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Horrific crash kills woman

KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
Staff Reporter

A Scarborough woman is dead and two people seriously injured after one minivan ran a red light Sunday evening and plowed into another.

The three-car accident involving 12 people happened in the intersection of McCowan and Stouffville roads about 5:30 p.m., police say.

A Honda Odyssey minivan, carrying four people including a four-year-old child, was travelling southbound on McCowan Rd. and entered the intersection on a green light.

A Plymouth Voyager travelling westbound on Stouffville Rd. ran the red light. It struck the Odyssey broadside, impacting hardest behind the driver's door.

Passenger Mie Sman, 57, of Scarborough, was sitting directly behind the driver. She was transported to Markham Stouffville Hospital but succumbed to her injuries shortly afterwards.

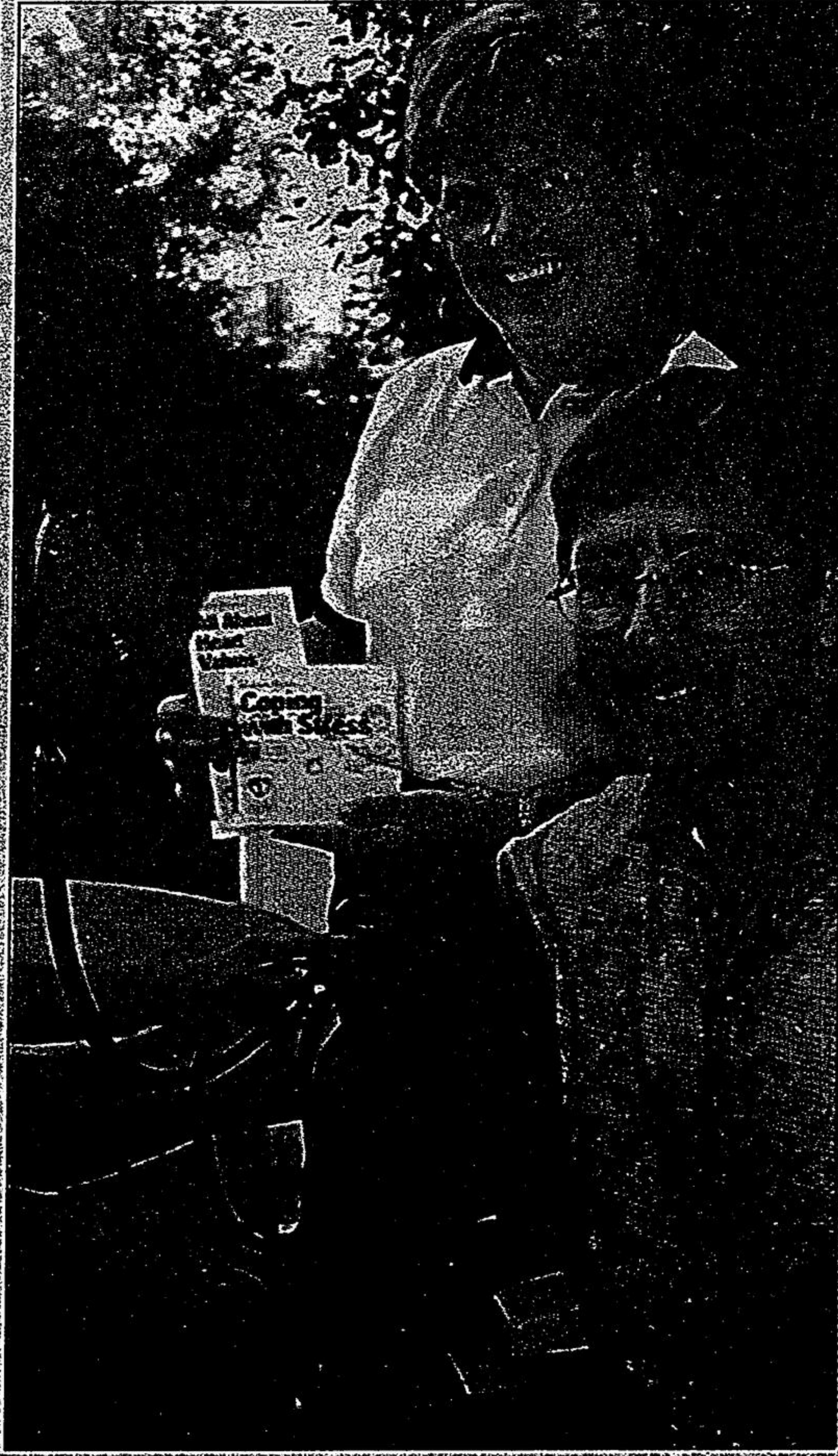
The driver of the Odyssey, Herrian Lee, 48, was airlifted to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in serious condition, but is improving, said Staff Sgt. Ed MacDonald.

Another passenger, Li Wau Cheong, 64, was transported to Markham Stouffville Hospital in serious condition. The child was not injured.

The driver of the Voyager, Vanda Halteh, 40, suffered minor injuries and his five passengers were unhurt.

Passengers of a third car which was

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UNDER PRESSURE: The Stouffville Heart and Stroke Foundation chapter will test your blood pressure during the annual Strawberry Festival on Main Street. Performing the test on Geoff Reid here to promote the event is Registered Nurse Janis Klein, while Heart and Stroke Chapter President Marian Hodgson looks on. The Strawberry Festival gets into full swing this weekend all along Main Street featuring booths like the Heart and Stroke blood pressure clinic and about 100 others. Don't miss the action June 27 and 28.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

York force decides on chief today

RICK VANDERLINDE
Staff Reporter

York Region's new police chief will be London top cop Julian Fantino, sources told *The Tribune* yesterday.

Sources also suggest another leading candidate for the job, OPP Supt. Wayne Frechette, will become York's new deputy chief.

An official announcement was scheduled for this morning, but speculation yesterday was widespread that Fantino would get the top job.

"I'm fairly positive it will be Fantino," one source said. "He's done certain things that might lead you to think that he's leaving London."

Two sources suggested that Frechette, who recently lost his bid to become OPP commissioner, will be Fantino's right-hand man.

Both men have been rumored to be the top contenders for the York job for months.

Adding to the speculation yesterday was the fact Fantino was meeting with a member of the London police services board late yesterday afternoon.

Fantino did not return a call to his office yesterday.

Neither York police board chairperson Eldred King nor regional

chairperson Bill Fisch would confirm that Fantino would be named chief today.

Fantino has a reputation of being tough on all types of organized crime, including syndicates, gangs and motorcycle clubs.

While speaking at the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police in Windsor over the weekend, Fantino said communities are continually victimized by organized crime.

"I don't think any community can say, no matter where they are, that they are not impacted. Everyone is being impacted by the tentacles of organized crime," he said.

York police union president Paul Bailey has complained in the past that the force isn't well equipped to fight organized crime.

Fantino's name has come up for top police postings in the past.

He was rumored to be a candidate for the OPP commissioner's job and he was a finalist for the top job on the Toronto force in 1994.

Former York chief Bryan Cousineau retired last February, just before he was charged with five counts of breach of trust.

Cousineau made his fifth pre-trial appearance on the charges in Newmarket court yesterday afternoon.

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