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Municipal elections may be held one month earlier

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Many of the changes to the Municipal Act recommended recently by the Who Does What committee only have an indirect affect on the community, according to Mayor Gord Krantz. But one proposed change could see voters heading to the polls in October instead of November.

As for much of the remainder, "municipal debt and investment rules and elections, those things need fine tuning," said Mr. Krantz. "They are more nuts and bolts things. They affect the community indirectly."

Who Does What panel chair David Crombie recently announced recommendations to simplify the Municipal Act. Mr.

Krantz said the announced changes were only the first wave that the committee will recommend to the provincial government. Legislation will likely follow this fall.

The most noticeable change recommended is the move municipal elections forward one month into October. That, according to Mr. Krantz, is expected to encourage voters to come to the polls. Municipal elec-

tions have a traditionally low voter turnout, which has been blamed partly on weather in November.

The proposed changes would also: Give local government more choice in the size of councils; streamline election procedures; reduce duplication and allow more delegation of responsibility to senior staff.

Mr. Crombie said the panel will look at other aspects of municipal reform including building codes, libraries and land use planning.

According to Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh some of the recommendations will find their way into provincial regulations while others will be presented in legislation.

"We would like to see changes occur at the local level," said Mr. Chudleigh. "It's the philosophy of our whole government that there be more local decision making. I think we'll see a devolution of power."

According to Mr. Crombie the changes recommended will give municipalities more flexibility to deliver services at prices residents can afford. In addition, Mr. Crombie said his recommendations would set limits to municipal powers, as opposed to the current system, which defines those powers exactly.

"There will be hearings on some of these issues," Mr. Chudleigh said. "Fixing our municipal problems is a huge undertaking."

CRIME STOPPERS

This vandal may have a damaged car

A culprit being sought for damage at a Georgetown area golf course was also a victim of his own actions. Crime Stoppers hopes someone has information to offer that could identify the suspect.

During the night of July 27, someone drove a car onto the course at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Avenue at Trafalgar Road. The vehicle traveled the entire course, causing damage to greens.

A computerized irrigation system was also damaged when it was struck by the vehicle. The irrigation system activated, compounding the damage by flooding one hole.

The initial estimate for repairs to the golf course was set at almost \$5,000.

During the damage spree, one of the vehicle's tires was flattened, and damage was done to the vehicle itself. The flat tire was not changed on the course. The driver drove off the course on the flat.

Based on evidence left at the scene, investigators believe they are looking for a red car with damage to one corner.

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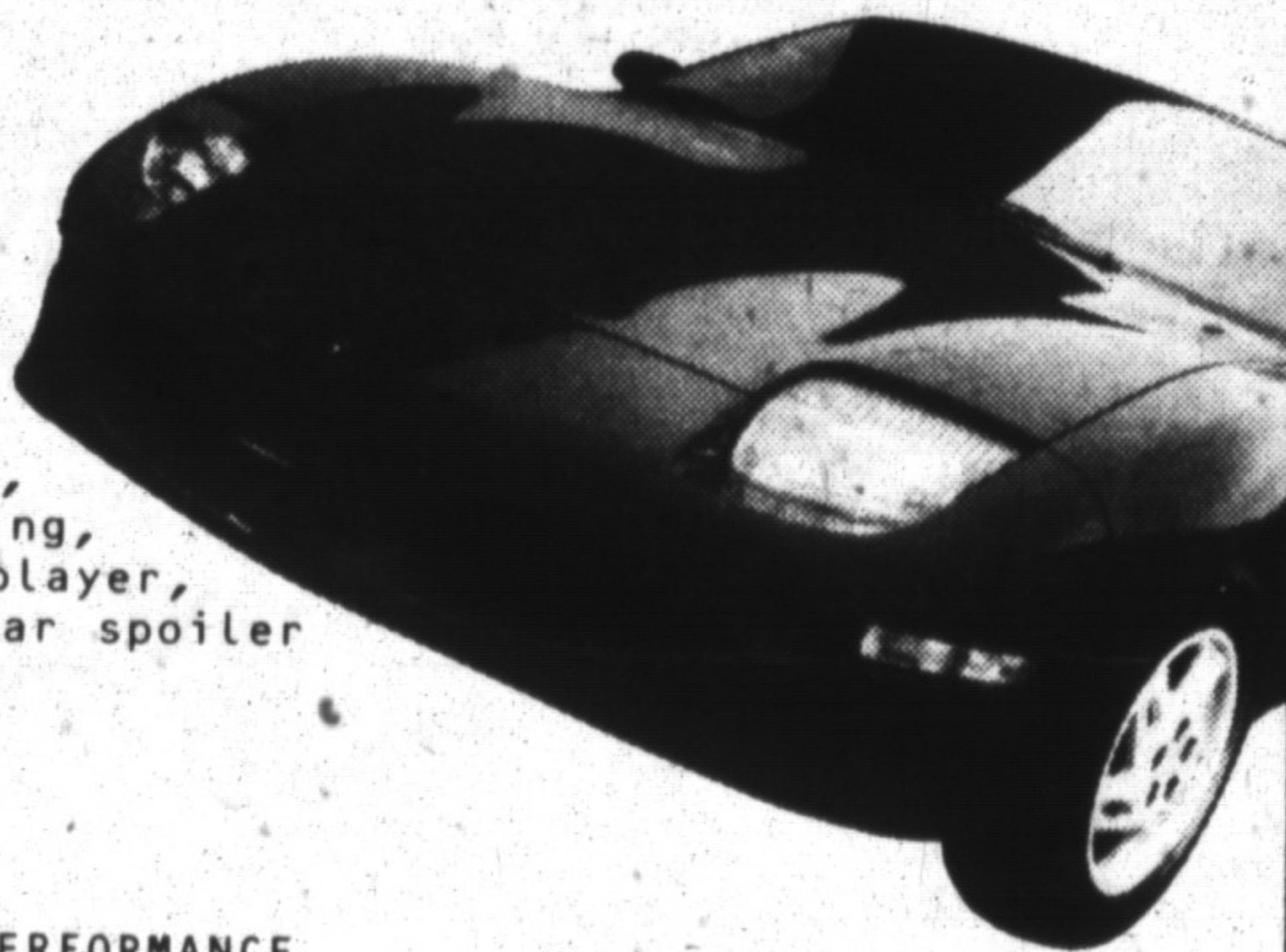
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