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## In the Hills

### Tree trimming

The annual Trim the Tree party will be held at the Glen Williams Town Hall on Main Street in Glen Williams Dec. 16 beginning at 8 p.m.

The trim the tree party is open to the general public.

### Santa visits

Santa will be making one of his last stops before Christmas at the Glen Williams Town Hall for the annual children's Christmas party Dec. 17.

The party is a drop-in this year, in order to avoid long line-ups to see Santa.

Prizes, games, refreshments and pictures with Santa will be going on throughout the party which runs from 2 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

For more information call Shleigh Law at 877-8225.

### Mayor's luncheon

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce will present the second annual Mayor's Luncheon Monday, Dec. 12 at the North Halton Golf Club.

This is an opportunity to hear the mayor review the town's progress during 1988, including the highs and lows, what was accomplished and things that are still outstanding.

Mayor Russ Miller will highlight new developments that are in the planning stages, give updates on some of the items that he discussed last year including the Municipal Complex, development south of town and he will also answer questions about the Town of Halton Hills.

Anyone wishing to join the mayor for lunch can call 877-7119 to reserve a ticket.

### Y programs

The YMCA is now taking registrations for Christmas programs for children aged 4 to 16. Activities include trips to the Metro Zoo, Casa Loma, Harbourfront, City Hall, Science Centre, an Alpine Ski package at Glen Eden, Computer Camp, and much, much more.

For further information, call your YMCA office: Georgetown 877-6163, Acton 853-1070, Milton 878-0548.

### Photo Art

Photo enthusiasts can start preparing now for the eighth annual PhotoArt competition in February.

The Halton Hills Camera Club has taken over the competition which began in 1980.

Last year PhotoArt drew more than 300 entries, said Club president Peter Moss.

Rules and prizes will be released shortly.

Winners will have their work displayed for a month at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery.

### UNICEF cards

The local YMCA offices in Georgetown and Acton now have UNICEF Christmas cards available.

A good selection of the cards can be found at the Y office on Main Street in Georgetown and at the Y office on Main Street in Acton, but as they are sold, the supply is sure to diminish.

### LaLeche meeting

LaLeche League of Acton welcomes all winners interested in breast-feeding information to the next meeting on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Information and Social Services Centre on Willow Street.

Discussion will include introducing solids and weaning.

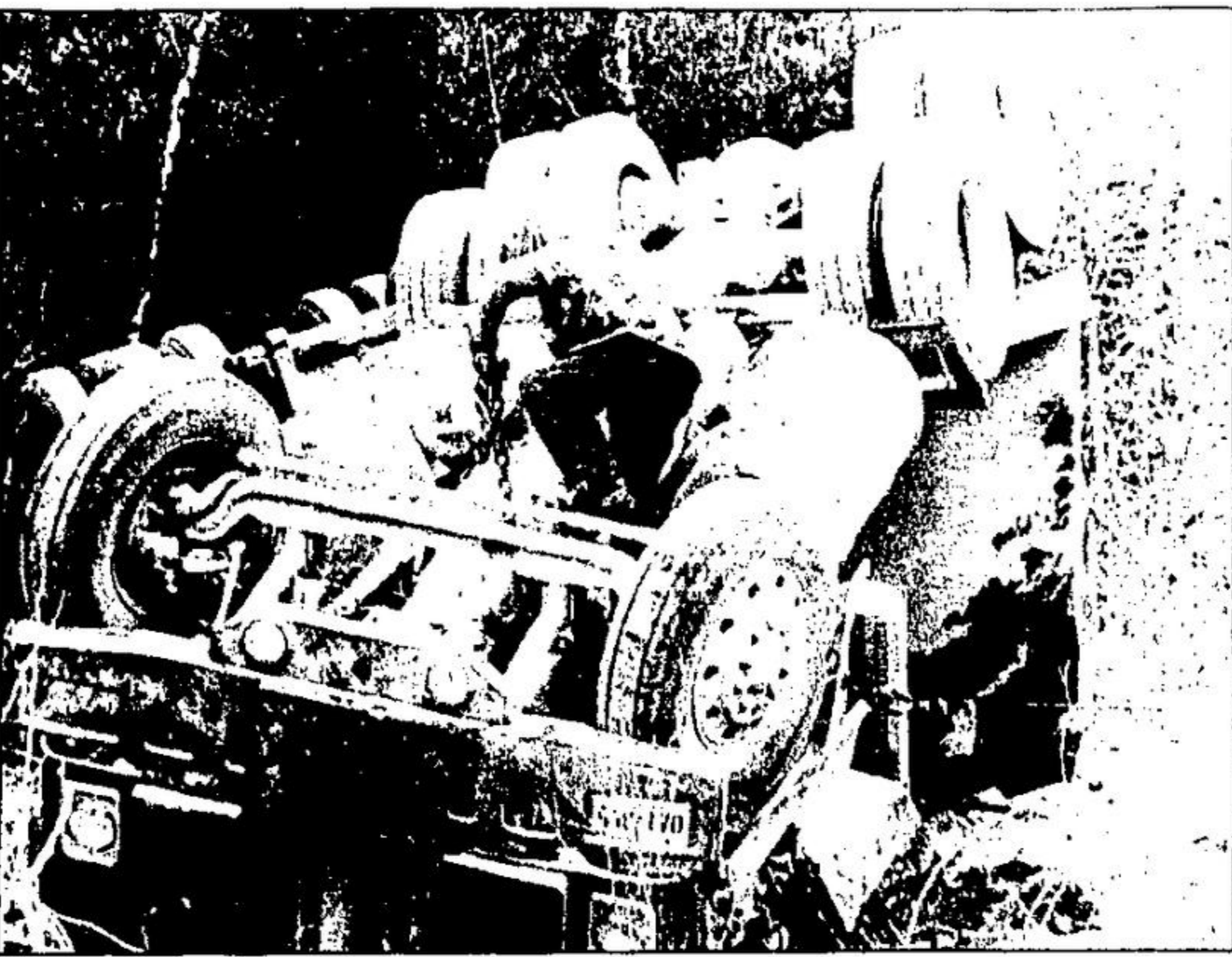
For more information call 878-4732 or 878-3994

