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Crash victim still critical

A Hillsburgh man remains in critical condition following a single-vehicle crash on Steeles Avenue early Sunday morning.

Halton police said the vehicle was westbound on Steeles Avenue near Wheelabrator Way when it crossed into the eastbound lane and went off the south shoulder of the roadway.

The vehicle went through a fence and down an embankment, striking a cement bridge support, and came to a rest on the opposite side of a small creek.

The Milton Fire Department rescued the trapped occupant, who was the only person in the car. He was taken to Milton District Hospital and then transferred by air ambulance to Toronto.

Jason Sharkey, 24, was listed in critical condition at St. Michael's Hospital yesterday morning. An investigation into the accident by the regional traffic bureau is continuing.

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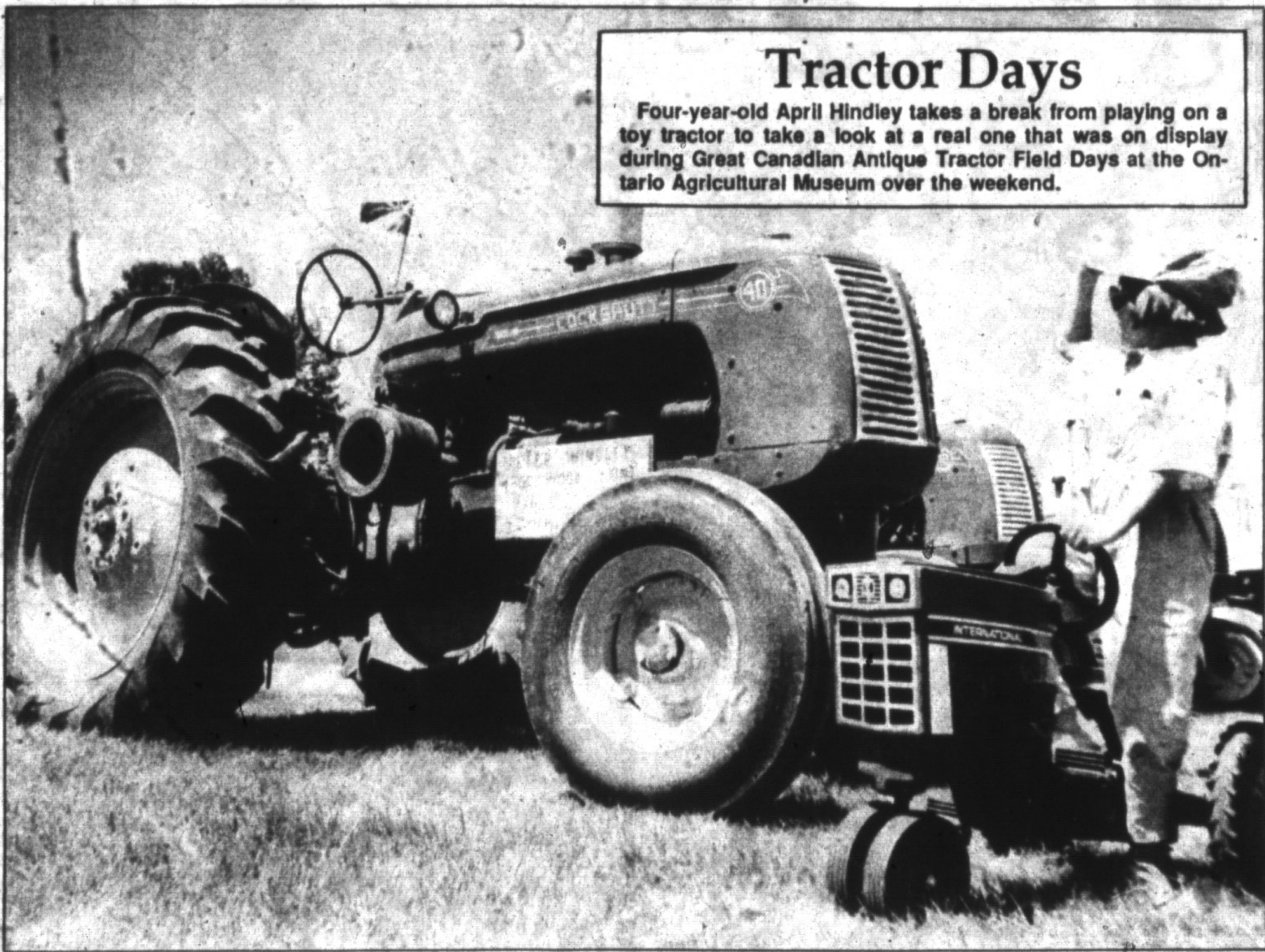
Pitcher Damien Dubien has a golden arm. He was a key player in Team Canada's bronze medal win at the University Games.

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Tractor Days

Four-year-old April Hindley takes a break from playing on a toy tractor to take a look at a real one that was on display during Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days at the Ontario Agricultural Museum over the weekend.

Sales healthy at new fitness centre

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

The Town is already close to meeting its end-of-July goal for membership sales at the Milton Leisure Centre.

As of Monday morning, 190 people had purchased memberships and Bonnie Ward, manager of recreation services, estimated that the number would rise to more than 200 by the end of the day.

"They're coming in all the time," she said. "We're definitely within the target set for the end of July."

Leisure centre workers hope to sell 220

memberships by the end of the month, and 580 by the end of December.

Membership sales are currently at their peak as the first programs in Phase Two, which features an aerobic studio and weight training centre, get underway.

Phase Two of the centre opened Monday. The public now has access to scheduled aerobic classes (28 people per class), gymnasium and the weight training room, which is open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The weight training room is partially com-

plete. More equipment will be added over several months when staff determine what and how much is required to satisfy users, said Ms Ward.

"We didn't want to open with a full room of equipment because we want to represent the needs of the membership," she said.

To ensure personal safety, weight training room users are required to attend a free orientation session. Members also must fill out a physical activity readiness questionnaire before using weights or participating in aerobic classes.

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Split denied — Reform Party needs Ontario says executive

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

Allegations by a former Reform Party member that there is an east-west rift perpetuated out of the Calgary headquarters are "absolutely ridiculous," says a Campbellville man on the national executive council.

"I deny an east-west split entirely," said Maurice Carter, who is also chairman of policy and communications for the party.

Mr. Carter was responding to statements

made by David Andrus, the former president of Reform's Don Valley West riding in Toronto. Mr. Andrus was expelled from Reform in May.

Mr. Andrus' relationship with Calgary soured because he backed John Gamble as the Don Valley West Reform candidate. Mr. Carter said Reform resisted Mr. Gamble's candidacy because "it was alleged he had associated with neo-Nazis." Mr. Gamble was ousted from Reform when he "did not leave willingly," Mr.

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Just for kids

There will be lots to keep children busy at the Farmers' Market Saturday.

July 24 is Kids Day downtown. The festivities will include balloons, face painting, an inflatable bouncing room, pony rides, water balloon tossing, bobbing for apples and a dunk tank.

Most of the events will take place in front of Knox Presbyterian Church during the market, which opens at 7 a.m. Activities continue until 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will be donated to Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton.

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