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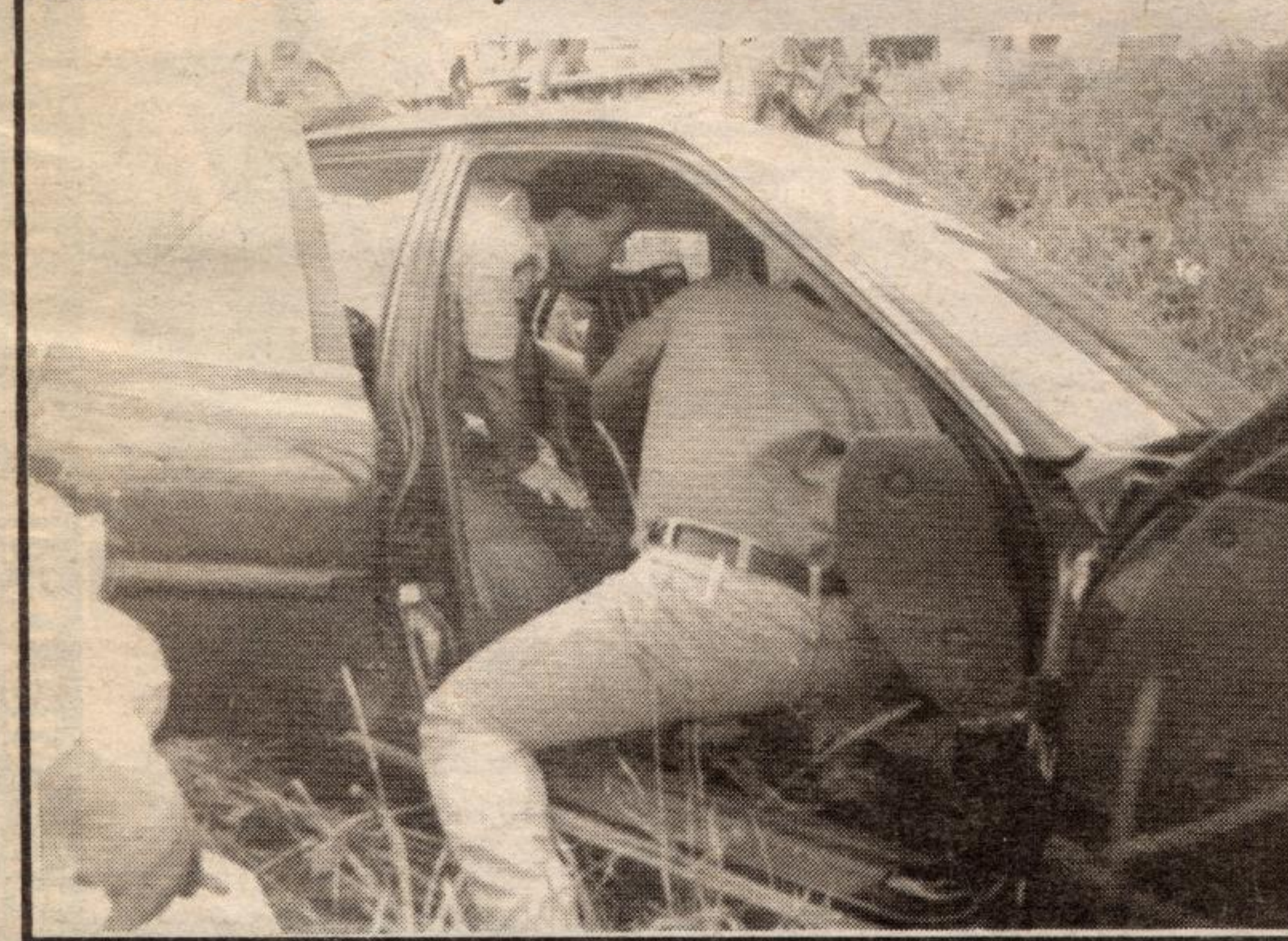
Three people were taken to hospital following a two-vehicle accident at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7 Monday morning.

