

# DaSilva was role model in local BMX circles

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Halton Place, DaSilva was killed during the final stages of construction Saturday afternoon — crushed by an overturned roller he had been operating.

Among those on his crew was younger brother Chris, a prominent local racer himself who had been competing with Tim for the better part of the last decade.

Seeing big brother head up his first track-building project had been extremely rewarding.

"Every time he'd finish a new jump there'd be a huge smile on his face. He was so excited," recalled a somber Chris of his sibling/racing partner. "I really looked up to him."

While the E.C. Drury High School graduate played a number of sports growing up, all took a back seat when he discovered BMX racing, stressed father Manny.

"Once he found racing, that was it," he said.

And although he didn't officially start taming the track until he was about nine or 10, mom notes that the love-of-racing seed had been planted years earlier.

"When he was three we had a house with an unfinished basement and he'd ride around on his three wheeler for hours. He loved anything fast."

Enjoying success on both sides of the border over the past several years and looking ahead to the Olympics, DaSilva was always eager to give back to the sport that had given him so much.

A role model in local BMX circles, he and Chris had helped run a number of clinics — including one for autistic children.

Girlfriend Lyndsey Finn stressed that was typical of the avid racer, whom she described as



BMX racing siblings Tim (left) and Chris DaSilva were tight on and off the track.

"the happiest person ever."

"He was always there for everybody. He's who you'd go to if there was anything wrong," she explained. "He was a big dreamer as well and was going to make them all come true."

Added big sister Jessica, "Tim will live on forever in his family and friends. He'll be missed by all who knew him."

That's no hollow gesture, given the ever-growing list of condolences on the Milton Track 2000 Web site, which can be added to by visiting [www.track2000bmxracing.com](http://www.track2000bmxracing.com).

"We have to thank everyone for their support," said DaSilva's father.

Memorial donations to a trust fund through Prosperity One in the young racer's name — to be used at Track 2000 — can be made at McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home. He'll be laid to rest tomorrow at Milton Evergreen Cemetery.

Saturday's accident remains under investigation by the Ministry of Labour and Halton Regional Police.

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## Watch your water usage

Halton residents are urged to curb their water use during the current dry-weather stretch.

In an effort to alleviate pressure on its reservoirs, the Region asks residents to minimize outdoor water use including lawn watering and car washing. Flower and vegetable gardens should be watered by hand, and only as needed.

"We want to ensure that the Region's reservoirs have enough water to provide for essential household uses and fire protection, so we're asking residents to help by reducing their outdoor water use," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

If the hot, dry weather continues, the Region may issue a complete watering ban.

## Theft, fraud case in court

A Halton Hills woman charged with defrauding three north Halton school councils of about \$30,000 — including two Milton schools — will return to court tomorrow.

Brenda Pickering, 43, was charged in February with three counts of theft over \$5,000 and uttering a forged document. She'll appear at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton. The date was set June 28 in Burlington.

From 2002 to 2005, Pickering served as the volunteer treasurer for the school councils at J.M. Denyes and W.I. Dick as well as at Georgetown's Stewarttown Public School. It was during that time that the money went missing from the accounts of the three school councils.

A police investigation was initiated after a complaint by the Halton District School Board that irregularities had been discovered in the school councils' accounting practices. About \$10,000 went missing from J.M. Denyes and about \$5,500 from W.I. Dick.

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