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A Brougham woman died in the crumpled wreckage of her Plymouth Voyager minivan Monday following collision with a southbound gravel truck on the Brock Road north of Concord. A third vehicle was also involved but the driver escaped serious injury. —Kevin Hann

## Brougham woman killed

# Transport crushes van

**BY KEVIN HANN**  
BROUGHAM — A 5-year-old Brougham woman died instantly Monday when her minivan was crushed by a tractor-trailer loaded with sand.  
Peta Dose was pronounced dead at the scene. The crash involving three vehicles occurred on the Brock Road north of Concord.  
Police said the gravel truck was southbound, approaching the three-lane concrete road from the west. The tractor-trailer was attempting the left-hand turn.  
The impact hurled the car into the east ditch. The transport was sent into the northbound lane and overturned on a Plymouth Voyager van.

Driver of the car, Grace Wicht of Locust Hill, escaped her crumpled vehicle. She was taken by ambulance to Grace Park Road Hospital for treatment of neck injuries and later released.  
The tractor-trailer, estimated at 40,000 kilograms, spilled sand on the pavement, causing one lane more than two hours. A front-end loader was called in to clear away the sand.  
The tractor-trailer was one of the first on the road. It was the second one to hit the van, and the third one to hit the van. The van was crushed by the tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer was crushed by the van. The tractor-trailer was crushed by the van. The tractor-trailer was crushed by the van.

# Tragedy strikes family

By JIM THOMAS  
Editor

STOUFFVILLE — Family friends and relatives were stunned Saturday, when news was received of the tragic death of Aaron Middleton, son of Barry and Carolyn Middleton, Hilltop Trail, R.R. 3, Stouffville.

Aaron, 22, died Saturday in Minden Hospital from injuries received in a single-vehicle accident at Oxford Narrows on Hwy. 35, north of Minden.

The victim was thrown from his GMC 'Jimmy' after it veered off the road and rolled over several times.

Two passengers, Mark and Lisa Gammage of Newmarket suffered cuts and bruises. Both were wearing seat belts. Mrs. Gammage, the former Lisa Youroukis of Ninth Line North, Whitchurch-Stouffville, was admitted first to Minden Hospital, then to hospital in Peterborough due to the fact she's expecting a baby next month. No complications resulted.

Aaron and his friends were en route to Lisa's grandparents' cottage on Kushog Lake when the accident occurred.

Aaron was rushed by ambulance to Minden Hospital where he died a short time later.

"We were told he was badly injured," a shaken Mrs. Gammage said. She later learned he'd passed away.

"He was like a brother to us," she said, "the greatest guy you'd could ever know."

Aaron was a graduate of St. Mark's Separate School and Sacred Heart High School. An extremely handy individual, he helped build his parents' home on Church Street North before the family moved to Sleepy Hollow Estates. Carolyn, his mother, is a member on the staff at the Public Library. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have a daughter, Dina and a younger son, Barry Jr., all at home.

Aaron loved the north country. Lisa said. Fishing was a favorite sport. He also enjoyed downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and wind-surfing.

"Mark and Aaron were very close," she said, "it's been very hard on us."

His parents were devastated. Mr. Middleton and Aaron worked with the same company.

Besides his immediate family, Aaron is survived by grandparents William and Catherine Austin and Walter and Muriel Young.

Service Tuesday was held from the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, Markham with interment Elmwood Cemetery.

## Two-car crash

GORMLEY — Out of the pool and into the pond. For Marvin Betz, Bristol Pond Estates, R.R. 3, Stouffville, it's been a week he'd like to forget.

Recently released from hospital following an accident in his pool, the Betz Co. president was involved in a two-car collision at the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and the Stouffville

Road, (Gormley), Monday. Marvin's 1986 Buick Riviera, driven by daughter Christine, was in collision with a 1986 Chevrolet Celebrity. Due to a sudden storm, traffic lights weren't working at the time, witnesses said. Total damage was estimated at \$6,000. No one was seriously injured.



