

Impacts of hurricane explained on Web site

Friday marked the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Hazel, which slammed into southwestern Ontario in a swath of destruction.

Eighty-one people died, most by drowning in widespread flooding in the wake of the hurricane.

Although there were no deaths in Halton, the Sixteen Mile Creek became a raging torrent, rising an unprecedented eight feet in as many minutes.

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, conservation authorities assumed responsibility for flood control and prevention," said Gary Hutton of Conservation Halton, the local conservation authority.

Lessons were learned from Hurricane Hazel that will forever influence the safe planning of our communities.

To commemorate the anniversary, a Web site has been developed by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and Conservation Ontario, which represents the province's 36 conservation authorities.

The new site educates people about the famous disaster and the work that conservation authorities have done to lessen the impact of extreme weather events and to protect our communities.

The site is located at www.hurricane-hazel.ca.



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The United Way of Milton

The Town & Country Christmas House Tour

The volunteer committee has prepared another exciting tour of six different houses selected for Christmas decorating. You will have the opportunity to gain decorating ideas, view the work of local decorators and florists and, at the same time support your community.

Bus Tour – Friday, November 19th

Buses will leave Springridge Farm every 15 minutes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The \$60 ticket, available from the United Way Office, includes chicken on a bun, escorted limo bus tour, and a wine and appetizer reception

Day Tour – Saturday, November 20th

Visit the tour houses between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. A fundraising lunch is available at Harrop Restaurant & Gallery. The \$20 tour tickets and the \$15 luncheon tickets (meal, gratuity and taxes) should be purchased in advance from the United Way Office, Brancier Jewellers, Les Fleurs Kathleen, formerly Kalena Flowers, A Country Mile, Dorland Haight Gallery, Rustic Pear, Pickets & Primrose, Karen's Flowers, Home Hardware, Van Dongen's Landscape & Garden Centre and Dar's Bakery.

We invite new and long term residents to attend this interesting, fun event. Your support will assist us to reach our campaign goal of 2004.

The United Way of Milton – Neighbours Helping Neighbours

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- Make a direct donation • Attend a United Way of Milton Special Event

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Horse News and Views



- ◆ Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus (WNV) infections can both cause neurological disease in humans and horses. Both viruses are spread by mosquitoes. Horses serve as a sentinel for these diseases since they are often exposed 12 to 24 hours per day and are highly susceptible to these diseases. Clinically, it is difficult to differentiate between the two viral infections. An Ontario government surveillance project is currently underway to increase the reporting and testing of horses with neurological signs. As of September 13th, six cases of WNV were diagnosed. Four cases occurred in the North Bay-Sudbury area, one in the Bracebridge area and one is possibly an imported case. No cases of EEE have been found.
- ◆ Potomac horse fever (PHF) causes severe illness (diarrhea and colic) and death in approximately 30% of infected horses. Potomac horse fever is caused by the rickettsial agent *Ehrlichia risticii* and is maintained in nature in a complex aquatic ecosystem involving immature and adult caddisflies. These caddisflies spend part of their life cycle in water and then hatch and fly onto pastures. Transmission to horses is thought to occur through accidental ingestion of these insects while grazing pastures. The disease is observed more commonly in some geographic areas than others; it occurs in Eastern Ontario (Brighton to Kemptonville) and just below Lake Simcoe (Keswick) more than other areas of the province. However, cases have recently been diagnosed in the Ancaster area of the province.
- ◆ Studies have shown that heating and molding of hay during storage is decreased with the use of buffered acid preservatives. When given the choice of dry hay or preservative-treated hay, horses preferred the dry hay. However, when only given treated hay, daily consumption did not decrease. The preservatives, when used properly, allow the storage of hay at a moisture content level of up to 30%.

