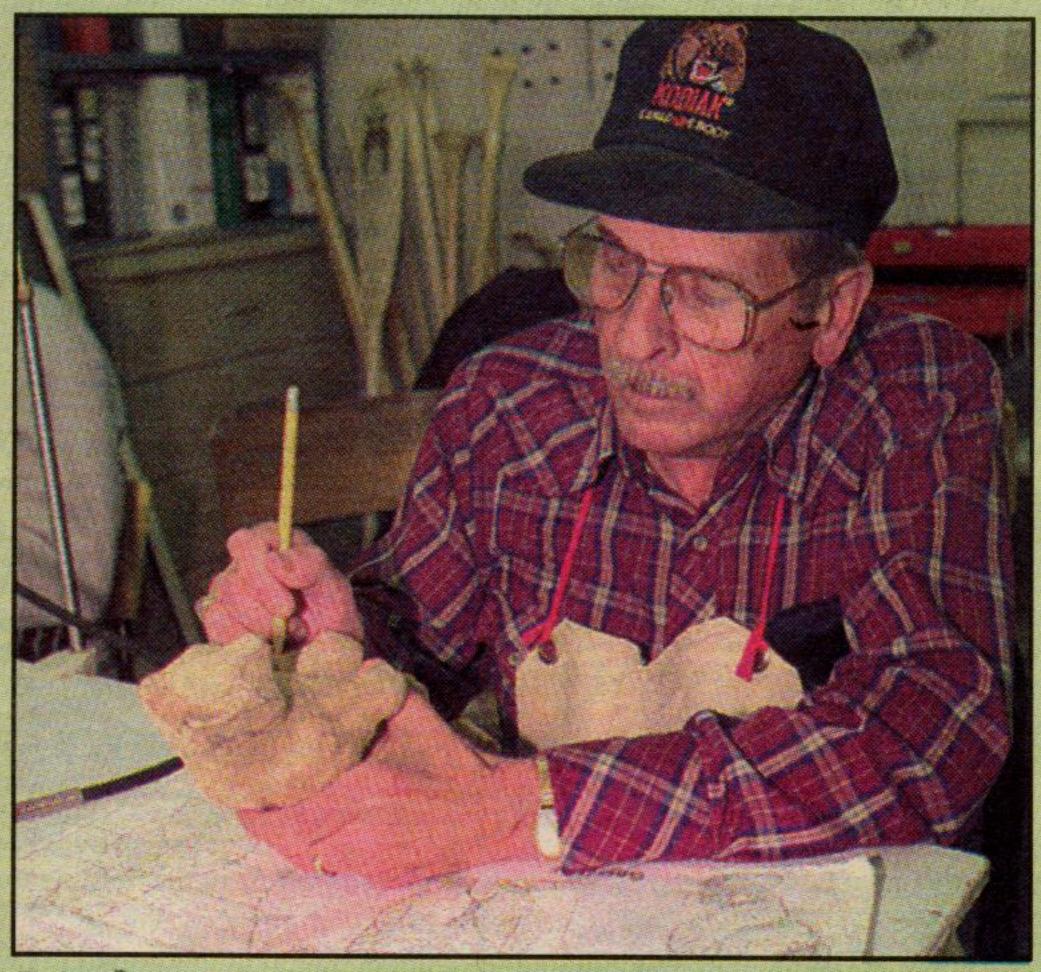
Instructor Jim Van Koughnet runs classes in wood carving at his Williams Mill location. Here, Van Koughnet shows some of his expertise with a knife.



Bob Gougeon, president of the Halton Carvers club, fine tunes one of his pieces. There are currently 13 members in the club which meets every Tuesday at the Williams Mill.

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### Local wood carvers specialize in making something out of nothing

Thile many marvel at the beauty of a wood carving, few actually take the effort to try the craft.

But with the formation of the Halton Carvers, a handful of Halton Hills area

people have found satisfaction creating their own works of art.

Meeting Tuesday nights in the Williams Mill in Glen Williams, the group currently boasts 13 members there is but potential for many more says club president Bob Gougeon.

Veteran wood carver Jim Van Koughnet is the proprietor of the shop, and gives lessons as well, but the group's association with Van Koughnet is primarily social, since they share the same interests.

"We carve in almost any type of wood," says Van Koughnet, "But most like to use bass or butternut, while the odd person carves tupelo, which is imported from the Louisiana swamps."

Van Koughnet says some have carved antlers and soapstone as well, to give different effects.

Most members of the group tend to be fairly new to carving, while there are a

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couple who have been at it for years.

Although Van Koughnet likes to see the carvers use a knife to carve, he does admit some use power tools to take out the more difficult spots in the wood. In addition, he gives members pointers on

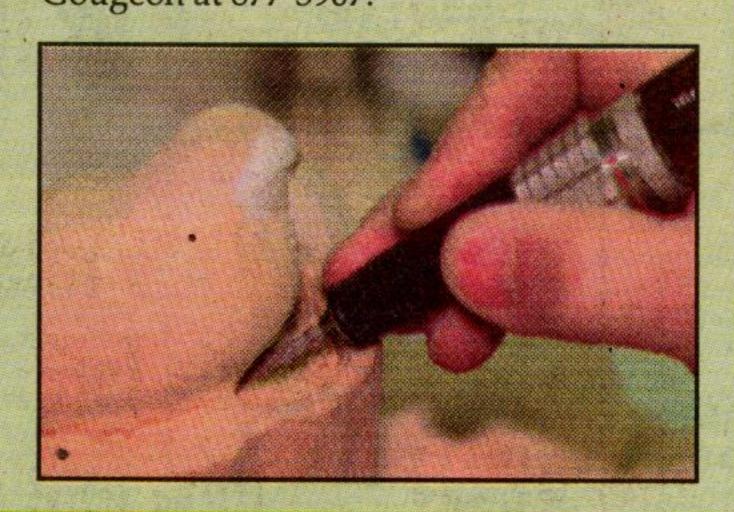
how to paint the finished pieces, and put them on display.