Barney Godfrey, R.R. 3, Stouffville, considers himself a very lucky man. He was pinned before the door of his runaway car and dragged more than 150 feet before he could get the vehicle stopped. —Jim Thomas

# Girls' choir re-united for anniversary event

STOUFFVILLE — History was repeated Sunday. It made a reunion occasion complete.

Fourteen members of the Stouffville Youth for Christ choir attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary honoring Don and Pauline Ratcliff, R.R. 4, Stouffville. The memorable event was held Sunday afternoon at the Sheraton Parkway, Hwy. 7 and Leslie Street, Richmond Hill.

"I knew several choir members planned to attend but I had no idea they were going to sing," Mrs. Ratcliff told The Tribune.

Several guests said tears of joy glistened in Don and Pauline's eyes as the group joined voices in two favorites, 'The Rock' and 'Then I Met Jesus'.

The YFC choir was prominent here 40 years ago. A reunion is planned next spring.

In attendance Sunday were — Dorie (Steckley) Pilkey; Barbara (Hisey) Wideman; Lillian (Brown) MacAloney; Marion (Gostick) Haddow; Margaret (Hisey) Clarke; Pat (Boake)

Byer; Margaret (Reid) Connor; Carol (Wideman) Mann; Betty (Wideman) Ballentyne; Pauline (Barkey) Warnica; Alice (Barkey) Baker; Jean (Brown) Doner; Shirley (Schell) Doner; Florence Bolender and accompanist Gladys Ratcliff.

## Lung punctured

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Marvin Betz, President of Betz Pools Ltd., Stouffville, was rushed to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, then to Sunnybrook, Toronto, following a freak accident, July 17, at his Bristol Pond Estates home,

R.R. 3, Stouffville. Marvin slipped and fell, striking his chest on the inside edge of the family's backyard pool.

At first, doctors thought Marvin had suffered a ruptured spleen. A call was put through for the helicopter-based out of Buttonville. The 'chopper', however, wasn't available so the trip to Toronto was made by ambulance.

At Sunnybrook, a nine-man emergency team was placed on standby ready for surgery. Further x-rays revealed three broken ribs and a collapsed lung. No operation was necessary.

Marvin was released Thursday and allowed to come home. "I feel fine now," he said, "but I was sure worried for awhile."

