

**SURVIVORS SUCCESS:** Cancer survivors prepared to set off around the track at Acton High School on Friday for the Survivor's Victory Lap to kick off the Relay for Life to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. — Frances Niblock photo

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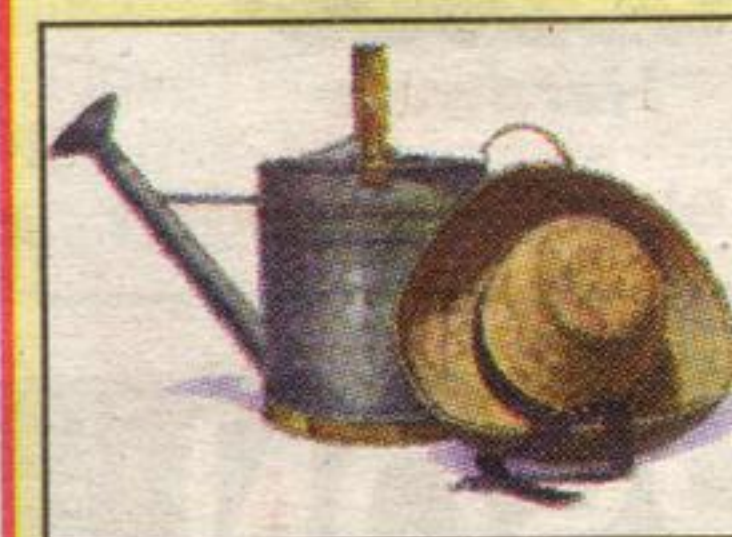
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Due to technical problems a number of photos and articles meant for this issue were held over until next week.

# Pros, cons of transit debated

## Boys stuck in the mud

Halton police are asking parents to warn their children of the "inherent dangers associated with construction sites," following an incident on 10 Side Road and the Ninth Line at 11 p.m., April 29.

Five Georgetown boys, 10-13 years old, had been "adventuring" in an open construction site, police said, when they became stuck in heavy mud and couldn't free themselves. Fortunately one was able to contact a parent by cellphone to alert emergency services because they were out of sight of passing traffic.

Emergency Services and police responded and extracted the five boys from the mud. One, a 13-year-old, was taken to Georgetown hospital where he was treated for hypothermia.



**WHIZ KIDS:** Samantha Russell, left, and Amy Poirier pose with their winning project at the MacKenzie-Smith Bennett's Science Fair last Thursday. The girls won first place in the Life Sciences category. Missing from photo Makayla Eaton-Kent. —Heather McIsaac photo.

## Community bus service contemplated

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The New Tanner

Love it or hate it, there were no halfway opinions from those who commented on Town plans for a public transit system at public information meeting at the Civic Centre recently.

The option preferred by staff and ENTRA Consultants, hired to prepare a North Halton transit strategy, is a five-year plan for a community bus service.

ENTRA director Dennis Fletcher told the 35-plus people in the chambers, including most of the councillors and several staff, that public transit surveys elicited three main responses in Halton Hills.

"There're lot of people in this community that want transit, there are some people that don't want transit, and there're a group in the middle that doesn't want transit that looks anything like... a big diesel belching 40-foot bus that's driving around half empty," Fletcher said. He assured the crowd that what they propose is a go slow approach with incremental increases in the ActiVan service.

In the first year, in the early morning and afternoon, the two buses would shuttle commuters to and from the GO train station.

During the day, one bus would mainly look after people with disabilities, and the

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## Special tributes to Vets today

Today, Thursday, May 5, 2005 is being celebrated in Halton Hills as a special tribute to all our War Veterans and to those who kept "the home fires burning."

At 8:45 a.m. a monument will be unveiled at the Halton Hills Civic Centre on Maple Avenue just east of Trafalgar Road. This monument will recognize the sacrifices of a generation that fought for our peace and freedom. During the ceremony, hosted by Mayor Rick Bonnette and members of the Dutch Canadian Remembrance Committee, the Dutch flag will be raised in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadian Army. The monument is donated

by grateful Dutch Canadians and J.C. Duff Ltd. Mayor Bonnette will host a reception following the ceremony to which the public is invited.

At 10 a.m. between 700 and 1000 school children will hold a special Candlelight Tribute at Remembrance Park in downtown Georgetown. Each student will personally thank the war veterans in attendance and place a lighted candle on the cenotaph as a symbolic Passing of the Torch.

This ceremony will be repeated at Glen Williams, an adjacent village, at 1:00 p.m. with the 235 students of the Glen Williams Public School.

In the evening the same day, at 7 p.m.,

Silent Walks combined with Candlelight Tributes will be held in Acton and Georgetown. In Acton, two processions will meet downtown, at the cenotaph. The Georgetown procession will start at Cedarvale Park on Maple Avenue. The public, and especially families, are invited to participate in these Silent Walks.

Refreshments will be served at both the Acton and the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legions following the ceremonies.

On Friday, May 6 the Royal Canadian Legion, Georgetown, will host a dinner and party for all war veterans.

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