

GO passengers watch in horror as train strikes car

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the wheel is equally as dangerous as that gun in the hands of a gang member."

Miltonian Kelly Spinelli was stopped right behind the car being driven by the 34-year-old Milton woman and saw the entire incident unfold — a sight that's left her with many sleepless nights.

Spinelli had just gotten off her cell phone when she looked up to see the Mercedes smash into the car in front of her. She said it had been travelling very fast.

"He (the Mercedes driver) opened the car door, stumbled out... He looked like he was about to fall over. He was screaming, 'I need my mom!'"

Then Spinelli realized nobody was getting out of the car on the tracks:

"As I was thinking this, the horn (of the train) blared and it (the impact) sent the car flying into a pole," she said. "I was screaming and dialing 911 — I think the only thing I could come up with was the word 'train!'"

Spinelli, who's six-and-a-half months pregnant, said she was shaking so hard she was offered oxygen by paramedics.

She said a man who had been following the Mercedes prior to the crash — police had received reports from motorists of an erratic driver in the area — was shouting at the driver and had to be physically restrained.

In a bitter irony, the GO train ordinarily wouldn't have been anywhere near the Trafalgar crossing at 7:20 p.m. But Thursday, the 5:30 p.m. train had left Union Station 45 minutes late.

"Fate played a huge role," Welch said.

Welch, who had been sitting in the front train car at the point of impact, said he ran through several train cars trying to get close-



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The Rockwood couple was pronounced dead at the scene. Their dog was critically injured and had to be put down.

er to the wreckage in case the victims needed help.

But when he saw the man's body lying on the car — the roof had been sheared off — he knew it was no use.

A small dog in the vehicle was clinging to life, and Welch watched emergency crews pull it from the wreckage. However, the dog was critically injured and had to be put down.

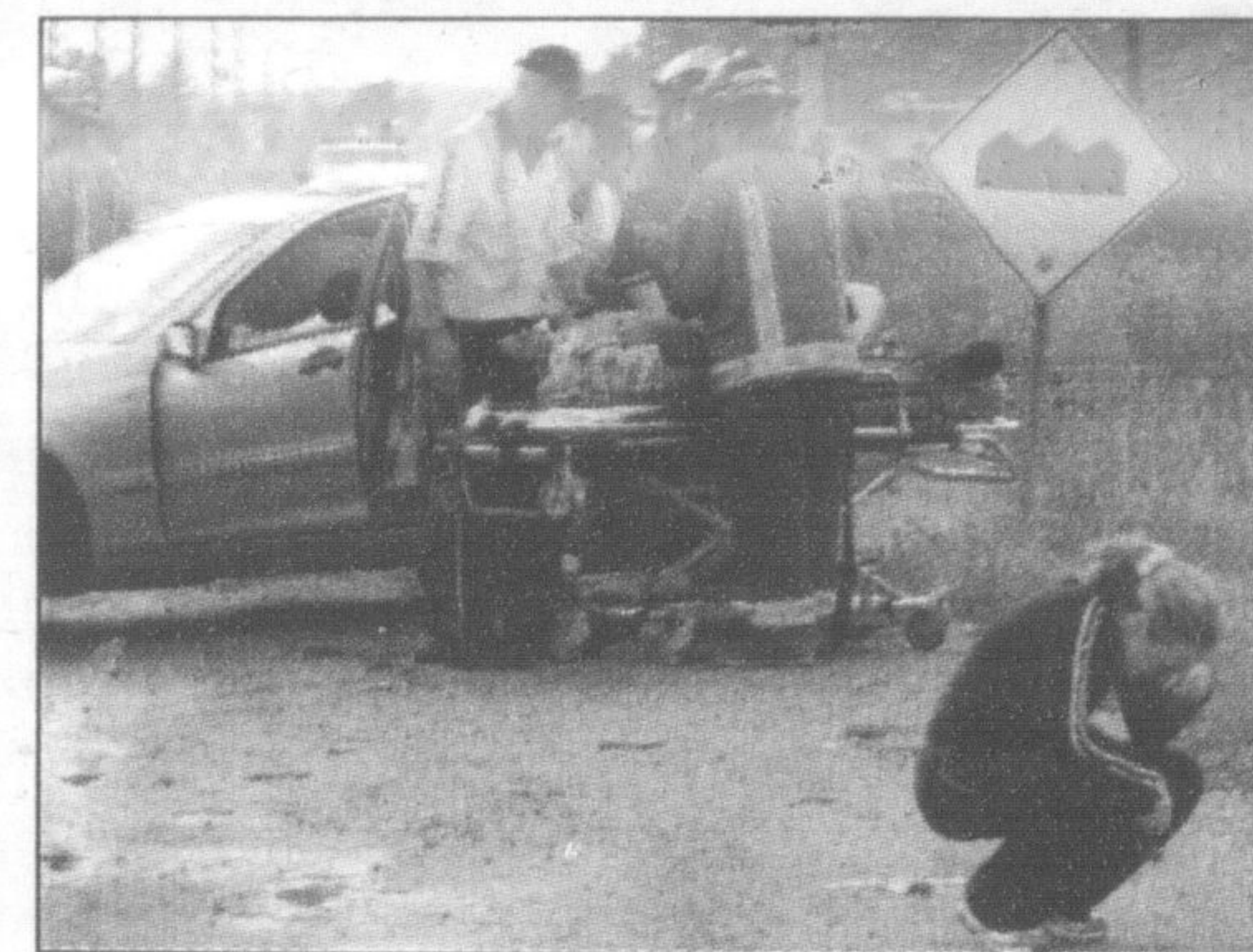
Riders were escorted off the train a couple of hours later and taken by GO buses to the Main Street station. There were no reports of

passenger injuries.