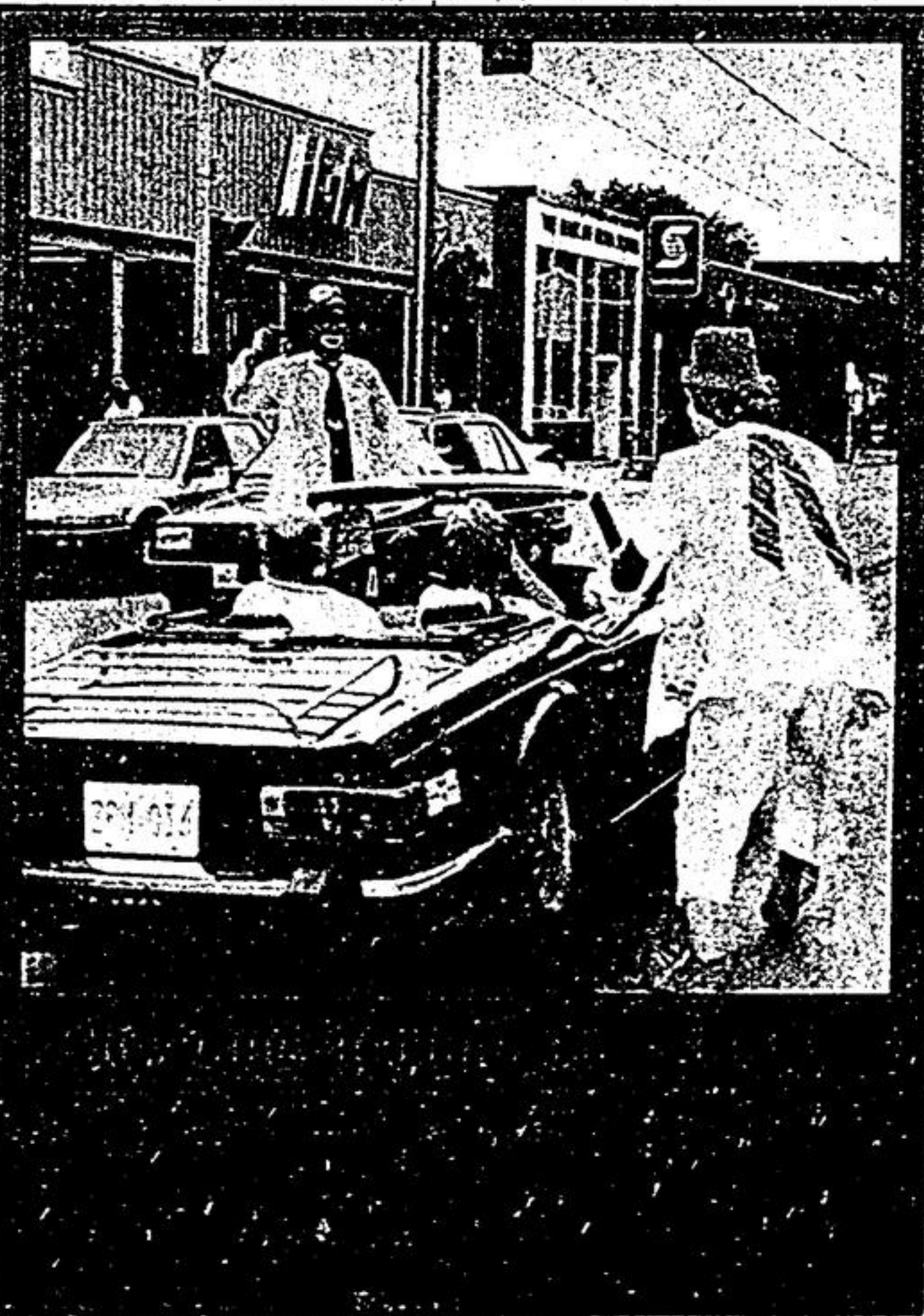
## Olympics

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-one-year-old Mark Ludbrook, R.R. 3, Stouffville, will attend the Para-Olympics Swim Competition in Seoul, Korea this fall.

Mark will compete against some of the best in the world. The meet is scheduled for October.

Training camp opens Aug. 19 in The Netherlands and continues through Aug. 29. He'll be accompanied by coaches Herb DeBray of Brock University, St. Catharines and Phil Telev of Regina.

Mark lost his left leg in an accident involving a snowblower, ten years ago. Despite this impediment, he's regarded as one of the top swimmers in Ontario and perhaps all of Canada.



## Award

Whitchurch-Stouffville's Strawberry Festival Canada Day Committee has been commended by the federal government for 'outstanding achievement'.

The letter, accompanied by a certificate, was received Friday by Festival Chairman Jim Heidema. "Apparently a government representative was in attendance. He or she was very impressed," Mr. Heidema said.

"It was above and beyond what officials had expected," the chairman reported. "It more than exemplified what Canada Day should mean to a community."

## Trapped in car

GLASGOW — An Uxbridge Twp. farmer had a narrow escape from serious injury, Thursday, when pinned inside his runaway car.

Barney Godfrey, Conc. 2, north of Glasgow, was doing some mechanical work on his Buick Regal when the vehicle suddenly 'took off'.

The driver's door struck a hydro guide post, slamming it shut on one leg. Mr. Godfrey, 65, was dragged about 150 feet into a nearby corn patch before the vehicle stopped.

Stouffville firefighters had to use their 'Jaws of Life' to free the injured man. He was taken by ambulance to Uxbridge Hospital, treated and later released.

It was Betty Townsend of Scarborough, Mr. Godfrey's sister, who heard the noise, ran outside, then called an ambulance.

The local farmer remembers little of what happened. "Lucky my sister was here or I could have been trapped all night," he stated.

Time of the accident was 8:17 p.m.

Mrs. Townsend said the force of the impact could have severed her brother's leg. The car door gave, sufficiently, easing the pressure, she said.

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