



OH, BABY: Baby Melissa Noel Rentz of Acton, in the arms of Georgetown and District Hospital nurse Carol Reid who delivered her, made a speedy entrance into this world on Christmas Day after her parents, Aurelia Enselmoz and Eric Rentz, got a police escort to the hospital for the sudden birth. -Submitted photo



ALMOST MIDWIVES: Halton Police Constables J.P. Filippetto (left) and Suzanne Bedard proudly pose with Melissa Noel Rentz of Acton who was born at Georgetown hospital on Christmas Day just minutes after the officers provided a police escort to parents-to-be, Aurelia Enselmoz and Eric Rentz, who were racing to the hospital to beat the clock. -Submitted photo

POLICE BEAT

Vet clinic foils thieves

Four men were seen running from the Acton Veterinary Clinic on River Street at 3:42 a.m. on New Year's Day. The suspects had kicked in the wooden door beside the clinic's main entrance but didn't get in. The four white males ran north on Main Street. Two years ago thieves broke into the clinic on New Year's Eve and stole a cylinder of nitrous oxide (laughing gas).

pickup truck, owned by an Acton resident, parked at the olde Hide House between 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday. Police report a would-be thief who attempted to hot-wire the green 1996 Chev Sierra ripped out the dash.

Bus bust

A male Young Offender from Acton has been charged with theft over \$5,000 in connection with an incident involving a parked school bus. A witness called police at 11:30 Saturday night after they saw a man jump out of the rear emergency door of a Laidlaw school bus parked on Lake Avenue. The suspect left the scene in another vehicle. A police search of the bus turned up information that led to the arrest.

Car entry

An antique pocket knife and some cash - total value \$460 - were stolen from a 1991 Chev Blazer parked overnight December 21 and 22 on Perth Street. The door

had been jimmed open. **Christmas B & E**

Nothing was taken during a break-in on Christmas Day at a Bower Avenue residence. The home was entered through a rear window and although drawers in a bedroom dresser were searched, nothing was taken.

Smoky fireplaces

A homeowner on the Sixth Line, north of Highway 7, was told not to use his fireplace again until it had been inspected after Acton fire fighters extinguished a chimney fire at 4:38 Sunday afternoon. The fire was contained in the firebox and there was no damage.

Fire fighters emptied a fireplace and ventilated a Trillium Terrace home at 8:36 Saturday night after receiving a call about smoke in the house. Officials believe the smoke was forced back down the chimney and into the house by high winds. There was no damage or injuries.

Frozen body shot

A bullet in the head killed a Toronto man whose frozen body was found in an Oakville field off Trafalgar Road, north of Derry Road, last Thursday. Sean Anderson, 32, had been reported missing on December 4 by his girlfriend. An autopsy was conducted on Sunday after the body had thawed. No suspect has been named.

Dash damaged

Approximately \$550 damage was done to the dash of a

Police escort beats stork

A couple of Halton police constables just about became midwives as they escorted Acton mom-to-be Aurelia Enselmoz and her frantic husband Eric Rents to hospital in Georgetown on Christmas morning. As Rentz and his labour-

ing wife sped eastbound on Highway 7 near the Fifth Line he flashed his lights at Constable J.P. Filippetto who stopped to ask what the problem was. He quickly realized that the baby wasn't going to wait long to be born.

Constable Suzanne Bedard arrived on the scene and both officers, sirens wailing and lights flashing, escorted the couple to hospital, where nine minutes later at 7:45 a.m., eight-pound Melissa Noel, the couple's third child, was born.

Halton to celebrate Year of the elderly

The United Nations has designated 1999 as the International year of the Older Person and Halton will celebrate.

Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton North, announced today a committee has been established which will determine how best to spend \$20,000 available for local projects attached to this special event.

The committee will look at projects which will assist seniors and community groups. Mr. Chudleigh encourages all residents of Halton to come forward with their ideas. For

more information call Anne Berry at 878-1729.

Projects have to recognize the theme "Ontario - a province for all ages" and must be completed by December 31, 1999. Communities will be expected to contribute at least 15 per cent of the cost to each project.

Ontario currently has 1.45 million people over the age of 65 representing about 12 per cent of the population. The number of seniors will increase dramatically by the year 2021 when about 18 per cent of the population will be over the ages of 65.

The oldest segment of seniors, those above 85 years of age, will increase the most. In 2021 this group will be about 7.6 per cent of the population compared to 5.3 per cent in 1997.


Women make up almost 58 per cent of those aged 65 or older in Ontario.

Christmas pick up

Make sure you remove all of the tired tinsel, decorations and any wire or nails before you put your Christmas tree out for pickup on your regular garbage collection day next week. The trees will be chipped and composted and must be free of contamination so they can be recycled.

Also remember to remove wrapping paper and ribbon from cardboard gift boxes before they are flattened and bundled for regular Blue Box material pickup.

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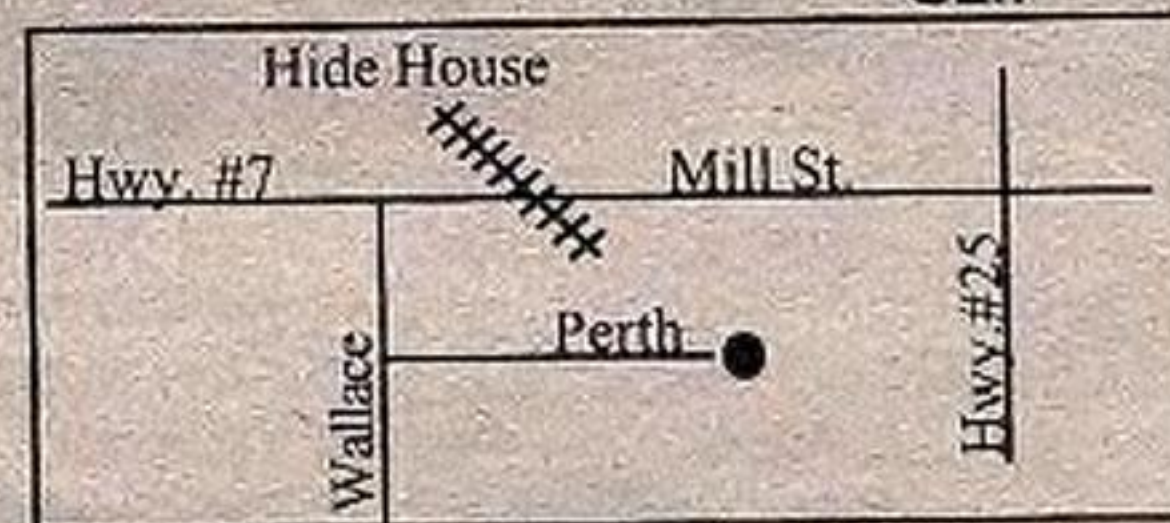
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