

# Streetlights out at bicycle death site, inquest told

By JAMES BAILEY  
A 12-year-old Mississauga boy, critically injured in a traffic accident on Hurontario St. had to be transported to a Toronto hospital because of lack of brain surgery facilities at Mississauga hospital, a coroner's inquest has been told.

Norman Reid suffered severe head injuries after he was struck by a light pickup truck while riding his bicycle on Hurontario St. north of Sherboe Dr. at 9 p.m. on

Nov. 9.  
He was riding his bicycle against the traffic on the east side of the street at the time of the accident. The boy died in Toronto Western Hospital two days later.

Dr. Hart Schutz, a neurosurgeon, told the coroner's jury this week that he ordered the boy transferred to Toronto Western hospital to have an arteriogram performed, because there is no arteriographic equipment at Mississauga hospital.

He explained that an arteriogram involves an examination of the arteries leading to and inside the brain. A dye is injected in the brain and x-rays are taken. Asked if the time required for the transfer may have been a factor in the boy's death, Dr. Schutz replied, "I rather doubt it."

"If there is a significant blood clot that can be removed, then time is of the essence," he said. "If not, then it's not that essential. In this case, I don't think the

transfer made any difference."  
"It would be ideal to have neurosurgical centres at every major hospital, but it's physically not possible." The doctor explained that a population of 250,000 people is required to support one neurosurgeon, and that a neurosurgeon can't perform without arteriographic equipment.

When acting crown attorney Lou Acri observed that Mississauga has that population, Schutz said, "I

think it is time Mississauga hospital had this equipment."  
He testified that formal verbal requests had been made, but no action had been taken because of "limitations on space and money, particularly."  
Schutz said an exploratory operation at Toronto Western hospital revealed "signs of impending death," adding, "we had no plans other than to let him die peacefully."

Testimony from constable

Gary Maidens, the investigating officer, and detective James Wingate, who witnessed the accident, indicated that the street lights were out on the east side of Hurontario St. between the North Service Rd. and The Queensway.

Malcolm Carmichael of Mississauga Hydro testified the lights were fixed on Friday the day before the accident, and that he was not informed of any difficulty until the following Tuesday, when he learned of the boy's

death.  
Asked by Acri if any preventative maintenance is done on street lights Carmichael replied, "I have two men to look after 13,000 lights."  
Carmichael said he does not have the men to do regular checks of the lights, and repairs are normally made only after complaints are phoned in.

Other evidence said the boy's bicycle was not equipped with a headlight or

reflectors at the time of the accident.  
In its verdict, the jury said, "Hydro staff should be adequate to insure proper inspection of facilities in the City of Mississauga."  
It also recommended that a bicycle safety program should be instituted in grade schools on a regular basis with parental involvement, and that bicycle manufacturers should be forced to conform with Canada Safety Association standards.

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### 'Don't subsidize Adamson buy'

A Brampton councillor has told Credit Valley Conservation Authority that the authority shouldn't subsidize the acquisition of Adamson Estate if it is going to cost \$2

million.  
"If these figures are accurate which I've been hearing, then I think we should put the money into buying more land in other

areas, such as along the Credit River in Streetsville or in the Niagara Escarpment," councillor Ken Whillans said.

"If Mississauga wants to buy the Adamson property, that's fine. But I don't think we should put all of our eggs in one small basket."

"I'm against purchasing it, if that's what it is going to mean," he said.

The Adamson property is on the Lake Ontario shoreline just east of Port Credit. Mississauga has asked that the land be included in the Waterfront Plan and be acquired through the authority.

Owner Anthony Adamson, a former reeve of Toronto Township, has proposed the development of a luxury 16-

storey apartment on the eight-acre property and has said he will oppose any attempted expropriation of his land.

Councillor Hazel McCallion told Whillans his statement was premature in view of the fact that an appraisal of the Adamson land is not yet completed.

"We were told some pretty wild figures on the Rattray Marsh too, but when we got the appraisal it was only for \$1,050,000," Mrs. McCallion said.

"When the appraisal is done, that's the proper time to deal with it."

"You're assuming facts and figures," she told Whillans. "Until the appraisal is here, any speculation is premature."

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### Double standard charged in development completions

By John Stewart  
Mississauga council has used a double standard in allowing the McLaughlin Group to work towards completion of Mississauga Meadows community and denying Cadillac Fairview completion of Meadowvale West, a city councillor says.

Councillor Bud Gregory has served notice at a planning committee meeting that he will introduce a motion to general committee or council to reconsider the Cadillac Fairview request, which was recently defeated in a close council vote.

On advice of the planning commissioner the planning committee voted that individual applications in Mississauga Meadows east of Cooksville Creek should be processed towards the necessary approvals in accordance with development proposals of the planning staff.

