

#### Milton Historical Society Nominations Requested for Heritage Awards!

To recognize individuals or groups who have completed a heritage project in the following categories.

- Written (Books, Newspaper Article, Poem)
- Visual Arts (Paintings, Prints, Models, Craft)
- Educational (Class or Club Project)

To nominate a person or group, simply send a letter with the nominee's name and project details or phone

Bruce Carlin at 905-875-4588

Mail nomination by Dec. 31st to the Milton Historical Society P.O. Box 85, Milton, Ontario L9T 2Y3

# Conservation Halton board gives thumbs up to \$10 million budget

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The Champion

The Conservation Halton board of directors passed the 2002 budget of \$10 million with minimal discussion at its December 6 meeting.

"The tax supported side of the budget is only 25 per cent," said Theresa Maguire-Garber, CAO/secretary-treasurer of Conservation Halton. "I think only a 25 per cent supported budget is pretty low compared to other conservation authorities."

Municipal funding totalling \$2 million includes \$25,000 for water control structures, \$60,000 for Greenlands Strategy plan and \$106,200 for environmental planning and engineering services.

The water rates for 2002 were also es.

looked at. Conservation Halton is spending \$45,000 on both the Milton Channel and Kelso.

The figure will cover minor and preventative maintenance and operations.

The Milton Channel's primary function is for erosion and flood control, but the channel does convey flows past the Milton Sewage Treatment Plant and in also provides protection to that facility.

The property tax levy, which is a property tax for all watershed residents, is set at \$2.3 million. The includes \$705,332 for land and property management, \$281,961 for water management structures, \$307,737 for watershed environmental services and \$132,536 for forestry services.

"I think \$6 per \$100,000 assessment (annually) is pretty good," Ms Maguire-Garber said.

Board member and Burlington Councillor Carol D'Amelio said she's supportive of the budget, after the executive committee spent a great deal of time mulling over details of the proposed budget.

"I was very concerned about the budget (as presented to the executive committee) because they wanted the tax payers to pick up extra costs on getting extra full time employees for Conservation Halton," Ms D'Amelio told The Champion.

"I didn't believe we should do it that way. I believe the extra cost should come from development."

To all of our patients and their families

## Best Wiskes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

from the office of

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## Two accidents close Regional Road 25, but no one injured

Regional Road 25 was closed twice in two days due to motor vehicle collisions.

On December 7, a truck overturned and blocked the highway near Burnhamthorpe Road in Oakville, closing it for several hours. The driver wasn't injured.

On December 9, a car heading northbound on Regional Road 25 near Britannia Road attempted to make a u-turn in the driving lanes

of the highway and was struck by another northbound car.

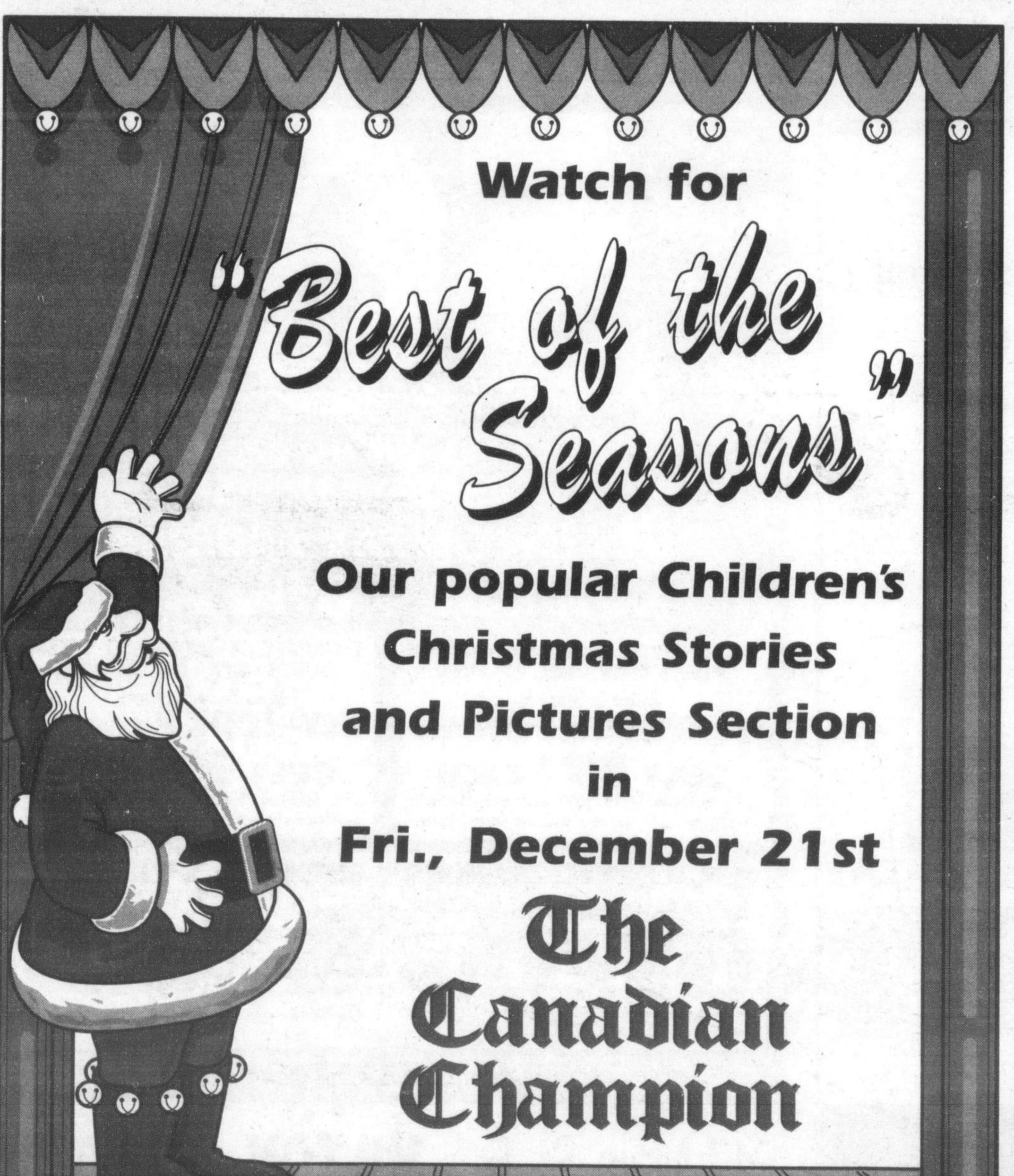
Halton Regional Police along with the Milton Fire Department and ambulance personnel responded to the scene.

The driver of the turning car was transported to Oakville Trafalgar-Memorial Hospital with a fractured spine, while the driver of the second car was treated for broken ribs at Milton District Hospital and

released.

"That stretch of highway is one lane going both ways," said Halton police spokesman Val Hay. "(Collisions occur) because it's a busy highway, along with the truck traffic and speed of the cars. We're hoping people will slow down."

The identities of persons involved in both accidents hadn't been released at press time.



### Respite program offered

Families and caregivers to seniors are getting a break from Halton Region.

The Region is offering a respite program at Wellington Terrace in Burlington to give caregivers some time off. The respite unit is available to all Halton residents.

Seniors staying at the respite unit have access to many of the services available at

the supportive housing site, including 24hour on-site personal support services, emergency call system, dining room service, private bedroom, recreation programs, and more.

For more information, a tour of the respite unit, or to book a stay, call Monica Webber at (905) 825-6000, ext. 4649.

