

# All-candidates meetings scheduled for new year

Local voters will have a chance to hear and compare their federal candidates over the next few weeks at several election debates.

The first one, a debate on rural and agricultural issues in Halton, will be held Wednesday at the Lion's Hall in Campbellville starting at 7 p.m. The session is being sponsored by the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

The students of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Burlington will also host a debate on all issues facing voters, particularly those concerning youth, January 11 at 10 a.m. The school is located at 2333 Headon Forest Dr., Burlington.

The traditional all-candidates debate, sponsored by the Milton Jaycees, will be held January

12 at Bishop Reding Secondary School. It'll start at 7 p.m. Then, the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre will host a debate on issues of importance to senior citizens January 18 at 12:30 p.m.

In addition, Conservative candidate Garth Turner will be holding at least one town hall meeting during the campaign. Details will be released soon and will also be at [www.garth.ca](http://www.garth.ca).

Those in the Wellington-Halton Hills riding can check out their candidates at a debate and question forum January 9 at 7 p.m. It'll be hosted by the Halton Hills agricultural community at Hume's Auction Farm, 9313 Fourth Line. Questions related to agriculture, food and rural issues can be sent to [kurtis@farmstart.ca](mailto:kurtis@farmstart.ca) or dropped off at Andrews' Scenic Acres.

## Man trapped in machinery suffers serious leg injuries

Milton firefighters and Halton Emergency Medical Services worked as a team Friday to free a man trapped in machinery at a local manufacturing plant.

Milton Fire Department Chief Larry Brassard said firefighters responded to the Meritor plant at 150 Steeles Ave. just before noon after receiving a call that a man

was trapped in a conveyor belt.

Upon arrival, firefighters found that the 50-year-old employee had been doing maintenance work on the conveyor belt when he became entangled and was trapped by large steel rollers, Chief Brassard said.

"Firefighters stabilized the man, and then began working to cut the power to the conveyor belt," he

said.

Halton EMS arrived and attended to the patient while firefighters worked for about an hour to disassemble and cut the conveyor belt apart to free the man.

The victim was transported to hospital with serious leg injuries.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour is investigating the incident.

## One day left for Christmas fund

There's still time to help out, Milton.

With just one day left to contribute, donations for The Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau Fund were at \$21,293 yesterday afternoon.

The fund was originally set to wrap up last week, however it has been extended until tomorrow at 5 p.m. in a last ditch effort to reach the \$25,000 goal. The move is possible because the money collected

is actually used the following year.

The Salvation Army fundraiser helps ensure that all local families enjoy a nice holiday, complete with all the trimmings like toys for the kids and Christmas dinner.

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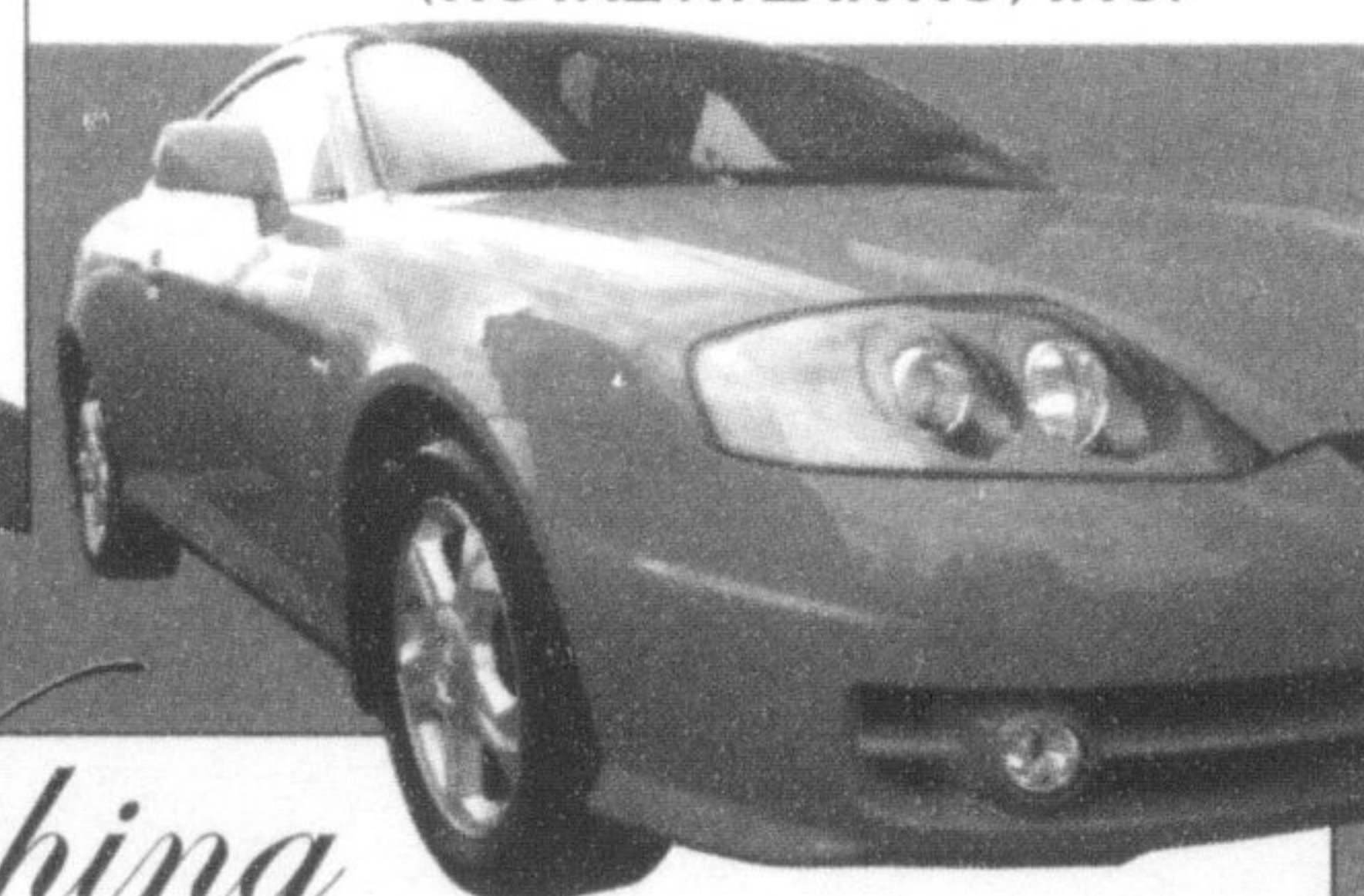