The Mississauga Meadows community is bounded by

Burnhamthorpe Rd. on the south, Highway 10 on the east and proposed Highway 403 and the Hole in the Doughnut undeveloped area on the north.

Gregory asked planning commissioner Russ Edmunds how he could support processing this plan when he opposed the extension requested by Cadillac Fairview.

Edmunds replied that he had opposed releasing both applications, but council had specifically released the north Cooksville-area application earlier this year.

"Well then, council has used a double standard," said Gregory.

Bruce McLaughlin, who along with developers William Sorokolait and G.N. Farantos owns almost all the land in the Meadows, recently asked the minister of housing to consider referring the Meadows development, Mississauga Hills and McLaughlin's applications for development on 2,000 acres of land in the Hole in the Doughnut to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The minister in turn asked Mississauga to speed up its consideration of these plans. After several meetings with the developers, Edmunds proposed a plan on which there was a consensus — for

33 percent raise now being considered.  
Abbott said that since 1970 when MPs were given a raise to \$18,000 with an additional \$8,000 tax-free expense allowance, the value of the dollar has declined to less than 75 cents.

"I am now aware that many MPs are forced to go into debt," he added.

"When I stood for Parliament I knew the salary and did not arrive in Ottawa seeking a raise," Abbott said but "like all other Canadians I have found that inflation is making it more and more difficult to make ends meet."

For further details, see Abbott's column on page 7.

### Abbott supports 33% wage hike

Mississauga MP Tony Abbott has called the government's now-defunct plan to raise salaries for members of Parliament by 50 per cent "a disastrous proposal," but supports the



### And A Merry Christmas To You

Mmm that tastes good. Christian Hawkes, 4, of Applewood Co-op Nursery School and Cathy Meildoni, 6, a patient in the pediatric ward at Queensway Hospital taste gingerbread house presented by the Applewood group as other children look on. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

### Strike could cut ambulance service in half

By JAMES BAILEY  
Ambulance service from Burlington to Mississauga will be cut in half if a first-contract dispute between Halton-Peel Ambulance Service and the Civil Service Association of Ontario results in a strike.

Although the driver-attendants are CSAO members, their dispute is not directly related to CSAO negotiations that may lead to a province-wide strike. The drivers and attendants are negotiating their first contract with Halton-Peel Ambulance Service.

However, sources say the drivers might also walk out in support of fellow CSAO members.

If there's a strike or walkout, the company has contingency plans to operate a service consisting of seven supervisory personnel and three ambulances to cover Mississauga, Oakville and Burlington. Normally six

ambulances cover the area during the day, and five at night.

A union spokesman indicated that members may not stage a complete

walkout, but provide minimal staffing.  
At present, eight men and one vehicle operate from the ambulance station at Cawthra and Lakeshore, which services Mississauga. In event of a strike, two men working 24-hour shifts would handle all calls.

Drivers are refusing to work overtime, but shifts are being covered by supervisory personnel and part-time attendants, according to Dennis Munch, district manager of the company.

Union members are prohibited by law from going on strike until 14 days after the report by a provincial conciliator has been received. Munch said it hasn't been received yet.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that ambulance drivers are negotiating contracts with independent operators throughout the province, making it impossible to predict where extra ambulances could be called in from in event of multiple-injury accident.

Although a management-rights clause in the contract is a contentious issue, Munch said "the main priority is wages."

The top rate for a driver-attendant with four years service is \$4.40 per hour with

an extra \$8. per-week allowance for certification in a course of patient care, advanced driving and radio operation.  
Munch said the four-year drivers also receive bonuses of up to \$400 per year, bringing the effective top-rated scale up to \$4.77.

He said the union is asking for an increase to \$6.25 per hour, and management's last offer was \$6 per hour.

Munch said if a strike does occur, the company will cancel "transfer work" — the transporting of patients from one hospital to another.

Asked if more time would be required for ambulances to answer calls, Munch replied, "I can't make a direct statement on that, but I don't think our response time will suffer that much."

"There may be a shortage in service, but that depends on how long the strike lasts."

The district manager said he doubted the alertness of supervisory crews would be seriously affected by working 24-hour shifts, because they would be able to get some sleep on the night shift. He noted that the Port Credit station answered an average of 1.9 calls per-night shift during October.

"The situation is not as bad as some people have indicated," he said.

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### Spirit hits judge

The Christmas spirit hits us all — even judges.  
A 54-year-old Mississauga man who has been ducking charges of impaired driving and failing-to-appear (in court) for the past two years has learned that in provincial court.

Albert Frederick David of 1811 Gore Dr. was stopped by Port Credit OPP during a routine check and held in custody when police learned of charges dating back to Oct. 28, 1972.