The site of the tragedy is now marked by a homemade cross bearing a grieving grandchild's message to his Nana and Grampa: "We will miss you forever. We will love you forever."

On it are some toy cars and a photo of the Millers relaxing on a boat.

Police are seeking the public's help, asking anyone who saw the silver/grey Mercedes driving before the crash in Mississauga or Milton to contact investigators.



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A distraught witness weeps near the accident scene while emergency crews tend to the injured man later charged with drunk driving.

Ingram Rahim Bakhsh, 28, of Ferguson Drive has been charged with two counts of impaired driving causing death, two counts of dangerous driving causing death and refusing to provide a breath sample. He appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton yesterday morning for a bail hearing, which was remanded to Monday, July 30 at the same location.

Bakhsh, wearing a striped collared shirt and jeans, looked emotionless as he stood in the prisoners' box.

Const. J.P. Valade of Peel Regional Police confirmed Bakhsh had been charged in February 2006 in Peel with refusing to provide a breath sample and in March 2006 with impaired driving and having over the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

These are the third and fourth Milton-area fatalities so far this year in which drinking and driving is alleged.

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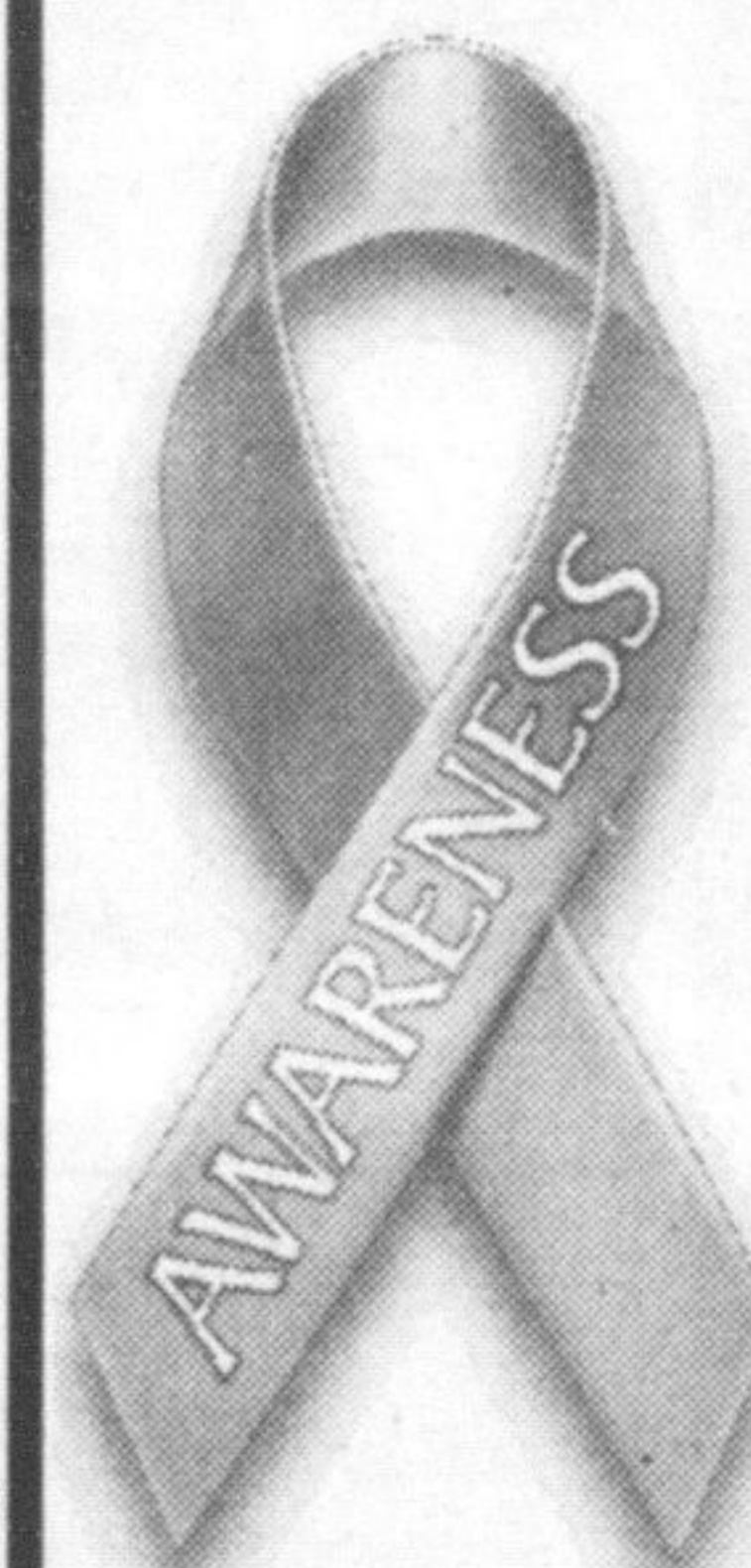
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