### Making bread

December 14 at 9:30 a.m. the Georgetown Parent-Child Centre is offering a 1½ to 2 hour breadbaking workshop. This will be great for ideas and instruction for holiday baking. It will be led by Kim Springer and childcare will be provided. Due to limited spaces please call Gail at 873-2960 to register for this morning. The Centre will be closed for the last two weeks of December and will reopen Jan. 3 for regular operations.

Only 16 shopping days until Christmas!

# Truck driver rescued from mangled wreckage



A tow truck operator spent 30 minutes trying to upright the truck after a 4½-hour rescue by firefighters and ambulance attendants early Monday. The gravel truck was coming down a steep hill when it failed to negotiate a sharp turn at the bottom and flipped over. The driver is listed in serious condition at Sunnybrook Hospital. (Herald photos by Brian MacLeod)



Halton Hills ambulance attendants, paramedics and a doctor from Sunnybrook Hospital worked feverishly to place special pressurized trousers around 24-year-old gravel truck driver Richard Coles after a 4½-hour rescue operation on the Ninth Line south of Sideroad 27 early Monday. A construction crew from nearby Halton Hills Village was called to help raise the overturned truck to allow attendants access to the driver. (Herald photos by Brian MacLeod)

## Ordeal lasts over four hours

By BRIAN MACLEOD  
Herald Staff

Georgetown firefighters and ambulance crews worked for 4½ hours to free a gravel truck driver pinned in his crushed cab after his truck flipped over on the Ninth Line north of Glen Williams early Monday.

Richard Coles, 24, of Hillsburgh is listed in serious condition in Sunnybrook Hospital's surgical progressive care unit.

Halton Hills Volunteer Ambulance President Doug McLeod called the 4½-hour vigil the "longest and most difficult" rescue he's attempted in his 12 years with the service.

The truck was travelling south-bound on the Ninth Line when it failed to negotiate a sharp left-hand curve at the bottom of a steep hill just below Sideroad 27. The truck flipped over dumping its load and pinning the driver inside.

Ambulance crews responded to the call shortly after 7 a.m. but it wasn't until 11:30 a.m. that the driver was removed and transferred into an air ambulance helicopter and transported to Sunnybrook Hospital.

"When we got there, we could see his right arm - just an arm. We checked and we had a pulse," said Mr. McLeod.

But the cab was buried two feet deep in mud making it almost impossible to gain access to the driver, he said.

A construction crew supplied by Wimpey Homes Ltd. working in Halton Hills Village was called to the scene and a front-end loader gradually raised the cab out of the mud.

As the cab was raised, firefighters cut away trees to allow easier access to the truck. Firemen then shored up the cab with wood as it was lifted out of the mud.

Two paramedics arrived on the scene in the helicopter at 9:40 a.m. After examining the driver, they flew back to Sunnybrook to pick up surgeon Barry McLellan and returned to the scene at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Throughout the ordeal, ambulance attendants covered the driver with heatpacks to avoid hypothermia in the bitterly cold wind and administered blood and oxygen to the driver, said Mr. McLeod.