David had been charged with impaired driving and driving with a breathalyzer reading of over .08 alcohol. He had been released on a promise to appear in court. He didn't show up, however, and was arrested again in January, 1973. This time he

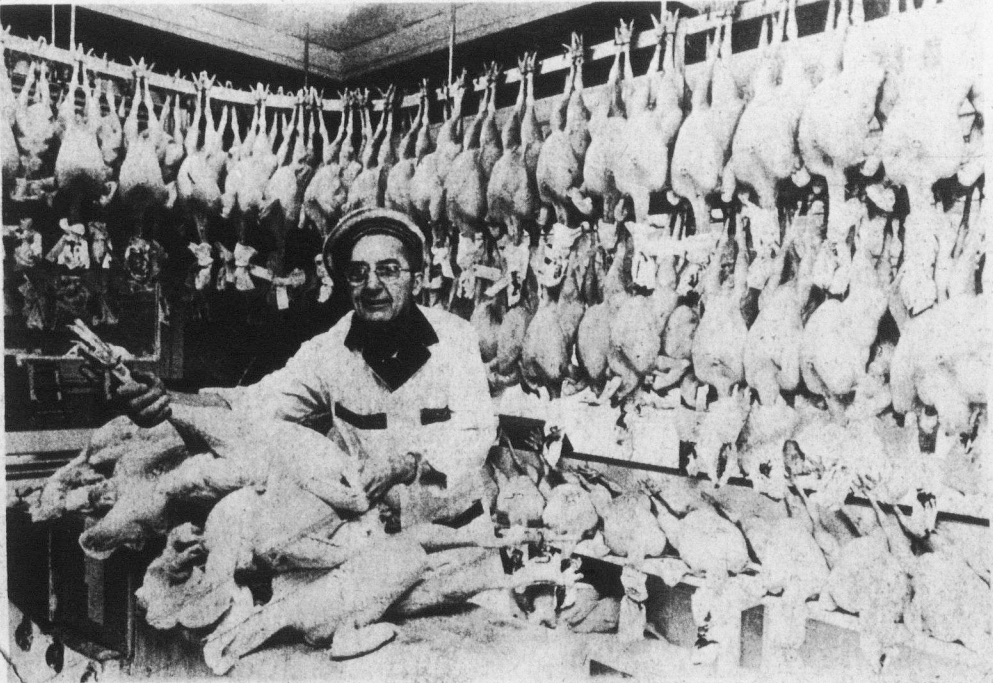
was released on an undertaking to appear, and again he didn't show up.

He appeared for a bail hearing this week after his most recent arrest. Judge John Ord said "he could have come in anytime but he chose to duck the situation."

The judge observed "it's extremely unlikely he'll show up for trial" and ordered David held in custody.

The accused left the box with the other prisoners, but decided to plead guilty to the charges and returned to the courtroom.

Judge Ord fined him \$200 or 30 days on the impaired driving charge and suspended his license for six months.



Row upon row of gobblers adorned Doug Auld's Meat Market on the weekend but he expected to sell more than 400 by Christmas Eve. (Times photo by Stan Carmichael).

### Real BIG present

Talk about Christmas inflation!  
R.C. Ainsworth's Christmas family reunion received a seven-storey Christmas gift Saturday that literally ballooned before the party's very eyes.

The Beemer Rd. get-together was treated to a commanding view of the city after inflated Paul Blanchard inflated his 70-foot-high balloon in Oakridge Public School's playground.

Blanchard, one of the nine licensed balloonists in Canada, attracted scores of onlookers when he inflated the 450-pound nylon craft. Bursts of flame from the two propane jets lit up the balloon like a lantern as it rose in the twilight sky.

He is an employee of Beautiful Balloons of Thornhill and arranged the stunt as a Christmas novelty for family and friends.

### Classified to be open

All departments of the Mississauga Times, excepting classified advertising, will be closed Boxing Day, Dec. 26.  
To place a classified ad, call 252-6391.

### Politicians back wind project

Wind energy may be used to generate enough electricity for the lights at the Peel Board of Education's new Caledon Field Study centre, slated for completion in the spring.

The school board's finance and budget committee has given tentative approval to a proposal by Arctic City Research and Development Ltd. to install an experimental wind powered electrical generator.

Studies show that winds in the Caledon Hills area are constant and sufficient

enough to provide electrical power for the study centre's lighting system. The electrical heating would run off the regular hydro system.

Estimated to cost upwards of \$20,000 to install, the experiment would be carried out on a joint cost basis yet to be determined, with the development company, the board and hopefully the provincial government splitting the bill.

The committee recommendation will go the full board of education for approval on January 14.