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MOONLIGHT MADNESS WINNERS...

Herminia Henderson, mall manager, is shown with the lucky winners of Mall "Dollars" from the Moonlight Madness Promotion held in December. The winners were Debbie Butler, \$100; Theresa Bennett \$50; Daisy Harris \$50; Gary Hardcastle \$50; Charles Hayward \$50; Isabel Brown \$100 (prize claimed by brother-in-law Walter Doupagne); and Kim Binning \$100. The mall management and tenants thank everyone who entered.

The Stereo Shoppe



GRAND OPENING WINNERS...

Prize winners from The Stereo Shoppe's Grand Opening promotion received their prizes on Saturday. From left to right are Dave Muckart (Koss speakers), Alonzo Payne (Panasonic portable CD player), Jenny Zlotos (Headphones), Carlos Roza - store manager, Bonnie Malenfant (Energy speakers), and Gloria Buckley (Pioneer CD changer).

Don't forget... **Our Sidewalk Sale**
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MP writes book on Ottawa experience

By Wendy Long

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner has written a book that will be released next month and distributed across Canada.

Entitled "Garth! Just What the Hell is Going on in Ottawa?", the book is an "attempt to explain how the system works and how it could be better," Turner said in a press conference Friday at his Georgetown office.

Turner said the title came from a survey returned by a Halton Hills constituent. The words were written "in big red letters" at the bottom of the front page.

"After having been in this job for four years there's a number of things I've discovered that don't work so well," Turner explained.

Among Turner's criticisms are that his constituents are not empowered enough, and that the media and special interest groups have become more influential than the mainstream politicians themselves. Turner's book warns that without reform, the Canadian middle class will be gravely threatened.

"MPs should be more powerful so the people are more powerful," Turner said, adding that MPs should be political entrepreneurs instead of political employees and that "one person has a difficult time changing the system."

"If you're going to have a presi-

dential style government where everything focuses on the leader then maybe everyone ought to be able to vote on the leader," Turner said.

Turner's book criticizes Canada's 19th century institutions and a representative system of government that isn't working. "The old system was epitomized by Meech Lake...11 white guys behind closed doors," Turner said.

"...It's not enough to bitch and complain in this country. They look to the politicians as if they're magicians...There's no way the government is going to make people tolerant."

The book will be released by Hemlock Press, and is \$10.95 for about 260 pages. Initial press run will be 5,000. Turner said all proceeds from the book will go to the Debt Servicing and Reduction Account, an account aimed at reducing Canada's financial black hole.

"I'm not sure it's going to advance my career," Turner said. "But like, you know, tough. Trying to represent grass roots people is more important. I want the political debate to move on. We've got to bust this perception that politicians are pigs at the trough and move on."

Police beat

Pregnant woman pushed

A woman into her seventh month of pregnancy was pushed and fell over a cedar chest following an argument Saturday.

According to police, the 20 year-old victim became involved in an argument with her mother's 42-

year-old common-law husband.

The suspect pushed the victim who fell over the chest. The suspect then fled the scene and was gone when police arrived, a spokesman said.

The suspect later turned himself into 11 Division on Georgetown where he was charged with assault. He is set to appear in court Feb. 22.

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