

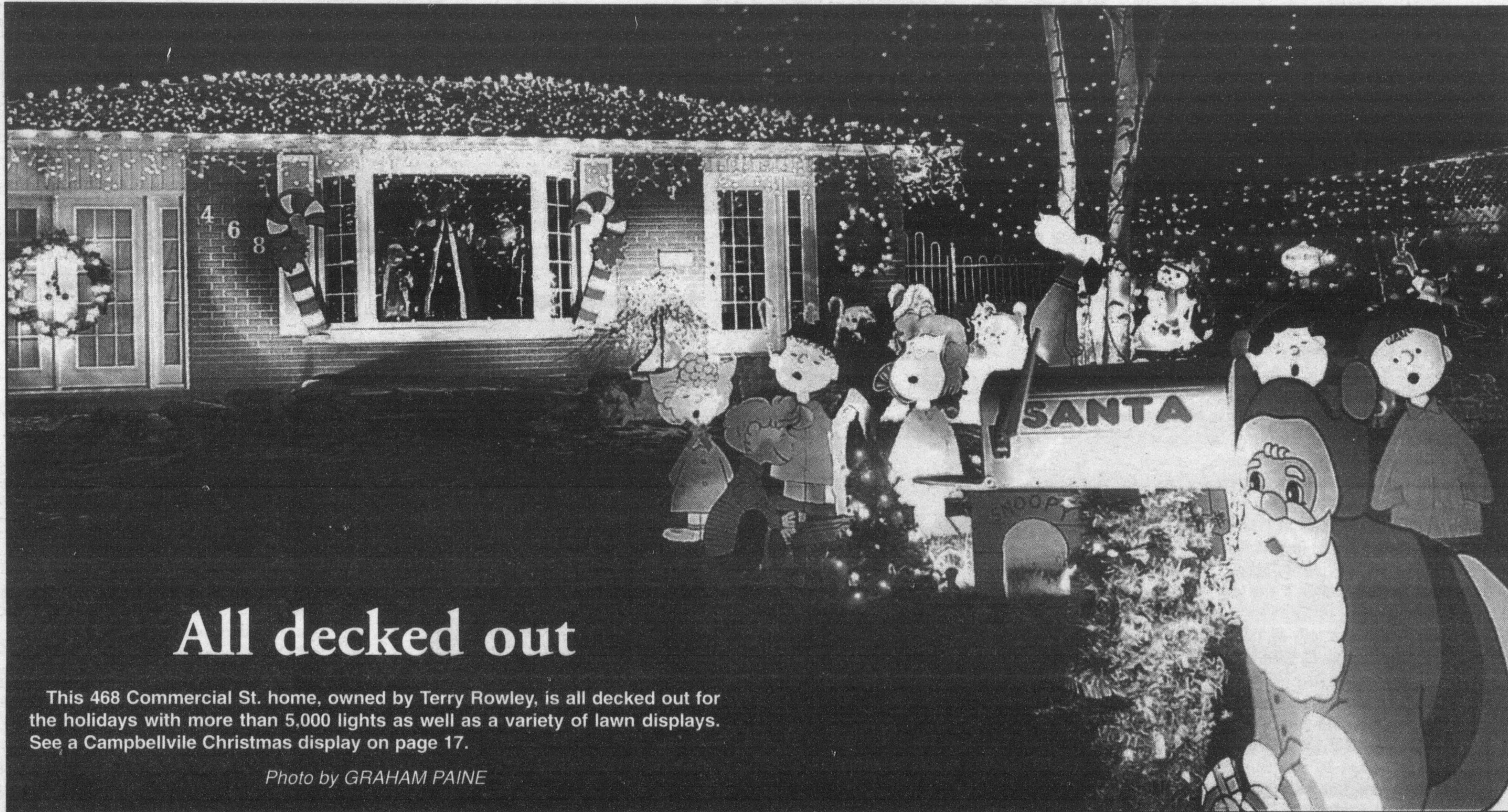
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This 468 Commercial St. home, owned by Terry Rowley, is all decked out for the holidays with more than 5,000 lights as well as a variety of lawn displays. See a Campbellville Christmas display on page 17.

