

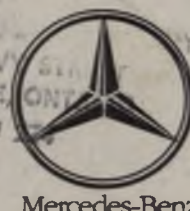
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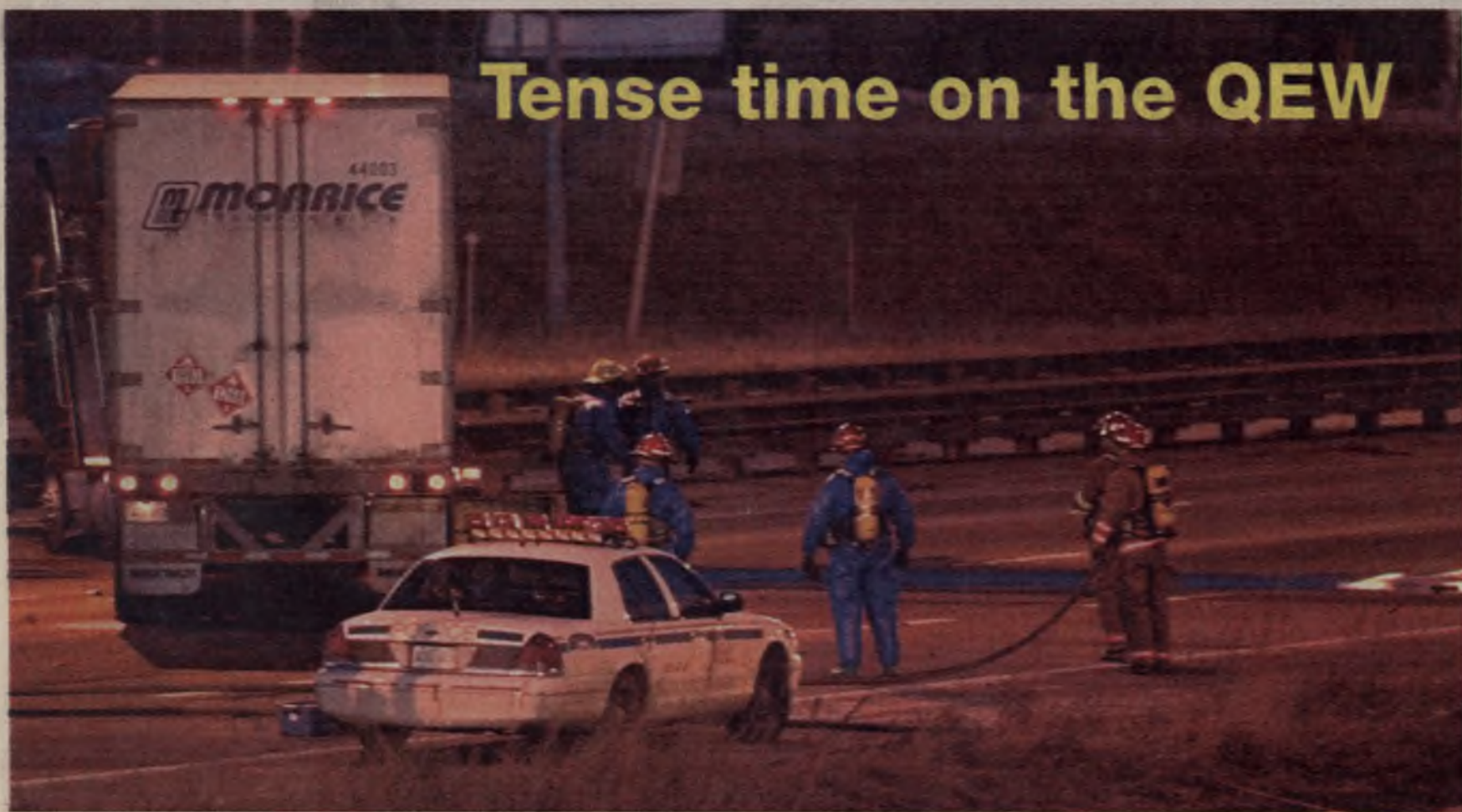


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## Tense time on the QEW



Oakville firefighters contain the flammable liquid leaking from a transport truck following a collision on the Queen Elizabeth Way.



Curious onlookers run for safety after learning the leaking chemical from the damaged transport is flammable and dangerous.

## Chemical spill = traffic chaos

Rush-hour traffic along the Queen Elizabeth Way was brought to standstill yesterday following a collision involving a transport truck carrying a flammable liquid in the east-bound lane, just east of Dorval Drive.

