

Drinking and driving may be fatal

Half of the Ontario drivers and pedestrians who die as a result of traffic accidents are drunk according to a study released by Health and Welfare Minister Jake Epp.

Results of the study of blood samples taken from fatally injured Ontario drivers and pedestrians between March 1, 1982 and July 31, 1984 show that half of the drivers killed (49.7 per cent) had alcohol levels in excess of the legal limit for impairment (80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood).

Nearly 11 per cent of the drivers had THC, a derivative of cannabis (marijuana or hashish), in their blood. Most (i.e. 83 per cent) of the cannabis users also had alcohol in their blood, two-thirds of them over the legal limit.

"These findings are of grave concern to us all," Mr. Epp said. "People are continuing to drink and drive, to take drugs and drive. They are killing not only themselves but other, innocent people on our streets and highways.

"I strongly urge drivers of all ages to avoid using alcohol, marijuana or other drugs that may impair their ability to drive".

The report also suggests that a higher proportion of fatallyinjured drivers had been using marijuana than was found in the previous study of 1978-1979.

The study found that 17 per cent of fatally injured young drivers aged 14 to 24 years had THC in their blood samples.

The study monitoring alcohol and cannabis use among drivers and pedestrians was a joint project of the Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada, the Office of the Cheif Coroner for Ontario, and the Centre of Forensic Sciences of the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General. It was funded by health and Welfare Canada.



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Meeting scheduled

The regular meeting of the North of Superior District Roman Catholic Separate School Board will be held on Saturday, January 25 commencing at 9 a.m. at St. Martin School in Terrace Bay, according to a letter from the Direc-

tor of Education, G.J. Matys.

The school board covers the Terrace Bay-Schreiber area as well as Marathon, Manitouwadge, Nakina, Nipigon, and Red Rock. The board's main office is located in Schreiber.

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End to end action like this was not uncommon during a recent game between the Marathon Midgets and the hosting Terrace Bay-Schreiber Commodores, shown here defending their goal. The Marathon team won the game, 7-6.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I just read the editorial in the January 15 issue of the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News, and certainly know the frustration you feel.

A resident of the Schreiber area phoned CFNO on Monday, January 5 to ask why we weren't carrying anything on the CP derailment. My answer: "I didn't know about it, but I'll see what I can find out, and have it on the air as soon as possible."

We really appreciate phone calls from our listeners, whether they inform us an occurrence or

ask for more information on a story. Sometimes we don't find out about a story until it's old - that's frustrating. But we have been fortunate enough to have good listeners, and many of them, who let us know when something happens. We can then tell everyone in the district about it before any other media source. Indeed, we can be, and have been in the past, a source for other reporters.

We thank our listeners, and encourage the public and, yes, other media, to phone us at 229-1212 if they want more information on a story. We'll be glad to help.

Wendy Watson **News Director CFNO-FM**



...as deadly as a forest fire.

From 1984 to 1985, the spruce and jackpine budworm infestation expanded by 60 per cent to 39 million acres. This widespread devastation which leaves large areas

of forests dead or dying hurts tourism, ruins aesthetic and recreational value of the forests, to say nothing of the

loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in potential forest revenues that could have benefitted communities in this area.

It's just as deadly as a forest fire and must be treated with the same sense of urgency. Protection must begin in the early stages and continue until losses are minimized. Controlled aerial spraying of approved insecticides is essential if we hope to curb the budworm attack.

Many people have seen budworm devastation in their own or their neighbour's back yards. It's up to you...

Please plan on attending the OMNR's Open House in January 1986 and make your views known, or call or write your local Ministry of Natural Resources Office.

Let's protect the forest.



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