



GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

**ROLLOVER:** Port Credit OPP officer Dan Pyrah investigates an accident that caused a Volkswagen Jetta to roll over at the side of Hwy. 401 Tuesday afternoon, and a tow truck operator prepares to right the vehicle. The driver, a Carlisle man, suffered a broken collarbone. The car spun out in the westbound lanes, east of Regional Road 25, after being hit twice by another car that had lost control. The other driver wasn't hurt. No charges were laid.

## June pre-trial in mortgage fraud case

A pre-trial for a Milton couple facing numerous charges in connection with a series of mortgage frauds will be held June 8.

The pre-trial — which is a meeting held to hammer out legal issues before trial — will take place at Superior Court of Justice in Newmarket. The date was set March 23 at another pre-trial meeting in Newmarket.

Frank Basso and his wife, Catherine, were charged with a total of 16 and 10 counts respectively of fraud over \$5,000, conspiracy to commit fraud, uttering a forged document, obtaining

money by a forged document and obtaining credit by false pretence along with three other non-Milton residents.

The charges relate to two incidents in 2001 and 2002 in which fraudulent mortgages were arranged on houses unbeknownst to the owners — relatives of the suspects — to obtain money.

York Regional Police allege \$1.7 million was pocketed by the five suspects from a total of three incidents in Toronto and Vaughan, one in which no charges were laid against the Milton couple.

