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## Man arrested in armed Edith Street stand-off

Halton Regional Police arrested a 43-year-old Georgetown man after an armed stand-off on Edith Street last Tuesday night.

Members of the Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU) surrounded the residence north of Church Street, bringing an end to a scene which had begun more than six hours earlier.

According to police reports, the female landlord attended 11 Division in Georgetown to file a complaint against a male resident in the home at approximately 5:15 pm. She alleged that he had fired a gun in close proximity to her while inside the house. Apparently the gun was fired as a result of an argument between the man and the woman regarding his employment. Both parties work with a program called "Bridge" which helps ex-convicts re-adapt to society after release from prison.

left the woman temporarily deaf.

After attempting to contact the male, police attended the scene and set up a perimeter. Police also confirmed the fact that the man was armed with an assault rifle. Constables on the scene summoned the Halton Regional Police Service TRU as well as a police negotiator.

The negotiator was eventually able to get in touch with the man and attempted to have him surrender to police. Police report that the man continually refused to

The sound of the gunshot

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**SIGN IN, PLEASE:** Halton's newest police constable, Roger Wilkie, signs-in in front of Justice of the Peace William Phipps at Halton Regional Centre in Oakville. Training Officer Sgt. Brenda Glass and Rev. Hans Hamer, Chaplain for Halton Regional Police Service, look on in approval. Const. Wilkie and Const. Sean Hann are the two newest additions to 11 Division on Guelph Street. (Jamie Harrison photo)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOUR WORSHIPS!** Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, left, and Regional Chair Joyce Savoline recently got a visit from Santa Claus at the Mayor's annual luncheon at North Halton Golf and Country Club. (Mimi Burdett photo)

## Act now to improve core, respondents say

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini

When it comes to revitalizing the downtown core of Georgetown, some people want to see something done now, not later.

A majority of those who responded to a survey circulated by Councillor John Day want more than talk when it comes to improving the core and are in favour of getting on with concrete suggestions.

Day presented the findings of the survey to Council recently, noting that he'd had approximately 12 to 13 per cent response to the 1,000 plus surveys he'd sent out. The widely-circulated survey

asked people to list the top three items they feel would improve downtown Georgetown. It also asked if they would like to be part of a public consultation process and for any other comments.

The public responses defined 16 categories including traffic improvements, safety measures, heritage preservation, tourism and merchandising. The comments show the many competing interests in the core — some people suggested Main Street should be closed off to cars to make a pedestrian mall while others said it should never be closed and, in fact, should be widened to make it

easier for motorists to get to the shopping area.

In the safety category, some respondents said loitering should be discouraged,

that there should be regular police patrols along with improved lighting, sidewalk and road conditions.

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## No Gemini next week

In an effort to ensure that the staff of *The Georgetown Gemini* has time to spend Christmas with their families, there will be no *Georgetown Gemini* next week.

The decision by publisher Paul Nolan follows a tradition set with *The Acton Tanner*. Mr. Nolan's decision gives the staff of his publications a short holiday and also respects the Christmas season.

*The Georgetown Gemini* will be back in your mailbox the following week, though a day earlier, on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

From the staff of *The Georgetown Gemini*, Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeking you in 1997.

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