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Family praying for missing man

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

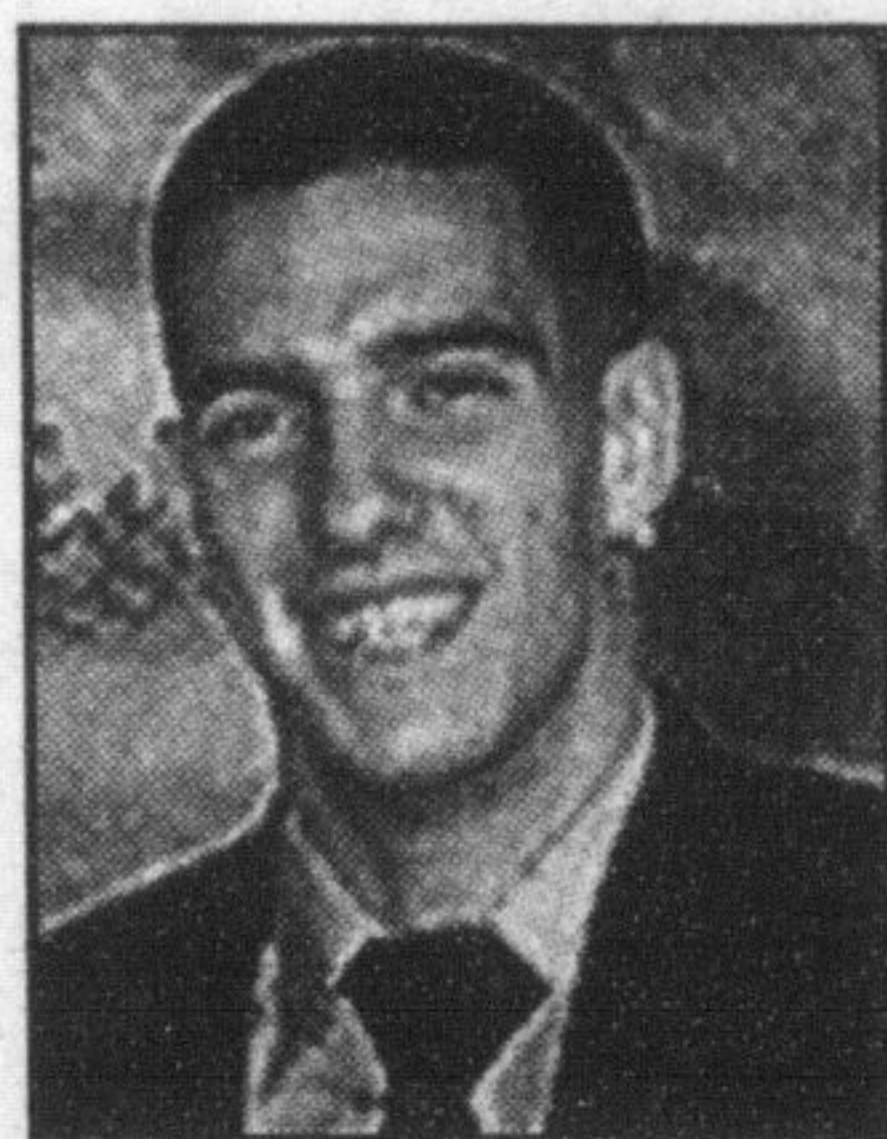
Barring a significant breakthrough, it's going to be a difficult Christmas for the family of a missing Milton man.

Right now, all family members can do is trust God and investigating police officers to find their beloved, said Milton resident Cindy Manchisi, aunt of Giuseppe 'Joseph' Manchisi — who has been missing for a month.

"We're all praying for (Joseph), like everybody else," she said. "It's going to be a sad time this Christmas. We're staying together and doing the best we can."

As Ms Manchisi can attest, there's terrible fear in the unknown. And right now, Mr. Manchisi's family knows nothing.

"His (Joseph's) family members are like everyone else. They know no more, no less," she said,



Joseph Manchisi

information offered by Peel Regional Police, who said 20-year-old Mr. Manchisi and his friend Robert Grewal, 22, of Mississauga, have associations with the drug subculture.

Neither of the men has been heard from by friends or family members since November 11 when police said they left in Mr. Manchisi's Honda Civic.

adding they get most of their information from newspapers.

Mr. Manchisi's parents are praying for their son and haven't given up hope that he'll be found safe and sound, Ms Manchisi said.

This comes in light of the most recent — and perhaps most daunting —

Both men lived with their families. It's extremely uncharacteristic for either of them to cease communication with family members, police said.

Halton Regional Police and Peel Regional Police are continuing their joint investigation.

Ms Manchisi said she couldn't say whether her nephew was involved with drugs.

"I know my nephew as an aunt," she said. "I wouldn't know."

For now, she said, there isn't much the family can do except remain confident in the abilities of the police involved in the investigation.

"We hope everything turns out and that for Christmas there's some good news. Life goes on. That's the agony of it all."

Mr. Manchisi is just a "normal" guy despite indications that he and Mr. Grewal may be involved with drugs, said Peel Police Det. Magdi Younan.

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