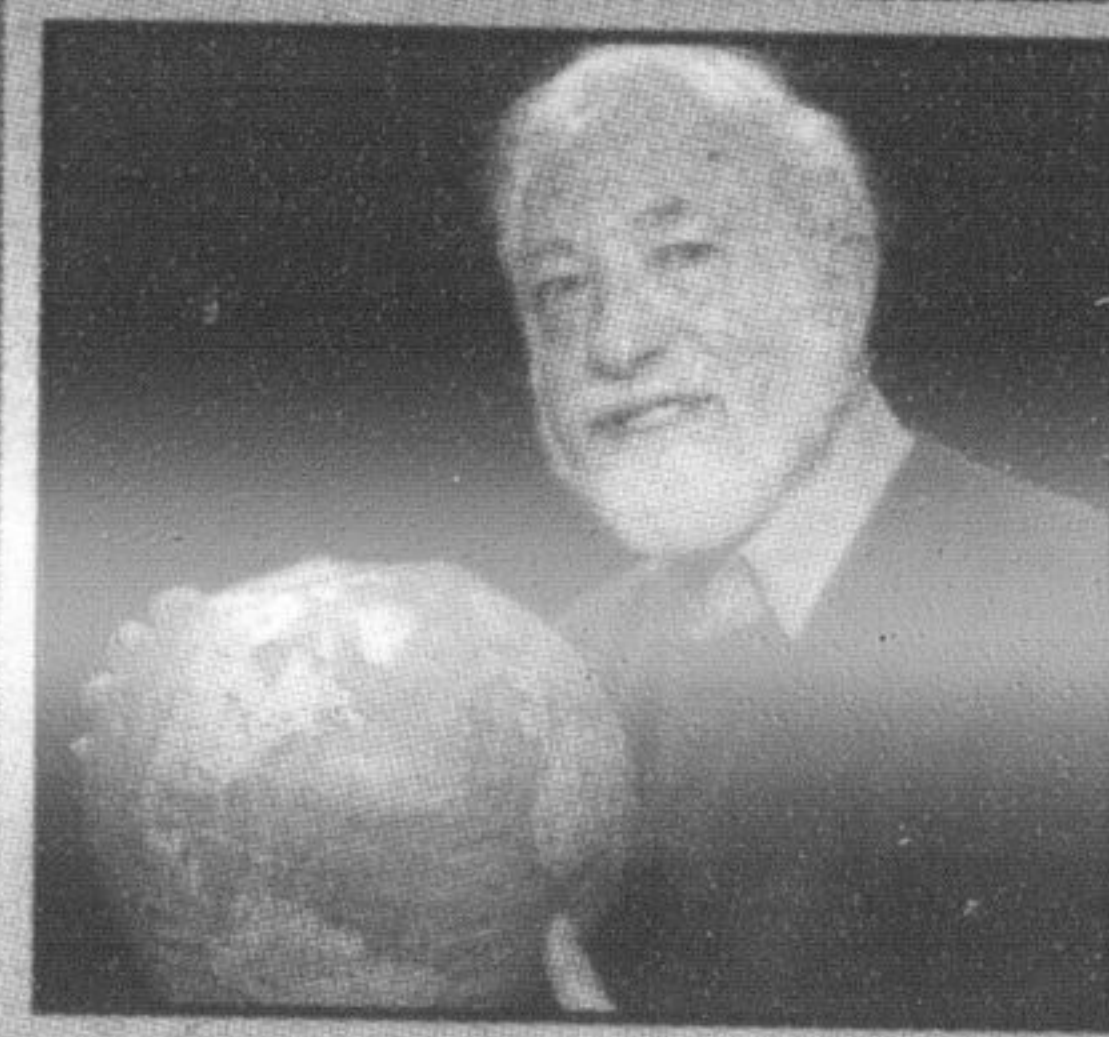
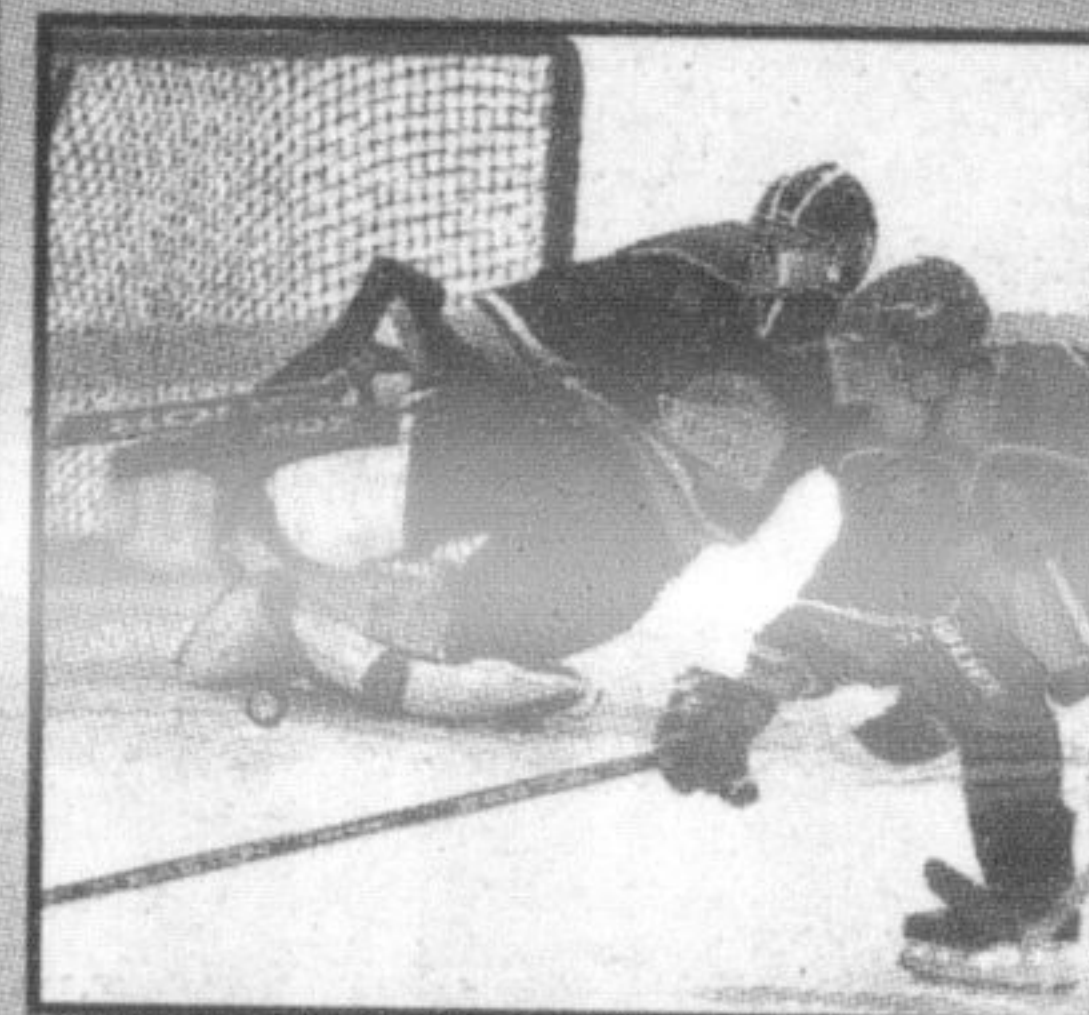


