Yule luncheon for all alone

To the Editor,
Re: Christmas luncheon
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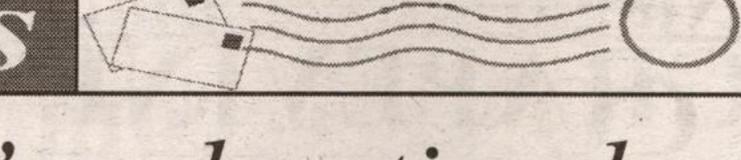
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those less fortunate." We would like to clarify that anyone who finds themselves on their own, for whatever reason, on Christmas Day is invited to be a guest at the luncheon. They do not have to be "less fortunate" but they will be "more fortunate" for having attended.

If you wish to come as a guest or know of someone who might enjoy some community fellowship and a delicious meal on Christmas Day, please phone Ann at 853-3687.

Thank you
The Community
Christmas
Luncheon Committee
(CCLC)

Letters



'Moderate' on hunting but dead deer photos rankle

To the Editor.

I am pleasantly surprised that someone wrote to you regarding the photo of the dead deer and not surprised that you received letters in response. I almost e-mailed a letter but did not out of the respect for hunters but I must say that the photo kept popping up in my mind for a few days and regretted not writing to you.

I have not eaten meat for years, as one of the pro hunter's response assumes

that we all sit down to a steak, but I respect that others do and also understand that if there is an overpopulation of deer, that hunting is an unfortunate necessity. So you can say I'm a moderate... however, I did not think it was necessary to put a dead animal on the FRONT page... mid newspaper would have been more respectful.

As a child, when my dad came home from hunting with a deer, I cried and truly hated my dad until it "disappeared" and I refused to eat meat for months. For the hunter that would consider being a "mod-

erate" there is a wonderful book about a father and son hunting called "Billy-Boy", author John Luther Long, written in 1905.

I end regretfully saying "happy hunting" but would appreciate if you would put a tarp over the deer that drapes your vehicle so the animal lovers can respect your ideals as well.

Jane Kraweak Helie

Editor's note: The photo of the deer in The New Tanner was not on the front page. It was on Page 10 of the November 4 issue.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT & NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR AND BRAMWEST PARKWAY
FROM HIGHWAY 401/407 TO MAYFIELD ROAD

The City of Brampton is preparing the Terms of Reference for a future Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new North-South transportation corridor from Highway 401 in Halton to Mayfield Road in Brampton, and the Bramwest Parkway transportation corridor in Brampton from Highway 407 to the new North-South corridor. The study area is shown on the key map below.

The Terms of Reference will be a "road map" of how the North-South Corridor and the Bramwest Parkway Environmental Assessment and public consultation will be conducted.

The City is giving notice of the study commencement and the first set of Public Information Centres (PICs). The purpose of this set of PICs will be to introduce the study and present the consultation approach to the Terms of Reference, the Background to the Undertaking, the Description of the Problem or Opportunity, and the Study Area.

Public consultation is vital to this study.

You are invited to attend the 1st set of Public Information Centres which is scheduled for the times and dates below:

November 29, 2004

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Huttonville Public School

(2322 Embleton Road, Brampton, ON)

Located at the star on the key map.

November 30, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Croatian Cultural Centre
(Winston Churchill Blvd, Halton Hills, ON)

Located at the diamond on the key map.

City staff and their consultants will be available at the Information Centres to answer your questions about the project. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them to:

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Downtown benches better in safer location - writer

To the Editor,

I would like to know who the "Einstein" was that thought placing benches at a crosswalk was a good idea. I am referring to the ones installed at the crosswalk in downtown Acton. Frequently there are people standing around these, as well as sitting.

I can't tell you how many times as a driver I questioned whether these people wanted to cross or were just hanging around. This is a very dangerous situation as it makes drivers question the intent of pedestrians at this intersection. Drivers should not have to guess if you really want to cross the road or not.

The other serious danger is that drivers may become complacent at this crosswalk, thinking that people are just there at the benches and not really going to cross. This to me is an accident waiting to happen. These benches are just inviting people to hang around at a crosswalk.

Do you not think that unless you're intending to cross the road, no one should be anywhere near this area for any length of time. This letter is not to criticize the people at these benches, it is to hold accountable the person or persons that made the placement decision.

There would be no shame in moving these away from the crosswalk and reconsidering their placement. The shame would be if someone got hurt or worse, had to die, to rectify this hazard.

Concerned Citizen of Acton,
Deb Szymanski.

On the Way to Bethlehem

Pageant is chance to experience first Christmas in Bethlehem

Those feeling there has to be more to Christmas than all that shopping hustle and bustle, need look no further than the popular nativity pageant. "On the Way to Bethlehem," an activity for the whole family and a way to experience that very first Christmas 2000 years ago. An attempt was made to stage the pageant in Acton last year but the obstacles put it on hold. Meanwhile Milton churches succeeded in their efforts, staging the first one in 2002 at Country Her-

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