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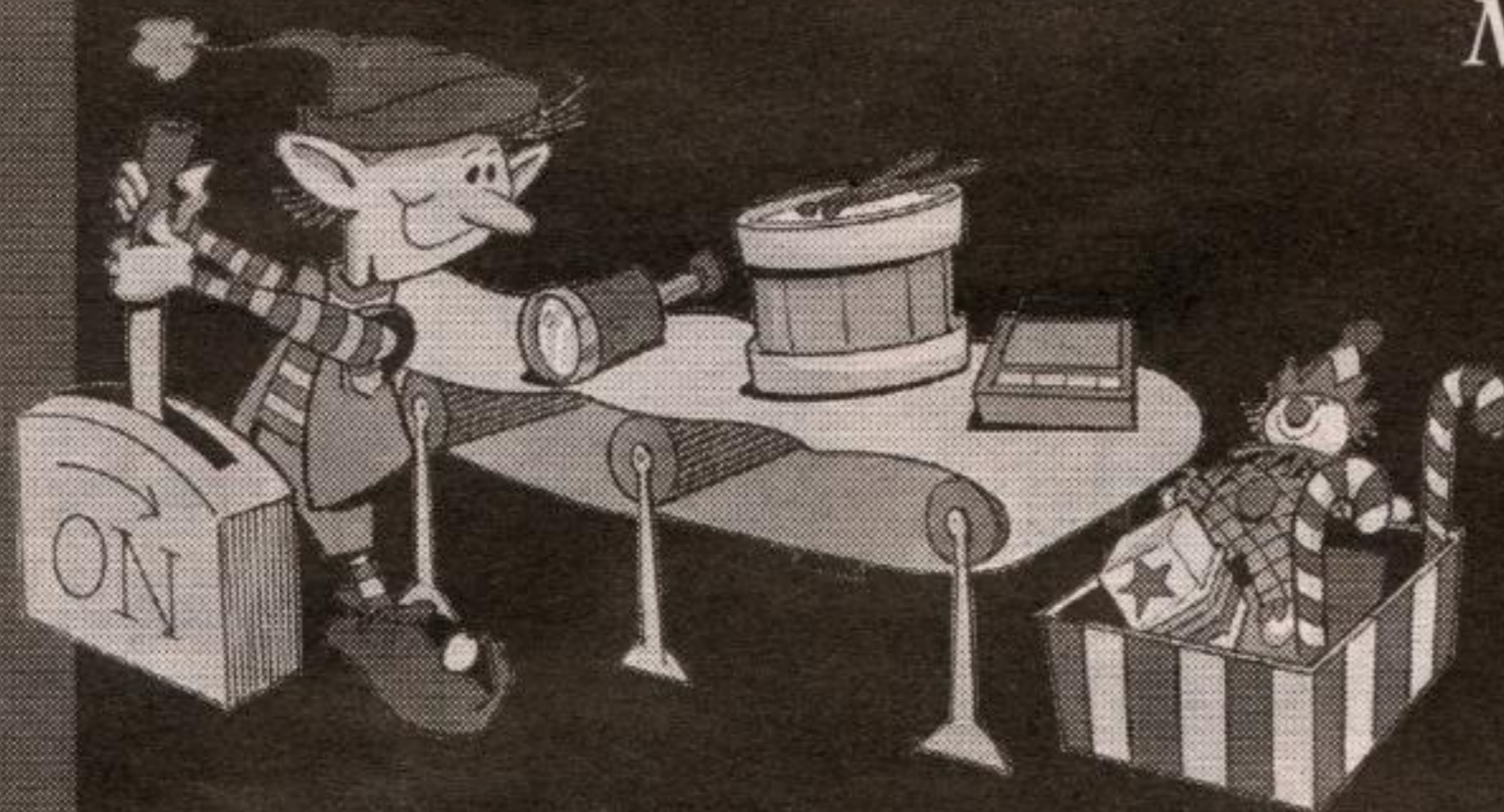
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Bands to play live on Web

In brief

Local bands from Halton Hills, Brampton and Mississauga will be performing on a live Web broadcast as Orchard Studio on Heritage Road will be hosting a non-stop 48-hour music marathon from 5 p.m. Friday, until Sunday evening.

Owner Dave Ferri said the weekend will feature a collection of 30 to 40 bands from a variety of musical talents, including Dean McTaggart,

who has written for Amanda Marshall.

"I like to think of it as Webstock," jokes Ferri. "Three days of peace, love and digital transfer."

The Web cast can be seen by connecting on-line at: www.orchardstudio.com.

Injured driver's condition upgraded

The condition of an Acton woman, injured when her van collided with a tractor-trailer on Regional Rd. 25 Tuesday, is improving in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Carole Lavigne, 42, of Kingham Rd. was airlifted to the Toronto hospital where she was listed in serious condition. Thursday, a spokesperson for the hospital said Lavigne's condition had been upgraded to good.

Police investigation of the acci-

dent, that left Regional Rd. 25 closed for approximately three hours Tuesday afternoon, determined that a northbound tractor-trailer had slowed to turn right into a private drive when it was rear-ended by a northbound mini-van. The 43-year-old driver of the tractor-trailer, also of Acton, was not injured.

Police are still investigating. Any witnesses are asked to call 905-878-5511.

Chamber reacts to Throne Speech

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce applauds the provincial government's move to eliminate the electricity rate price cap as outlined in the recent Throne Speech.

Chamber president Norm Paget credited the government for taking this first step "because in the current climate of capped rates there's reluctance by the industry to make new investments to ensure ade-

quate supply."

"We have always supported measures that not only provide incentive to increase market supply, but also encourage conservation by consumers," said Paget.

The Chamber was also pleased to see the mention of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority and establishment of the Northern Development Council.



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