Firefighters worked for hours, using hacksaws to cut away the steering column, the housing and transmission to help free the pinned driver.

The Jaws of Life were used only to spread the metal near the door.

"The cab was crushed and everything had to be done by hand," said Mr. McLeod.

The driver remained conscious and talked to ambulance attendants and firefighters throughout the rescue, said Mr. McLeod.

"He was talkative but we kept his voice down so he wouldn't use too much oxygen," said ambulance attendant Gord Kearney.

Ambulance attendants cut away the driver's trousers to get him out of the cab. More than 4½ hours after the accident he was loaded into a stretcher, where attendants placed pressure pants around his legs to slow the blood circulation to his legs in order to keep blood near the major organs.

The driver suffered external lacerations but Mr. McLeod suspected he also suffered internal bleeding, as well as abdominal, leg and hip injuries.

"It was one hell of a good team effort with the fire department and us," Mr. McLeod said.

The crew of between 30 and 40 people, including firefighters, ambulance attendants and construction crews, felt "great relief" once the driver was extracted alive, he said.

Halton Regional Police Sgt. Keith Woudstra believes the driver was lost. He was coming from a quarry somewhere in Erin Township and he should have been on the 10th Line, said Sgt. Woudstra.

"But he couldn't go backward so he went forward."

There are no charges pending in the accident.

## Store employee held up at knifepoint by robber

An employee at Target Convenience Stores on Guelph Street was robbed at knifepoint at 3 a.m. Thursday morning.

Halton Regional Police say a night shift employee was approached by a man wielding a wooden-handled knife with a three- to four-inch blade. He demanded cash from the employee, who handed him between \$75 and \$80 from the till.

Police describe the suspect as a male between the age of 19 and 21 years, from 5'3" to 5'5" tall, with a slender build and shoulder-length

light blond hair. He was clean-shaven, and wearing a black bomber jacket and dark blue jeans.

Store manager Beryl Wright said there will be "added security" on the night shifts. Large amounts of money are not kept in the register at night, she added.

The suspect, she said, seemed "more nervous" than the employee was, leading her to believe it was the man's first robbery.

Police are still investigating the incident.

## Leaders facing transition years

# New council members sworn in

For five, it was a whole new experience.

For the remaining 12 veterans the swearing-in ceremony for municipal councillors and hydro commissioners Monday signified a chance for a fresh start.

There will be four new councillors to go along with the eight incumbents and Mayor Russ Miller, and one new hydro commissioner to guide Halton Hills through what will likely be a major transition for the town in the next three years.

In his inaugural address to his colleagues and to about 250 people in the audience, Mayor Miller vowed to protect the life residents have come to know in Halton Hills.

"It is important that we keep the rural culture and agricultural areas protected," Mayor Miller said of the town's task for the coming term.

The town has taken steps to increase residential growth in order to lessen the tax burden on existing ratepayers, and councillors will continue to seek a better ratio between residential and industrial development to keep residential taxes down, he said.

And the new civic centre will bring town employees under one roof, making municipal government in Halton Hills more efficient, the mayor said.

He renewed his promise to stop the proposed private landfill site in Acton. "The proposal will be stopped as it has been in past years," he said.

Mayor Miller, who donned a tuxedo for the occasion, said the town's roads need to be improved and the need for a public transit services will be monitored.

He addressed the affordable housing issue, saying new initiatives are needed from councillors in the coming term.

But through all the new development, the town needs to expand its cultural and recreational facilities, said Mayor Miller.

And councillors must seek to improve communication between council, staff and the electorate, he said.

"Councillors will continue to build credibility between your council and the people of Halton Hills," he said.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Halton North MPP Walt Elliott also had a few words of encouragement for councillors, who were sworn in by Judge Kenneth

Langdon.

"There is a great deal of continuity in this council and that is extremely important," said Mr. Pomeroy, whose own future will be decided today when Regional council meets to either re-instate him or choose a new chairman.

He congratulated the mayor for his leadership in building the new

civic centre and he urged councillors to keep a close eye on new growth.

Mr. Elliott called the previous council a "dedicated hardworking crew."

The community must have approved of the previous council because of the eight acclamations, Mr. Elliott said, singling out Pam Johnston's elevation to Regional council from local council which went unchallenged.

"We're in a time of change and I think this is particularly true for the town of Halton Hills," said Mr. Elliott.

The town also received letters of congratulations from newly elected Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner and from Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Andy Brandt.



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller signs his inauguration papers, also signed by Judge Kenneth Langdon (looking on) during the swearing-in ceremony at John Elliott theatre Monday. Along with the mayor, 12 councillors and four hydro commissioners were sworn in. (Herald photo)