

NEWSLINES

Truckers warned of gunshots

The Milton OPP has issued a bulletin warning truckers in the area to be on the lookout for incidents similar to recent gun shots fired at tractor trailers from overpasses on 400 series highways.

The announcements, posted at Milton service stations and truck stops, warns truckers that there have been five reported cases of gun shots on highways near London and Brantford since September 21.

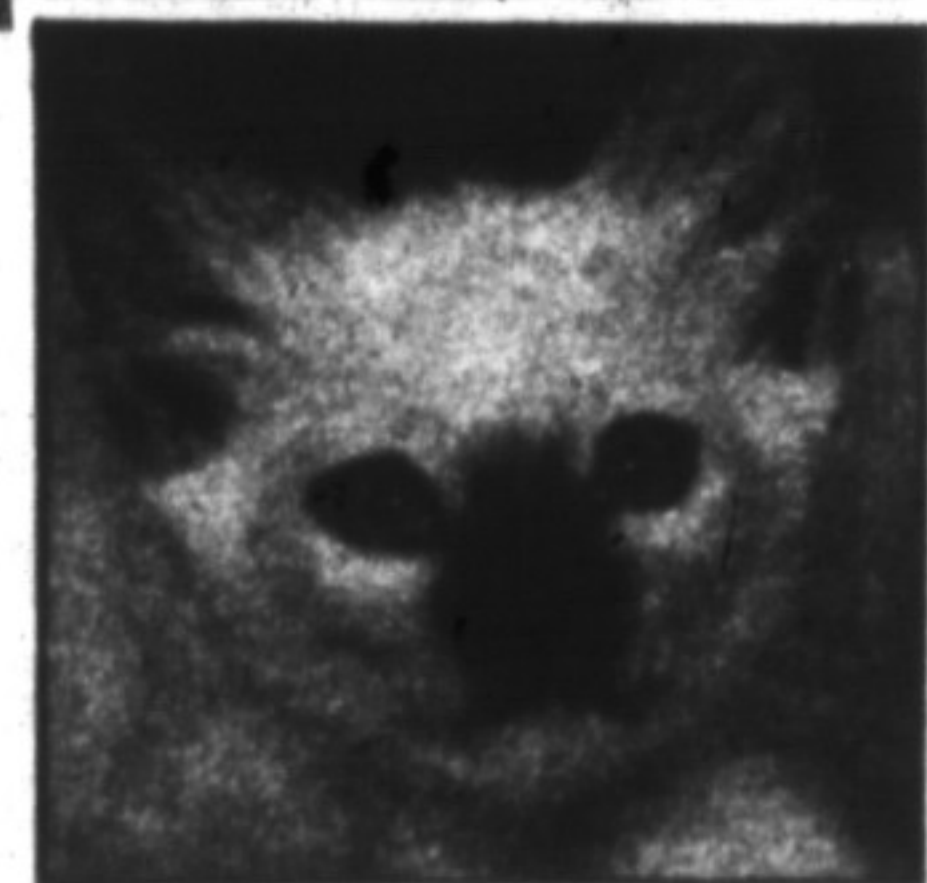
The suspect appears to be active between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, according to the bulletin. Two people have been struck by flying glass smashed by the bullets, but no one has been seriously injured.

"If you see any suspicious people, vehicles or activity near overpasses," says the bulletin, "or have heard of any confrontation involving a tractor trailer driver, please contact the nearest OPP detachment immediately."



Cardiology technologist Susanne Tonell gives Santa a pre-Christmas stress test while his elf offers support. The hospital's Christmas fund drive is up and running with the launch of the "Buy a Bulb for Your Hospital" campaign. Proceeds will purchase a heart monitor. Photo by GRAHAM PAINÉ

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Cat lovers of Milton will be out in force next weekend attending the No Name Cat Club's first cat show.

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Add your twinkle to hospital's 'tree of caring'

When hospital supporters buy a bulb this Christmas season they'll be adding their own twinkle to the "tree of caring".

The second annual "Buy a Bulb for Your Hospital" campaign goal is to fund the purchase of a monitor for Milton District Hospital's cardiac care unit. Last year the more than \$20,000 raised provided a Christmas gift for the intensive care unit in the form of a ventilator.

It takes hundreds of light bulbs to illuminate the huge pine tree on the hospital property. The cost of one bulb is \$10. A small string of lights can be purchased for a donation of from \$50 to \$149. Those who donate \$150 or more will light up a large string of bulbs.

Not only do contributors have a part in lighting the tree, they also receive a memento, ranging from a Furkins Santa Claus ornament (\$10) to a gold coloured bell shaped ornament (up to \$149). First-time donors in the second category will get a silver and blue tree-shaped ornament.

For a donation of \$150 or more, the tree lighters will have a limited edition satin tree decoration to take home. This year the second verse of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* will be depicted with two turtle doves. Just 100 of these will be available.

There are still some of last year's 'partridge in a pear tree' satin balls available in the largest donation category.

An added reward for one lucky 'buy a bulb' campaign supporter will be a hand-crafted wooden sled valued at \$400.

All donors making contributions before the tree lighting ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 15, will have a chance to win the sled.

The annual lighting of the tree has been a tradition for several years. This Christmas the hospital's

fundraising arm, the Milton District Hospital Foundation hopes the glow will indicate the fundraising goal was met. The monitor comes with a price tag of \$45,000.

Contribute to the bulb campaign at the hospital or by mailing contributions to Milton District Hospital Foundation "Buy a Bulb Campaign", 30 Derry Rd. E. Milton, Ont. L9T 2X5.

Region moving to clip NEC's wings

By ROB KELLY  
The Champion

A group lobbying to severely curtail the powers of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) found some allies in members of Halton Region's planning and public works committee Wednesday.

But Halton Hills councillor Bill Robson, a regional delegate to the NEC, warned of efforts to dismantle major portions of the commission.

He said the move could destroy the environmental controls now in place to protect the picturesque rocky

ridge running from Niagara to Tobermory.

The committee supported a motion by Oakville councillor Fred Oliver, who said it was time regional government took over land use authority for the escarpment. The NEC would still have the power to create land planning policies, but it would be up to the regions to decide if specific projects are appropriate for the escarpment area.

Mr. Oliver's motion came on the heels of a presentation from Glen Schnarr, a spokesperson for the Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition (NELC).

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