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**FOR KIDS:** The Halton Regional Police Service, in partnership with Salvation Army and Canadian Tire, kicked off the ninth annual Toys for Tots program last Friday. From left are: Det. Const. Mike Skoularicos, program chair; Chief Gary Crowell; provincial firearms officer Sherrie Sadauskas, program manager; Walter Gretzky, Aisha King and Major Dan Broome of the Salvation Army Oakville; Louis Gagnon, Canadian Tire general manager and Const. Adam Elashi.

## Partners teaming up to fill Santa's boots

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It takes a lot of people to fill Santa's big boots and once again, Halton Regional Police, local Canadian Tire stores and the Salvation Army will team up to fill the bill.

The partners, who aim to fill Santa's boots by collecting toys for kids in need, launched the 2008 Toys For Tots program at the Oakville Canadian Tire store at Dundas Street and Trafalgar Road last Friday morning.

This is the ninth annual edition of Toys for Tots.

"To me, it's about one child, one

toy and one smile. I want to make sure, with the help of my associates and colleagues, that every child who wants to be on Santa's list is on Santa's list," said Sherrie Sadauskas.

Sadauskas is the provincial firearms officer for the Halton police and co-ordinates the Toys for Tots program with Det. Const. Mike Skoularicos.

Among Santa's helpers is Halton Honda, which donates a car to collect and deliver the toys.

"There's a lot of running around," admitted Sadauskas.

Halton police will take care of the Christmas shopping and "sleigh" part of the effort for Santa while the Salvation Army manages

