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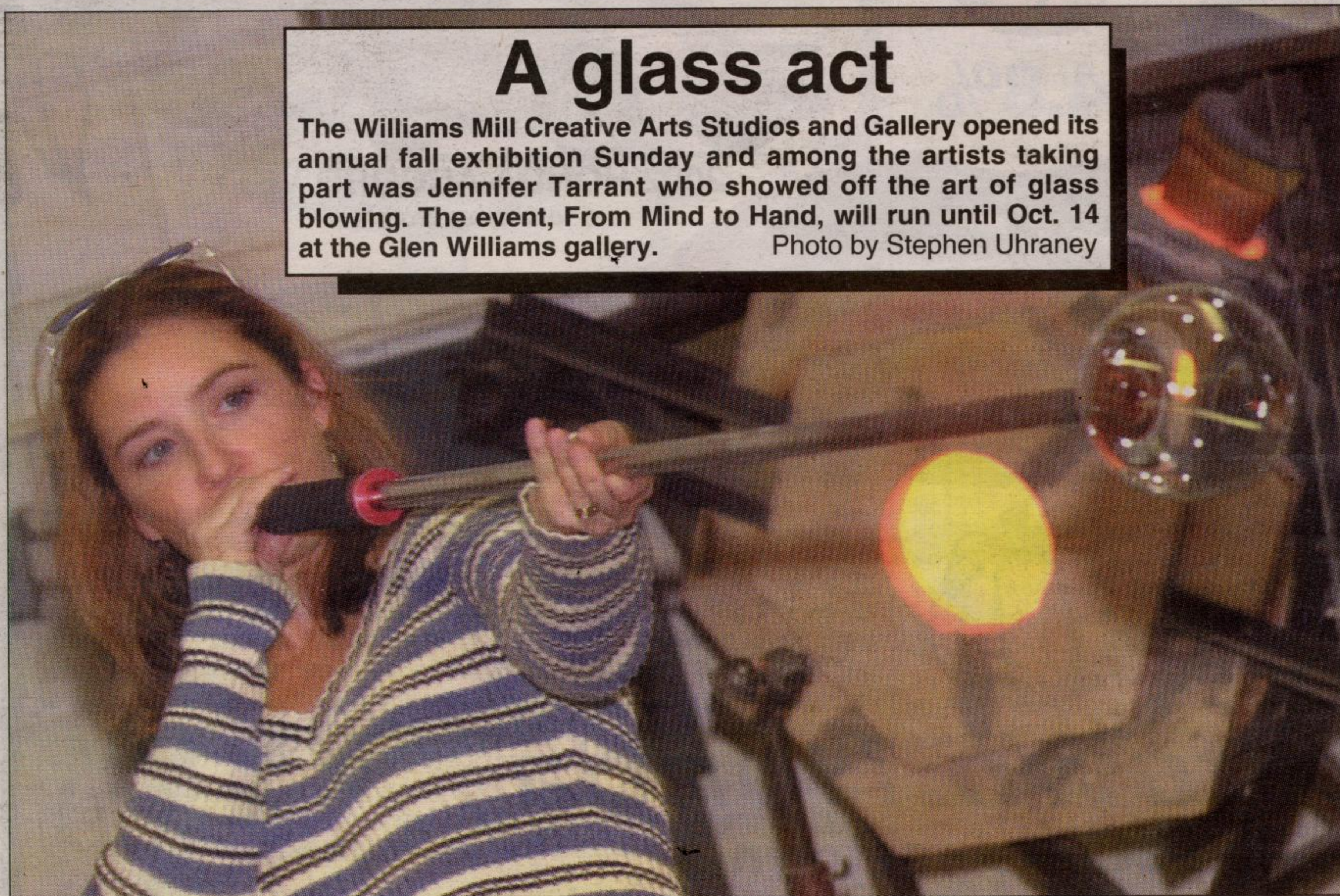
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A glass act

The Williams Mill Creative Arts Studios and Gallery opened its annual fall exhibition Sunday and among the artists taking part was Jennifer Tarrant who showed off the art of glass blowing. The event, *From Mind to Hand*, will run until Oct. 14 at the Glen Williams gallery. Photo by Stephen Uhraney



Baltimore Aircoil ceases operations

Employees at Baltimore Aircoil of Canada Ltd. in Georgetown were shocked Tuesday afternoon to learn the plant was closing and they no longer had jobs.

John Robbins, plant manager, confirmed at 5:30 p.m. the business had closed its facility effective Tuesday.

"The reasons for closure were market decline and excess manufacturing capacity throughout North America," said Robbins in a statement.

"Baltimore Air Coil Co. regrets having to make the decision and is extremely appreciative of the loyal and dedicated service from all its employees."

Robbins would not comment on how many employees lost their jobs at the company but an employee, who did not want his name published, estimated there are 70 staff members at the plant.

He said they are to go back into the plant next week to pick up their severances.

Baltimore Air Coil manufactures and markets evaporative heat transfer and ice thermal storage products.

Consultant's study one of several Plans unveiled for redevelopment of Halton Hills

The future vision for the town's four commercial areas could mean more defined "gateways" with close-to-the street buildings and a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere, all enhanced with extensive landscaping.

