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## NEWSLINES

### Volunteer thanks

Milton's volunteers will be honoured at Bishop Reding Secondary School Sunday.

Mayor Gord Krantz will pay tribute to those who donate their time and effort to good causes during the open house, which runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

All local volunteers and their families are invited to attend the event, which will include refreshments and entertainment.

The open house is being organized by the North Halton Co-ordinators of Volunteers Association in conjunction with Volunteer Week.

Watch for a volunteer supplement in next Wednesday's *Champion*.

### Wreath trial next week

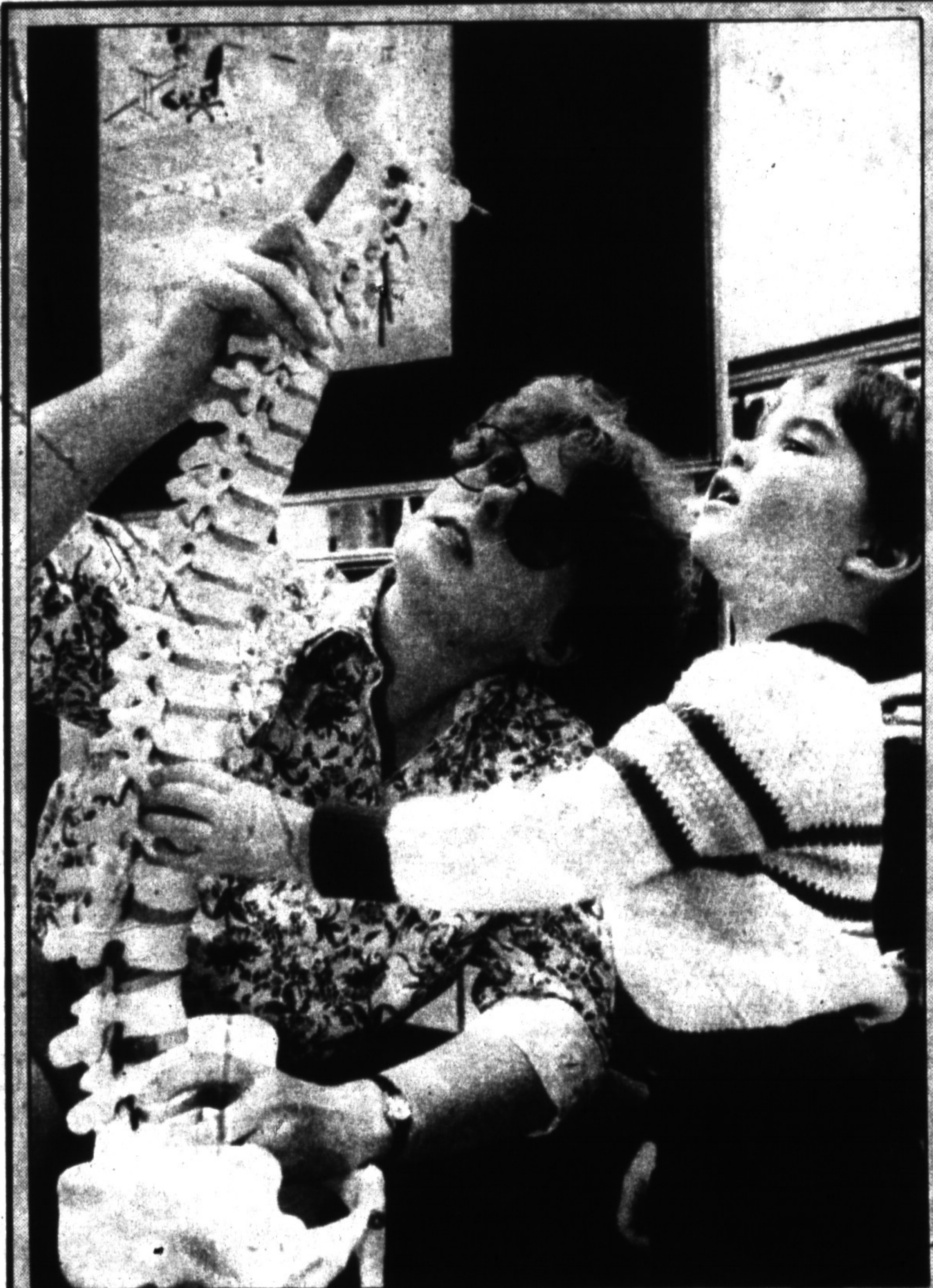
A trial in connection with thefts of wreaths from Evergreen Cemetery will continue next week.

The trial of Susan Wilkins, 36, of Joyce Boulevard, which began in November, was supposed to have continued Wednesday in Milton Provincial Court.

But it has been rescheduled because the judge presiding over the case was unavailable. The trial is now slated for Thursday, April 21 in Burlington provincial court.

Ms Wilkins, a truck driver, faces charges of possessing stolen property and theft over \$1,000.

More than 40 wreaths were taken from gravesites at the non-profit Ontario Street cemetery in mid-December, 1992.



### Backbone

Three-year-old Daniel Mackinnon learns about the spine from Carol Scott, a physiotherapist at Milton District Hospital, during the Wellness Fair. The event, which promoted healthy habits, was held at Milton Mall last Saturday. See another photo on Page 3.

## Councillors lash out at Duignan

By BRAD REAUME  
*The Champion*

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan fired the opening salvo, but his concerns were buried under a rash of uncomplimentary rhetoric from members of Halton Region's planning and public works committee Wednesday.

Regional officials received a copy of a letter from Mr. Duignan to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ed Philip, which ignited their wrath.

In the letter Mr. Duignan asked the minister to investigate sections of the new regional official plan advocating research into energy from waste garbage incinerators, which have been banned by the current provincial government.

In addition, Mr. Duignan requested the region's waste diversion reserve fund be investigated, since, he said, it was created to fund energy from waste and has since been used for nothing else as its balances grow.

"Energy From Waste (EFW) is a viable option," Rash Mohammed, regional commissioner of planning, told the committee. "We should investigate all options. We initiated this long ago and should stick to our guns."

Councillors called Mr. Duignan's research into question, saying that many of his facts were wrong, such as the amount of money in the fund and its name.

"When I see letters like this, well, obviously he doesn't have anyone there who can read," said regional chair Peter Pomeroy.

"They're in the last year that they'll ever be in power and its because of the quality of representation. The kind of representation that would produce a piece of garbage like this (letter)."

Mr. Pomeroy said the NDP provincial government doesn't understand reserve fund financing. He also complained about the letter's use of rhetoric.

Burlington councillor Barry Quinn, in a moment of levity, moved to incinerate the letter.

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## Impaired charges laid in car-truck accident

A two-vehicle crash at Ontario Street and Woodward Avenue Tuesday night involved impaired driving, Halton Regional Police say.

Shortly after 6:30 p.m., a northbound transport truck struck a southbound Chevrolet Scooter, which was making a left turn onto Woodward Avenue. The occupants of the Chevrolet, two 18-

year-old Milton men, were treated for minor injuries at Milton District Hospital and released.

A street light standard and traffic switching box were damaged in the crash, putting the traffic signals out of operation for several hours.

The Chevrolet was also extensively damaged, and the transport truck had to be towed from the

scene. The damage exceeded \$40,000, police say.

Charged with impaired driving and refusing to provide a breath sample is a Kingsleigh Court man, who was driving the transport truck.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to contact Constable Don Faller at 12 Division, 878-5511.

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