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A real treat

Erika Drygas, 3, digs into some freshly baked cornbread drizzled with maple syrup while fireside in the Iroquoian Village at Crawford Lake. Sweet water season at the conservation area runs daily through the March Break and on weekends until mid-April.

Body found in back seat of Oldsmobile after car catches fire

By STEPHANIE THIESSEN

The Champion

An Ajax man died early Friday morning in the parking lot of a Milton bar after his car caught fire while he was in the back seat.

At 2:40 a.m., the Milton Fire Department responded to a call reporting a car fire at

Yahooz on Chisholm Drive. After conquering the blaze, the body was discovered.

"It was a short period after it was extinguished that we located a body in the rear seat," said Halton Regional Police Det. Sgt. Don Cousens.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to Hamilton General Hospital.

An autopsy Friday morning determined that Henry Devries, 36, died from inhaling carbon monoxide produced by the fire.

Det. Sgt. Cousens said the fire started as a result of an engine break down in the 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

He said it appears the man was sleeping in the back seat after having been at Yahooz, and had started the car to stay warm.

"There are individuals that sleep it off and go in the back (of the car). It was extremely cold and the vehicle was older — these things happen," Det. Sgt. Cousens

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Man pinned by forklift

An accident at the Home Depot warehouse left an employee with life-threatening injuries early yesterday morning.

At about 5:40 a.m., police responded to a call reporting an industrial accident at the warehouse, located at 550 Industrial Dr. Police found that Jose Montano, 39, of Mississauga had been struck by a forklift driven by another employee and he was pinned against a steel support column.

The injured man was taken to Milton District Hospital for assessment, and was then airlifted in serious condition to Sunnybrook Hospital Trauma Centre in Toronto.

He suffered from injuries to his legs and chest.

The Ministry of Labour was informed and responded to the scene.

Det. Sgt. Don Cousens with the Halton Regional Police said he couldn't give any more details on how the incident occurred because, at press time, police were only a few hours into the investigation.

"It's being investigated as we speak... with our partner, the Ministry of Labour," he said, adding, "We rely on (the Ministry of Labour) heavily for their expertise."

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