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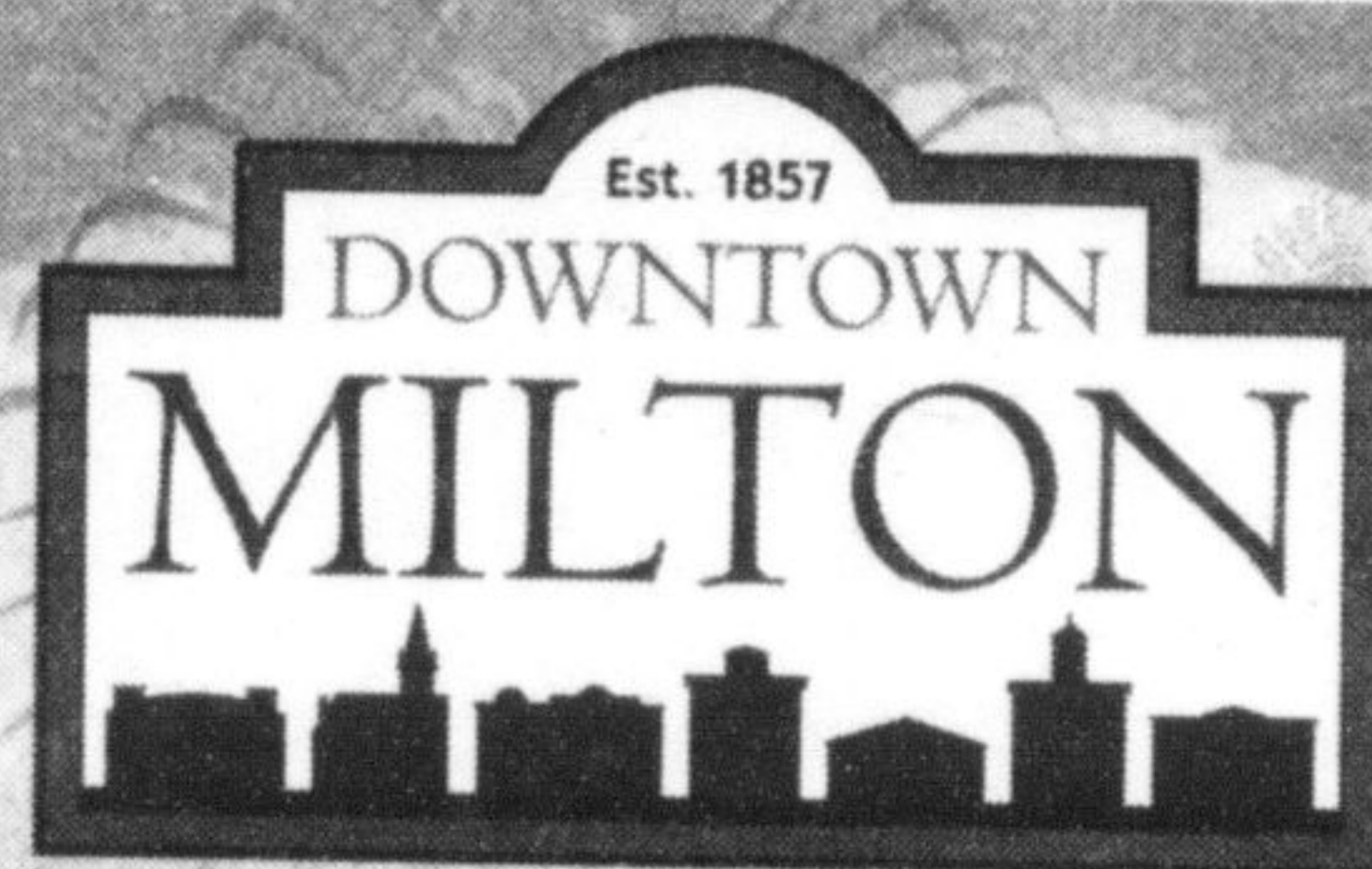
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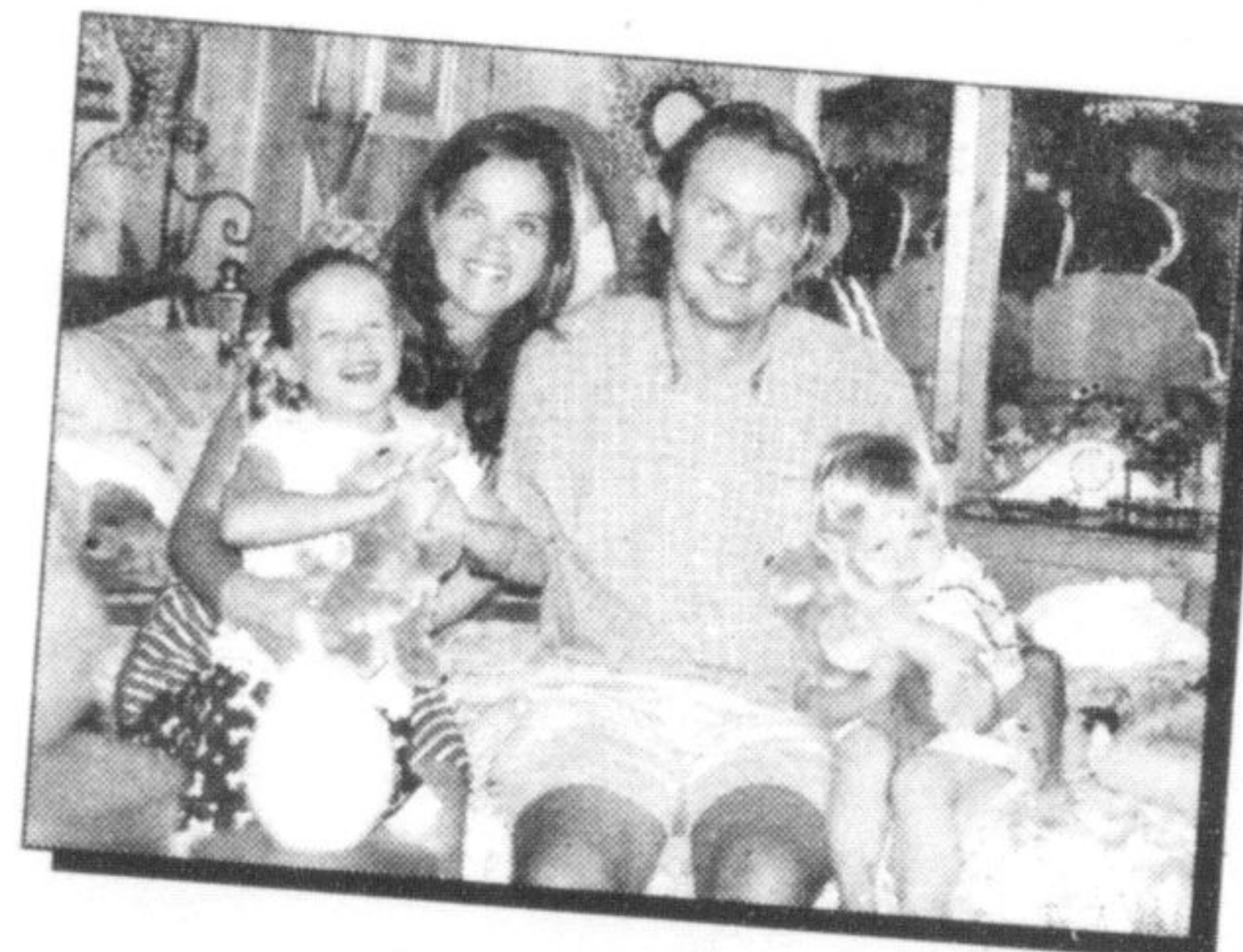
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