Most carve animals, characters or sea life, but members can carve anything they want, so long as they have a good picture. The picture can be converted into a

pattern, allowing the carver to transform it into a three dimensional image.

"Our club is open to anyone who simply has an interest in carving," says Gougeon. "We charge \$25 membership and \$2 a week for the use of the facilities, so we're fairly reasonable."

New members are welcome to join the group, says Gougeon, and suggests anyone wishing more information can call Jim Van Koughnet at 877-0223 or Bob Gougeon at 877-3907.



## by Ted Brown

## Youngsters hit by car while crossing Mountainview Rd.

wo young girls were injured when they were hit by a car as L they crossed Mountainview Rd. Sunday afternoon.

A spokesperson for Halton police said Alicia Hachey, 11, of Georgetown and her cousin Melissa Cuthbert, 13, of Paris, Ontario, both received head injuries when they were struck by a car as they crossed Mountainview Rd. near Sinclair Ave. Sunday at about 1:10 p.m.

The spokesperson said the two girls were waiting on the east side of the street at the school crossing lane to cross the road when the driver of a car stopped in the right-hand lane signaling to turn right onto Sinclair Ave., waved the girls acrossthe road so they started to cross.

Police said a car, driven by a 38-yearold Georgetown man, in the right-hand northbound lane about five cars back from the vehicle waiting to turn right, pulled

into the left northbound lane to continue on, and struck the kids as they walked out in front of his car.

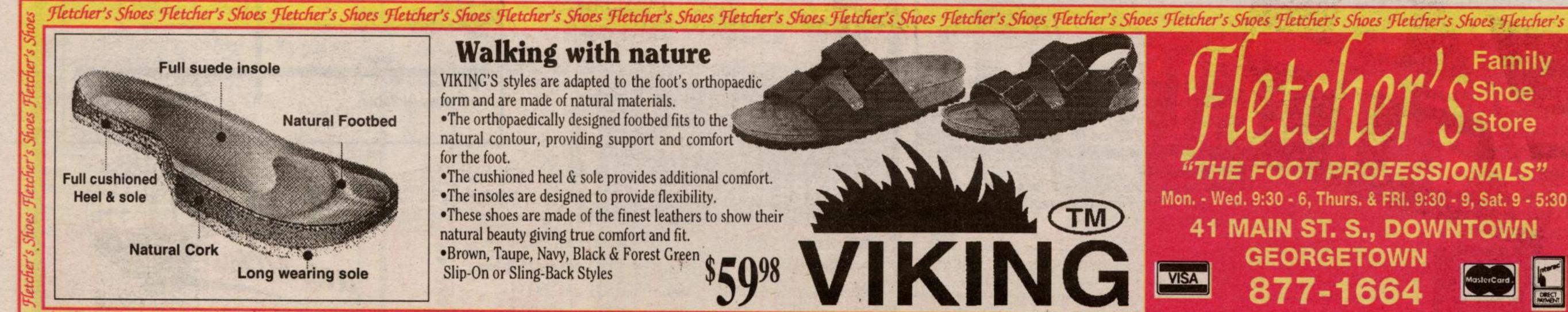
Police report both girls were thrown up on the hood of the car and at least one of the girls hit the car's windshield. Both rolled off the car and landed in the southbound lane of the road.

The driver of the car stopped immediately and attempted to give the girls first aid treatment according to police.

Police added there is no indication the driver was speeding.

The girls were taken to Georgetown Hospital by ambulance. Cuthbert was treated and released and Hachey, who also suffered a fractured leg, was transferred to The Hospital for Sick Children. A hospital spokesperson said Tuesday Hachey was in good condition.

Police are still investigating the accident.



### Walking with nature

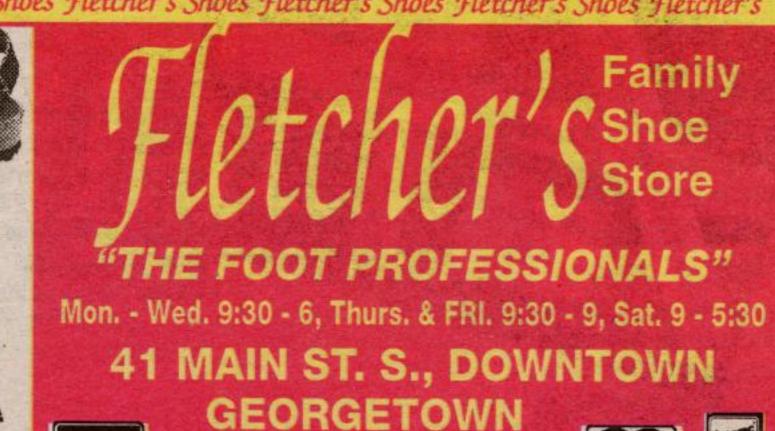
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