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ALCOHOL MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR

Toronto traffic investigators now believe alcohol played a role in the fatal crash that killed two close friends and injured a woman on the Don Valley Parkway. Driver Adam Bhagirathi, 21, was killed along with passenger Geetesh Singh, 20, around 8:30 p.m. Monday night when their car went out of control and crashed into a guardrail in the northbound lanes, near Eglinton Ave., in what police believe was a street race.



BARRIE MAN KILLED BY POLICE ID'D

The Special Investigations Unit has released the name of a 48-year-old man shot and killed by police in Barrie, Ont. Donald Melton was shot Monday after a confrontation in which two rookie police constables were stabbed in the neck. Clayton Speers and Dave Edgar — both in their 20s and Barrie natives — remain in hospital. Their chief, Wayne Frechette, has said both officers are resting comfortably and were expected to be OK.

Discover bike trails on transit

A new website is making it easier to get your two wheels onto four.

As part of a two-month campaign, bikesandtransit.com is urging families to use bike racks on buses so they can hop off transit and head off on trails in the GTA.

"Local tourism and clean air are in for a big boost," said website founder Donald Wiedman.

There will be a new route highlighted each week for cyclists to explore. By providing routes, Wiedman said, families can get around to the far stretches of Guelph or Grimsby by putting their bikes on bus racks and taking transit part of the way.



THE BETTER WAY: Website founder Donald Wiedman and his daughter Charlotte stand in front of a bus that reads "By Bike."

"The municipal bike paths lead to Lake Ontario and the waterfront," he said. "Not enough people know that if you cross through there, you reach up with the Waterfront Trail and the Trans Canada Trail. From there, you can go east to Durham and beyond and west to Burlington and Hamilton along the water."

Some routes that will be listed online are located in Hamilton, Whitby and Burlington. Most routes average 15 km, with the longer ones reaching 60 km.

The website works in conjunction with GO Transit, the TTC and Coach Canada.

Bus racks have already been installed on GO Transit's bus fleet. While many TTC buses have bike racks, TTC Chair Adam Giambrone said all buses will have them by the end of 2010.

Drug bust

Toronto police have arrested 76 people as part of a street-level drug sweep in a west-end neighbourhood.

"Project Escape" began June 8 and was sparked by public complaints about drug dealers and their customers in the area.

Det. Karen Chapman says the operation ended last Sunday when undercover officers made about three dozen drug buys in the area.

Three search warrants were executed, 76 people were arrested and more than 200 charges were laid.

Chapman says 30 of the 76 people arrested did not live in the area. She says cocaine, marijuana, hashish, ecstasy and other drugs were seized along with \$20,000 in cash.

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