That's the look determined by the town's planning consultants in a six-month long study, *Urban Design Study* that calls for redevelopment of the Acton and Georgetown downtowns, Guelph St. corridor and the GO Station district. Consultant Jason Wu presented the study's recommendations to Halton Hills council recently.

The study, one of several being done in preparation for a revised Halton Hills Official Plan (OP) that will be released sometime next year, provides long-term goals, guidelines and policies to be incorporated into the new OP and future zoning bylaws. Suggestions for redevelopment include realigned roads, hidden parking, treed streetscapes, heritage building and enhanced landscape designs, less signage and more lighting

and increased open spaces and trail linkages. No cost analyses were done on any of the recommended actions.

Wu said a lot will not happen overnight; it will be a systematic transformation over time in co-operation with the private sector.

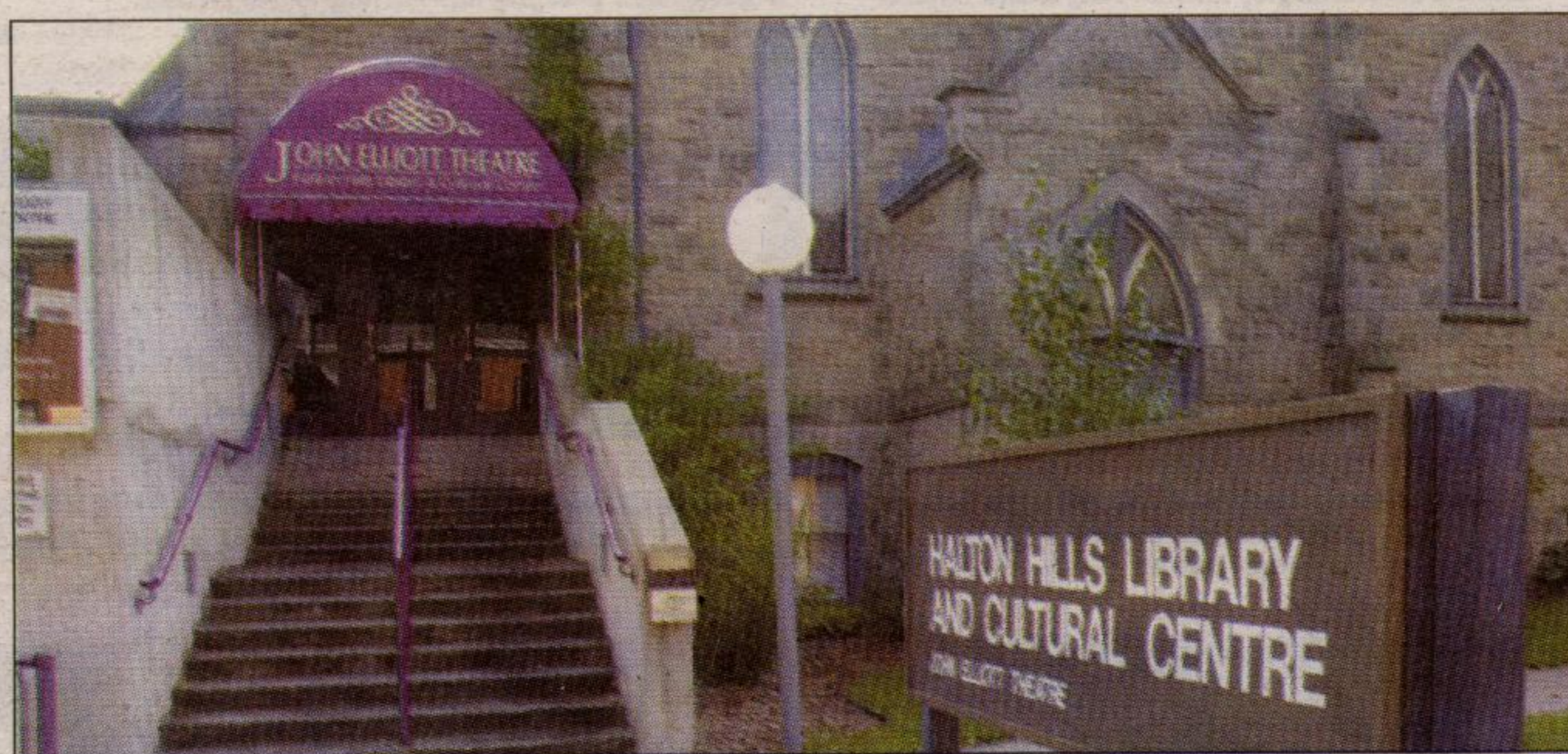
"To make these areas revive and transform, it's very important to have the key members co-operate with each other and in particular, the town itself should have a leadership role to make a commitment to make things happen."

Highlights of each area are:

Georgetown Downtown Core

- Preserve and restore heritage buildings and to encourage any new buildings to conform to heritage design
- Promote the library and Cultural Centre more as an attraction

See PLANS, pg. 3



Promoting the Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre as more of an attraction is part of a planning consultant's vision for Halton Hills. Photo by Ted Brown



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