The collision occurred at 4:20 p.m.  
The Ontario Provincial

Police closed both the east and westbound lanes of the QEW because the transport truck was leaking the flammable liquid — believed to be paint thinner — onto the highway. The westbound lanes were reopened at 6:30 p.m.

The Oakville Fire Department and its Hazardous Materials Team (HAZ-MAT)

responded to contain the liquid.

Dikes were built to contain the liquid in the south ditch along the QEW and prevent it from flowing into the municipal sewer system.

Traffic was also closed along Dorval between Speers Road and the North Service Road.



Northbound traffic along Dorval drive was brought to a standstill.

## Sheridan grad Premier's Award winner

## Dancer overcame odds to realize his dream



David Connolly

David Connolly, a graduate of Sheridan's Music Theatre Program, has been named winner of the 1999 Premier's Award in the creative arts and design category.

Connolly's success as a dancer and choreographer is all the more impressive in view of the fact that his legs had to be amputated just below the knees shortly after he was born.

He spent the first three years of his life at the Shriners Hospital in Montreal, where he learned to walk with prostheses. Today he serves as an ambassador for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

His exceptional career success began at Sheridan where he was named Most Outstanding Performance Graduate and winner of the Triple Threat Award. A tal-

ented singer, dancer and choreographer, Connolly has also received an Emmy Award, with Anita Mann, for choreography in 1995, and nominations for an Emmy (1997) and a Bob Fosse Award (1996). He has danced on Broadway in 'Shenandoah' and has performed in theatres across North America, including the Stratford Festival.

Connolly, a producer with Anita Mann Productions in Los Angeles, is the fourth Sheridan graduate to win a Premier's Award since the awards were introduced in 1992.

Other Sheridan winners include fashion designer Linda Lundstrom, animator Steve Williams, and social service worker Karen Bridgman-Acker.

The Premier's Awards will be presented in Niagara Falls on Feb. 21st. Winners

receive a \$5,000 bursary to designate as they choose. Connolly has decided to apportion his award as five \$1,000 scholarships to establish the David Connolly Apprenticeship Training Program, which will support Sheridan graduate students who wish to return to the college and gain practical training as directors or choreographers.

Connolly's achievements, along with those of Glen Brownridge, Karen Chan, Jane Stark and Laurie Williamson — other Premier's Award nominees from Sheridan — will be celebrated by the college community on Feb. 15th.

This event will coincide with the release of a new CD by Connolly, 'If You Believe,' the proceeds of which will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Photos by Barrie Erskine



Members of the Oakville Fire Department's hazardous materials team suit up to contain the chemical spill.

## More GO trains headed for Bronte

By Howard Mozel  
OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

It was good news for Halton on Friday with approval of the 2000 GO Transit budget by the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB).

Contained within the budget are several items of significance to Halton residents, the most noteworthy being a return to all-day GO train service to the Lakeshore West and East lines.

This means that starting this spring, the Fairview and Appleby stations in Burlington, as well as the Bronte station, will regain hourly train service from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are currently six trains in the morning and in the evening that serve the three stations. For those who wanted to take the train between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., commuters had to take a bus to the Oakville station.

The new schedule, said mayor Ann Mulvale, will help free up parking at the Oakville GO station on Cross Avenue as well as alleviate some congestion on the QEW. However, said Mulvale, these enhancements will be vulnerable if GO ridership does not increase significantly.

The 2000 budget also includes a 15-cent, across the board fare increase which regional chair Joyce Savoline says will finance the all-day service improvements. This is effective April 17th.

Other upgrades within the system include the rehabilitation of trains and rail cars plus new buses, tracks and stations.

Mulvale was pleased that on Friday the GTSB did not challenge the proposed funding arrangement between Toronto and its surrounding municipalities, which works out to roughly \$5.1 million for Halton and \$26.6 million for Toronto.

The budget also outlines how GO Transit staff will continue to work with municipal transit managers to seek ways to improve and promote local transit as a way of accessing GO Transit stations.

"I am very pleased with the GTSB's decision," said Savoline. "Halton Region has a significant

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## QEP blood donor clinic Friday

A blood donor clinic is being held this Friday at Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) School.

The clinic is accepting blood donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donors must be healthy and between 17 and 70 years of age.

QEP is located at 2301 Yolanda Dr.

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