



Santa Claus parade

The 62nd Annual Georgetown Lions Club Santa Claus parade was staged Saturday and despite the wet weather, dispositions were sunny. Santa Claus and his favorite reindeer Rudolph were the stars, of course but Terry Jackson, general manager of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, helped spread cheer as well as candy to onlookers.

photos by Simon Wilson/HHTW

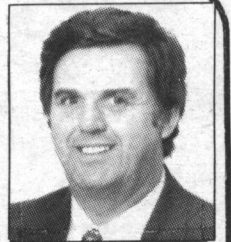
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The Georgetown Rotary Club donated \$4,700 last Thursday to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital from proceeds of the club's annual golf tournament. Pictured above, at front, from left, Rotary Club's past-president Neville Warsnop, charter member Bud Bishop, vice-president Sarah Cornett, and secretary Jo Phenix. At back, from left, hospital board chair Connell Smith, Rotary Club president Bill Reid, and Rotary Club member Wayne Lister. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Halton Hills bypassed by IWA

By Oksana Buhel

Concerns of Halton Hills residents over the potential Peel landfill site were alleviated Friday with the Interim Waste Authority's announcement of the three preferred sites in the Peel, Durham and Metropolitan Toronto/York Regions.

Interim Waste Authority (IWA), a crown corporation, has spent close to 30 months investigating potential landfill sites in the three regions. The site selected for Peel Region is in south-east Caledon, 1.4 km west of Bolton.

Halton Region was excluded from the landfill site selection process but residents were concerned about the proximity of two proposed Peel sites between Mayfield Rd., Winston Churchill Blvd. and the CN tracks.

At the end of April, Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller presented the IWA with a 30-page report listing numerous flaws with the sites, including their size, proximity to the Credit River

and the outdated data used in the selection process.

The selection process is not yet completed. The preferred sites must still undergo an environmental assessment process. The final decision will be made by the Joint Board, comprised of representatives of the

Environmental Assessment and Ontario Municipal Boards.

Miller was relieved with the decision of the IWA. "We feel sympathy with the other people (near the proposed site)," Miller said, but admitted, "we're relieved it isn't in our municipality."

Reed slams IWA choices

In a statement released Friday, newly-elected federal Liberal MP for Halton-Peel, Julian Reed, slammed the dump site decision of the Interim Waste Authority.

"On Friday, Nov. 12, the Interim Waste Authority turned the clock back in Ontario a quarter of a century by choosing dump sites in the Greater Toronto area," the release stated.

"The site chosen in the Riding of Halton-Peel is directly on top of the aquifer that supplies the Town of Bolton with its drinking water. The absurdity of this exercise, not to mention its cost, gives stupidity a new meaning.

"The environmentally correct answers to Metropolitan Toronto's garbage dilemma are all around us. New technologies and new practices left garbage dumps as the worst environmental choice as far back as 15 years ago. Our information is that it will be about six months before hearings begin on the chosen location so there is now a window of opportunity to investigate the federal role in all of this and to meet with all of the concerned provincial members as well as municipal councillors in order to present a united front on behalf of the citizens whose lives have been so profoundly affected."

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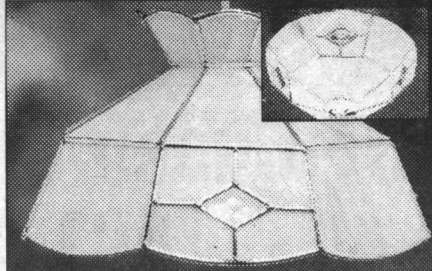
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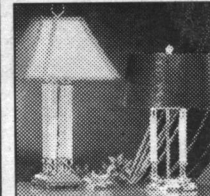
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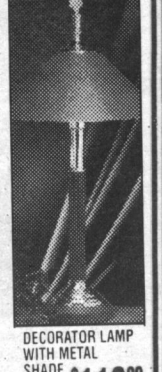
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