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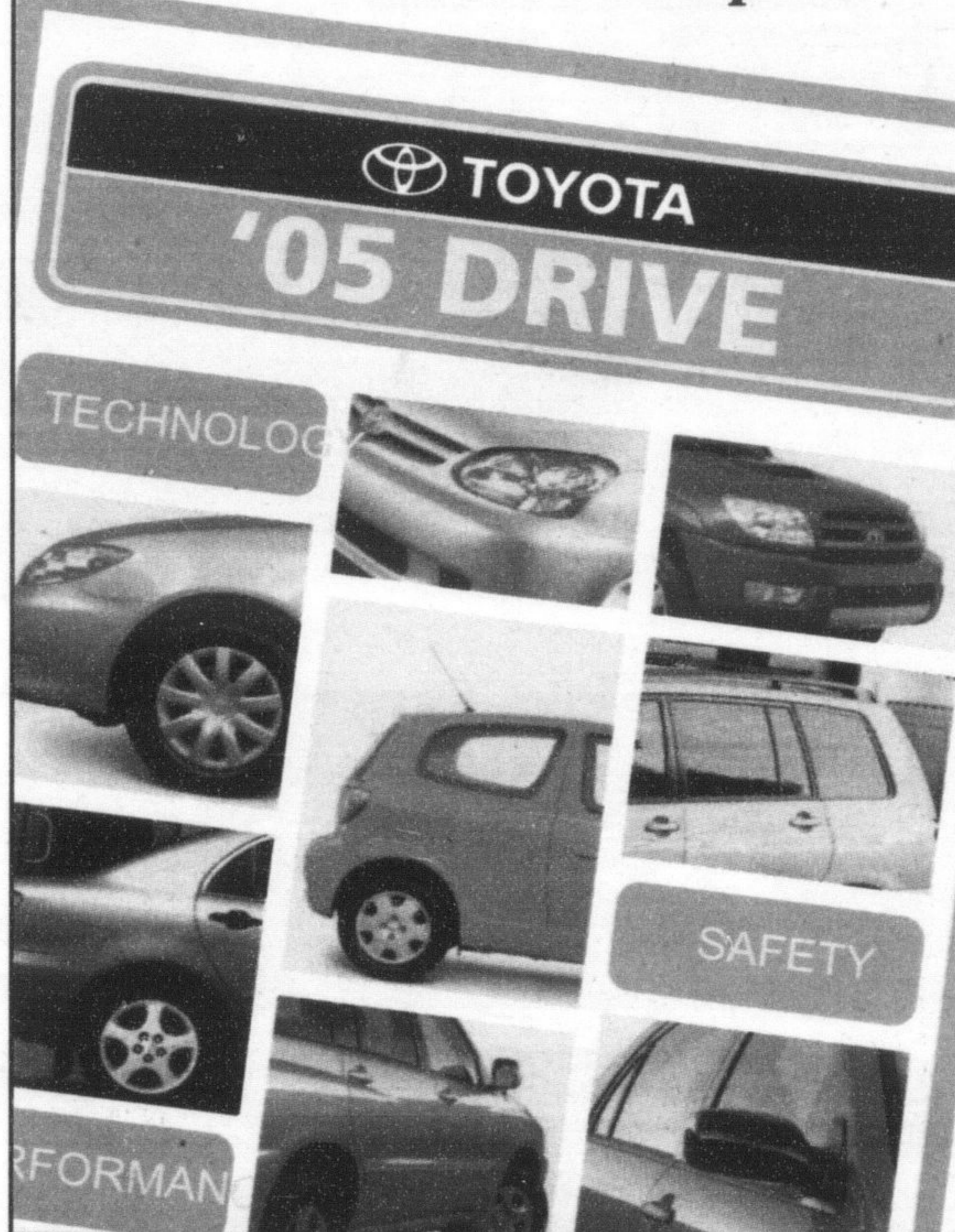
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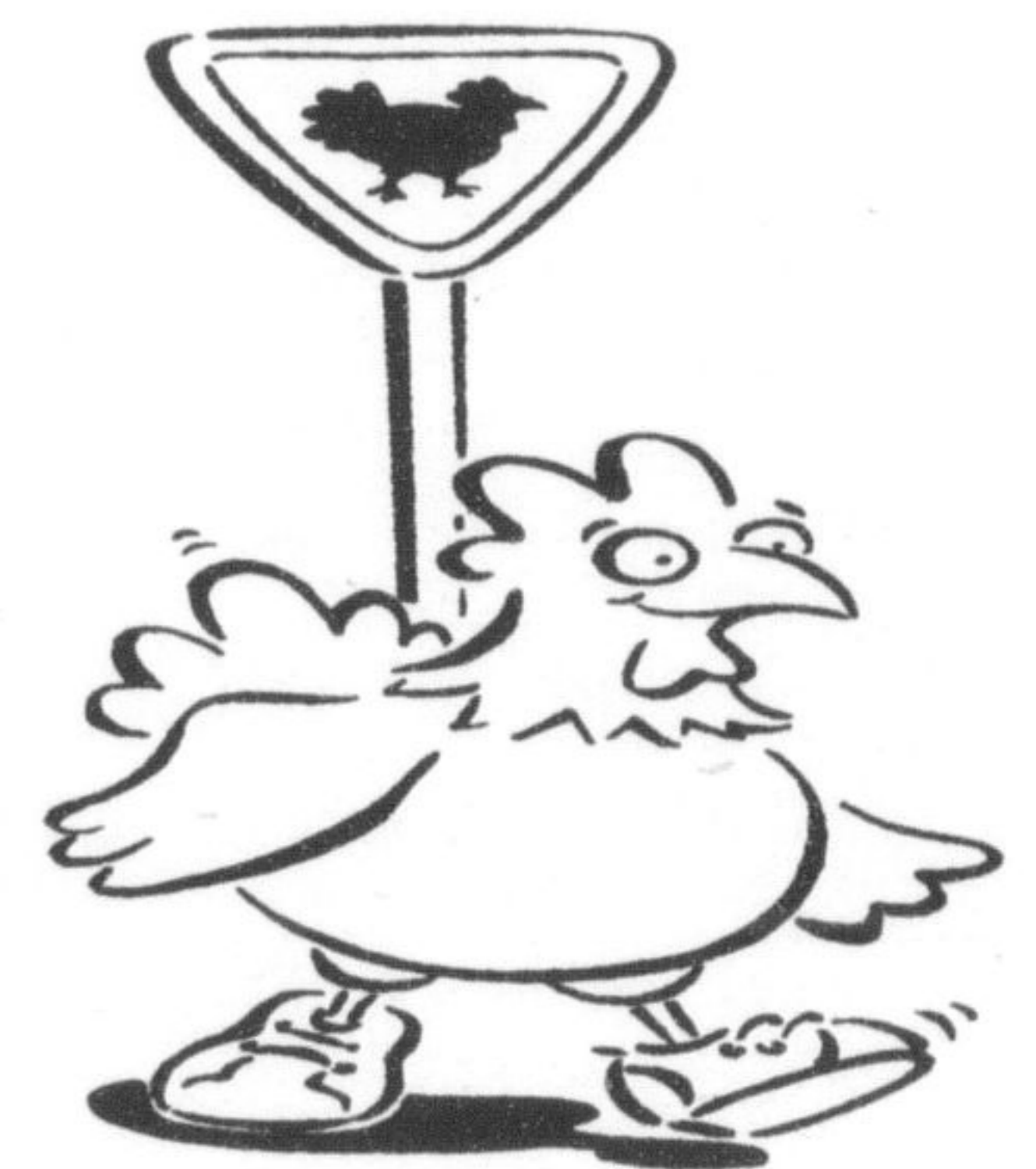
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