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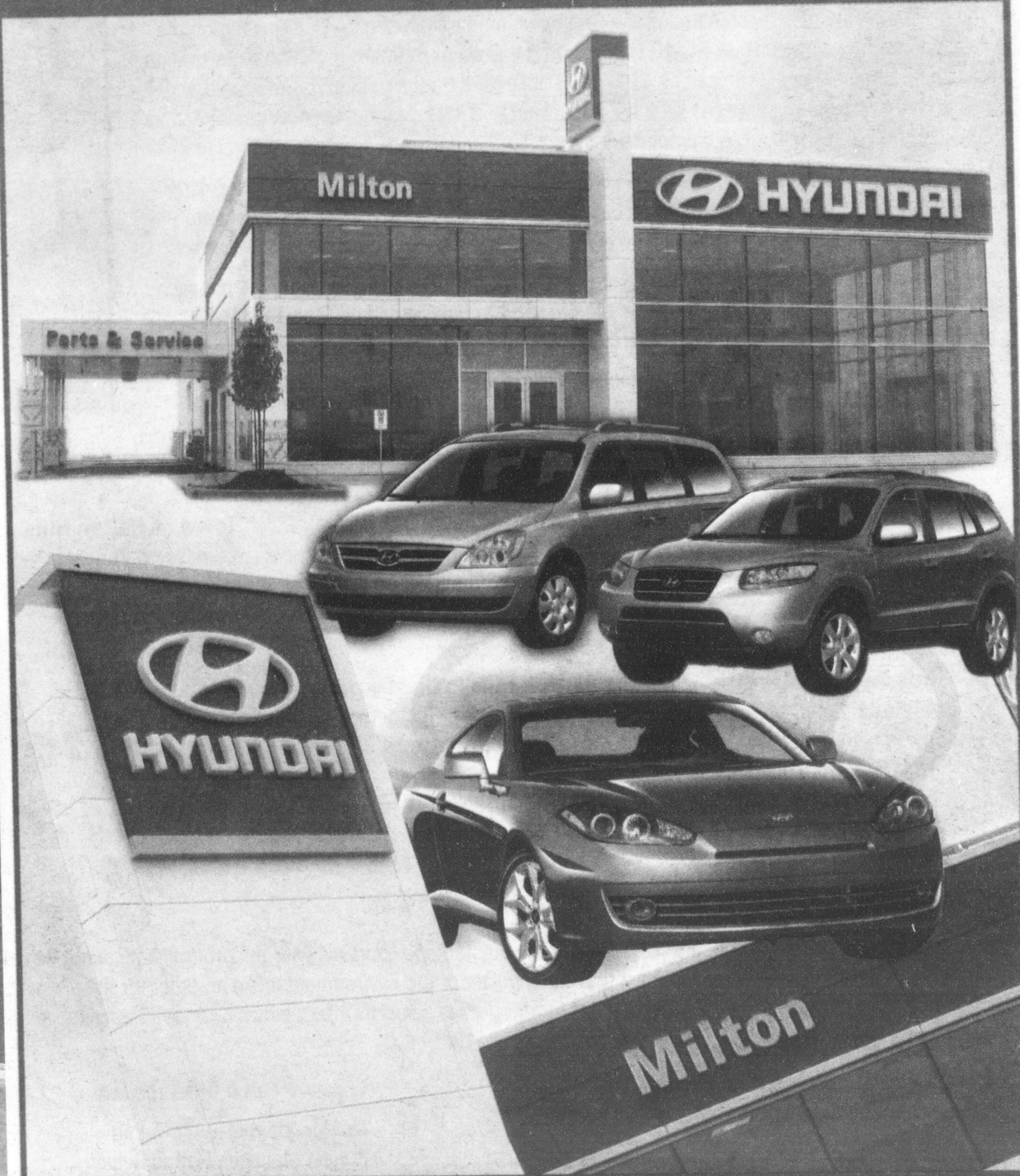
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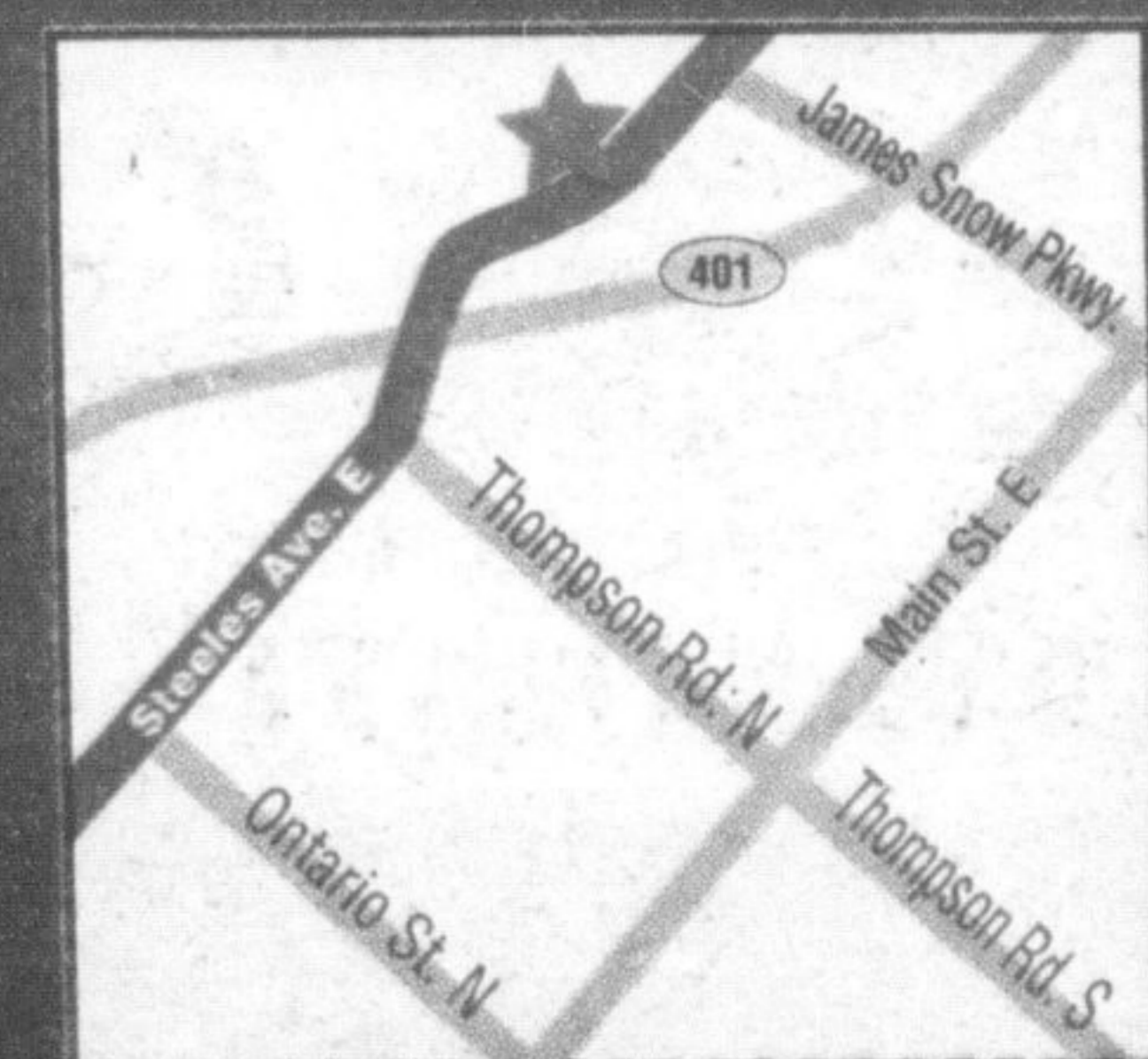
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