According to Milton OPP, a 1991 Honda was making a left turn onto westbound Highway 7 at about 11 a.m. when it was struck by an eastbound 1987 Chevrolet. The Honda then slid into the ditch on the north side of Highway 7.

The driver of the Honda, a 76-year-old Oakville man was trapped in the vehicle for about 45-minutes as ambulance officers and firefighters worked to free him. The man's 72-year-old wife and their grandson escaped the car with minor injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet also escaped with minor injuries. No damage estimate was available at press time and no charges had been laid.

(Above) While ambulance officers work inside the vehicle to stabilize its injured driver, Halton Hills firefighters work to extricate the man.

(Below) Halton Hills Ambulance officer Peter Wolfe (left) and firefighter Gord Noakes work within the tight confines of the wrecked Honda to stabilize its 78-year-old driver.



Mayor Miller favors review committee proposal

By Dianne Cornish

The formation of an Acton Quarry Review Committee, proposed Monday by Halton North MPP Noel Duignan, has been welcomed by Mayor Russ Miller.

"It's very important that this committee be established," the Halton Hills mayor said during a telephone interview while relaying his concern that groundwater sources for the Town be sufficiently protected if the quarry expands.

Mayor Miller was among officials attending a press conference at Duignan's Milton office, Monday morning. Also present were Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and Halton Region Conservation Authority general manager Murray Stephen.

The meeting was called to discuss environmental land use issues in Halton, specifically those related to the Niagara Escarpment. In light of a recent announcement by Environment Minister Ruth Grier

that United Aggregates' plans to expand the Acton Quarry south of Regional Road 43 "cannot be designated under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)" for review, Duignan has proposed a special review committee composed of all parties affected by the mining company's expansion plans.

United Aggregates owns a 575-acre quarry on the east side of Highway 25, south of Acton. The company is currently working a portion of the quarry on the north side of Regional Road 43, but plans to extend operations to 315 acres south of the road.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has final authority over the quarry license and will determine if the quarrying area can be increased.

"Since the licensed area that is not disturbed south of Regional Road 43 is part of two important

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Halton keeps watchful eye on Peel landfill search

By Dianne Cornish

Halton Region will "continue to be vigilant" of the overall process undertaken by the Interim Waste Authority (IWA) in its search for a landfill site for Peel Region, a report to regional councillors said Wednesday.

"Staff are currently monitoring the process initiated by the IWA for Peel Region since the Region of Halton is immediately adjacent to Peel and there may be a potential impact on Halton depending on the site that is selected," the report said.

The report from the region's Planning and Development Commissioner Rash Mohammed was presented at a meeting of the region's planning and public works committee.

There are 21 candidate sites on the long list of potential areas being considered for the Peel landfill. Three of the sites lie on the east side of Winston Churchill Boulevard, south of Mayfield Road, and abut Halton Region's eastern border.

"I'm glad to see Regional staff are on top of this," Halton Hills

councillor Rick Bonnette told fellow committee members. "The impacts of the three sites are just as great as if they were located in Halton Hills."

Halton Hills is within the one-kilometre environmental impact zone of the abutting sites, he said.

In his comments to committee members, Bonnette also took shots at the Minister of the Environment Ruth Grier and the provincial government's decision to pass along the responsibility of finding a long-term landfill facility for Peel to the IWA, a crown agency established in April, 1991.

"The IWA is nothing but a

henchman, going out to do what the Ministry (of Environment) won't do," he said. The agency has been given the task of identifying sites for the landfill and eventually selecting one site that will be subject to review and approval under the Environmental Assessment Act.

"Here we go again," Bonnette remarked referring to Halton Hills' battle to keep a landfill site out of the Acton Quarry and the possibility of another fight to prevent the location of the Peel site near the town's border.

The Halton Hills councillor further noted that the Town doesn't

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Court again

For the third time in as many weeks, the Georgetown man charged with murder made a brief court appearance and was remanded in custody.

Keith Bettridge, 36, made yet another court appearance Monday and he case was put over to August 31.

Bettridge was charged with murder June 27 after the body of 30-year-old Kimberly Thompson was found in a house on the Eighth Line north of Steeles Avenue.

Thompson died of a single gunshot wound through the left eye.

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