

## IGA winner

Ten-year-old Allan Humberstone of Georgetown was the lucky winner of a Wayne Gretzky hockey game from Georgetown IGA in a contest sponsored by Kellogg's. Paula Bagin of Georgetown IGA recently presented Allan with his game.  
TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

## Turtle alert: Health Dept. warns of danger

Recently, the Health Department collected water samples from turtle aquaria in all pet stores located in Halton. The test results indicated that all but one sample contained Salmonella bacteria.

Based on these results and the potential risk of disease transmission, particularly to young children, pet store owners have been requested to discontinue the sale of turtles.

Salmonella is a bacteria that is sometimes found in the intestine of animals and is spread to humans through their feces. This bacteria can cause diarrhea, vomiting and fever in humans, particularly the

elderly and young children.

Pet turtles often carry Salmonella and can contaminate aquarium tank water when they defecate.

When touching the pet turtle or coming in contact with the aquarium water, people can get Salmonella on their hands. If they then put their hands in their mouth or eat something without first washing their hands, the bacteria could enter their body and make them sick.

People who currently have turtles as pets are advised to take the following precautions:

- Don't let very young children handle turtles or come in contact with tank water.

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after handling turtles or cleaning out the tank.

- When cleaning the tank, pour the dirty water down the toilet. If poured into the kitchen sink, dishes or foods washed in the sink afterwards may become contaminated with the bacteria.

- Should people wish to give away their pet turtles, please contact your local animal control officer.

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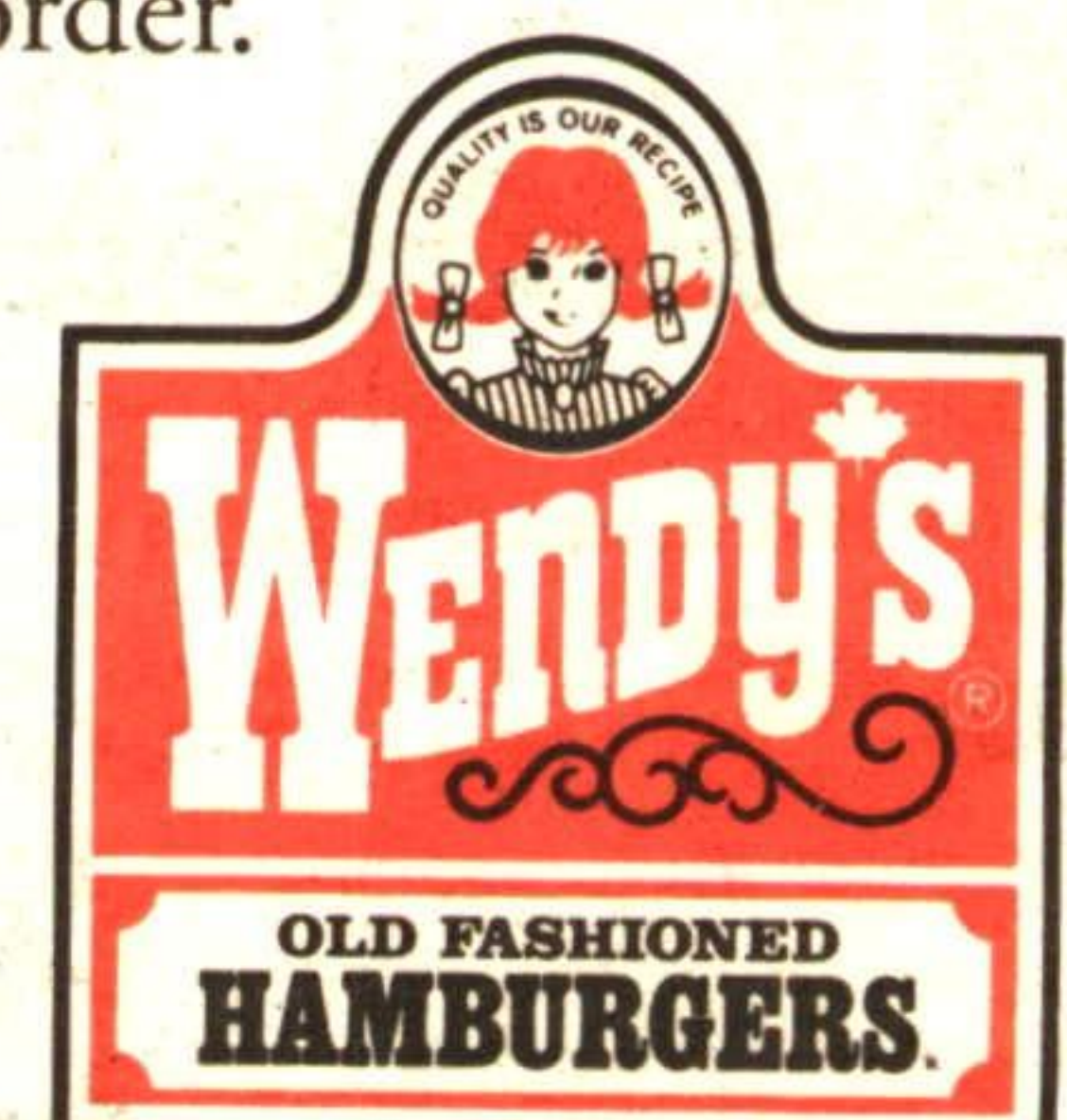
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