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## Town opposes GTA

Halton Hills councillors Monday endorsed a letter from the citizens group POWER to the ministry of the environment that says the five-region Greater Toronto Area initiative on landfill is "undemocratic" and "unaccountable" to the people.

Eight of the 12 town councillors spoke against parts of the POWER proclamation that said the GTA is "unnecessary" and that the province is using the landfill crisis as a pretext to speed up the process of studying sites approved for landfill.

Halton will be the first region in Ontario and one of the first in Canada to introduce public recycling bins called "igloos" Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy announced. The igloo-shaped blue boxes will be distributed in such public places as parks, arenas, shopping centres and GO stations. The igloos appeared in Halton Hills at the Georgetown and Acton Fall Fairs, this month. The program's estimated cost would be \$30,000 over the next year, to purchase a truck, Mr. Pomeroy said.

The town decided to spend \$23,000 to study the parking problems in Georgetown. "I keep hearing complaints when I go into the downtown area now," Georgetown Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said. "There is a need to enhance the Georgetown area." She said there is a more serious need to solve the parking problem in Georgetown than in Acton. There are 600 spots in Georgetown and 825 parking spots in Acton, not including parking for the Olde Hide House, Coun. Serjeantson said. Town planning director Ian Keith said he is reluctant to try and take a stab at the parking issue. "I want a consultant's advice," the planner said.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital board chairman, Graeme Goebelle, announced that the hospital's health care services will undergo a major facelift that will include a new chronic care centre and a new nursing home. There are also plans to wipe out the Bennett Health Care Centre's \$6 million debt, he said. Under the arrangement the 47-bed health care centre is to be converted into a 36-bed chronic care centre. But the hospital's executive director Mark Rochon said no one will be moved out of the facility. The number of beds will be

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reduced by "attrition" he said. The hospital will then construct a 57-bed nursing home.

Georgetown Pontiac Buick Raiders ended their pre-season exhibition play on a low note when they lost 8-2 to the Henry Carr Crusaders at the Alcott Arena Sept. 22. The loss, which turned ugly in the third period, left the Raiders with a 3-2 record pre-season record. Tempers flared in the third period and the Raiders' Adam Hagan, Steve DuBarry, Kevin Dance, and Robb Lang were ejected from the game. Five of Henry Carr's players received game misconducts during the same period.



This trio of lovely ladies competed in the preliminary Miss Canada pageant held at Club 2000. Winner Monica Boerson, 18, (centre) poses with runner-up Micki Cooper, 19, (left) and Claudette Presseau, 18, (right) in the first stage of the preliminaries.

## Annual deer hunt approved by Halton

A move to end deer-hunting in Halton's government-owned agreement forests was shot down at a Regional committee meeting in October.

Oakville Coun. Janet Mitchell opposed the annual four-day shotgun hunt and two month archery season in the Region's 14 agreement forests.

A majority of the planning and public works committee favored the hunt, which is designed to control the increasing deer population in Halton.

Susan Allan of Georgetown won \$50,000 in the Ontario Lottery Corporation Scratch and Win game.

Ms. Allan, a construction worker and mother said, "Right on!" when she found out she had won.

A bid to send all development applications requiring water service for appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board could leave 21 applicants for Halton Hills water high and dry.

Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. project manager Toby Barwick sent a letter to Halton Region recently saying his company would oppose any allocations for water granted by the town.

HHVHI has water allocation for 510 houses in Georgetown South but another 1,000 houses await water allocation before they can be approved for construction.

Popular and well-known local businessman John Bouwman, 55, died in Inverness, Nova Scotia Friday of a heart attack.

Mr. Bouwman owned Bouwman's Truck Service Centre Ltd. on Todd Road in Georgetown for 22 years. He recently sold the company to enter semi-retirement.

Local grocery retailers are opposed to national food chains in Halton Hills opening Sunday.

The Acton and Georgetown grocers reacted to reports that four top executives from A and P and Dominion, Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd., Miracle Food Mart

and the Oshawa Group Ltd. recently asked Halton Region to grant the national food store chains an exemption allowing them to open Sundays.

Halton Hills residents, along with people from as far away as St. Catharines, chanted "No GTA" and "Save the Environment" during an hour-long demonstration protesting handling of the Greater Toronto Area garbage problem at Queen's Park Oct. 14.

About 250 people listened to speakers from Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources, the Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together group and the Vaughan Committee of Associations to Restore Environmental Safety, denounce the waste management body called the Greater Toronto Area Committee.

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Via Rail service from London to Toronto, stopping in Georgetown, will be cut in half as of Jan. 15.

Georgetown's Julie Ross basked in the national limelight in Edmonton over the Oct. 8 weekend. The 17-year-old athlete and her Oakville Polydrain teammates won the national under-18 girls soccer championship by defeating Vancouver Jerrusdake Express 4-1 in double overtime.

National Hockey League officials decided to honor the memory of former NHL Director of Officiating John McCauley by wearing a crest bearing his initials on their jerseys this year.

The Georgetown resident died in June from complications following gall bladder surgery.

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