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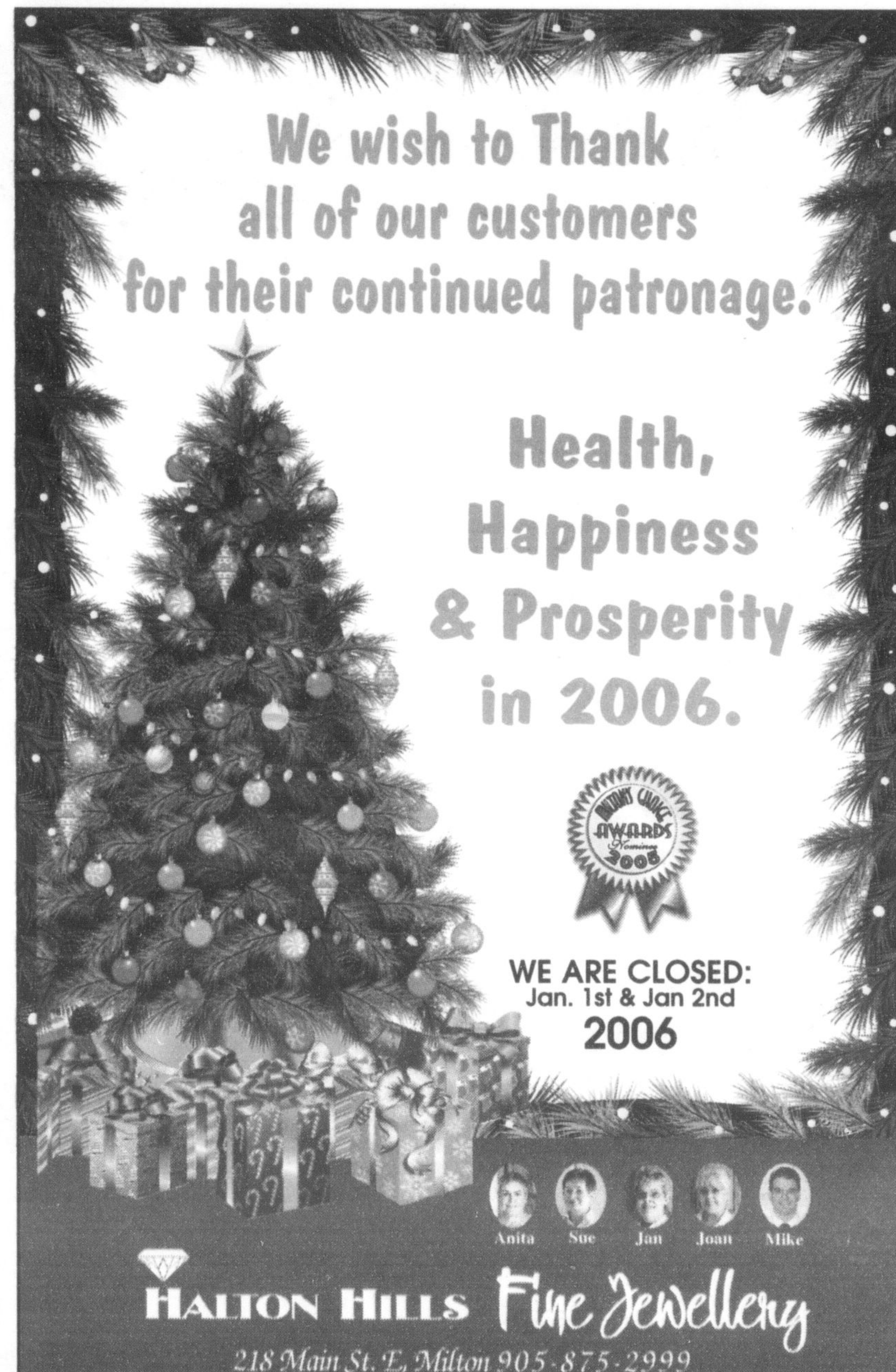
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