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Having a ball in the Santa Claus Parade

A young Georgetown Lions Santa Claus Parade marcher finds herself chased by a giant soccer ball during Saturday evening's event along Guelph Street. Thousands lined the street under near-perfect weather conditions. (Right) This colourful float was festooned with hundreds of multi-coloured balloons.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom



A great gift idea? Custom framing

As the holidays draw nearer, there is one question on everybody's mind: what do you get for the person who has everything? For Cathy Longhurst and the staff at Art Effects Gallery and Framing Centre, the answer is simple: custom framing.

"When you find a picture you love, you'll want to keep it for as long as you can," says Longhurst, manager of Art Effects.

Framing isn't just for paintings and photographs. Over her 15-plus years in the business, Longhurst has framed a variety of objects, including military medals, snakeskin, butterflies and even a man's hip joint. Framing is an excellent way to preserve and display keepsakes and mementos that might otherwise be tucked away and forgotten.

Over the years, the picture framing industry has come a long way with new techniques and materials to preserve artwork. When visiting a framing centre, be sure to ask these very important questions: Are the mats acid free? What are my glass options? What will be behind my artwork?

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