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News

Digest

Special meeting

Halton residents are being invited to a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 17 at W. I. Dick Public School, Milton at 7 p.m. The meeting is about a policy requiring each school to establish a school council by June. Two meetings are being held by the Halton Board of Education's School Council Policy and Procedures Committee. To make a presentation to the committee call Carol Jack at 878-8451 ext. 2231. Written suggestions are accepted until Jan. 26.

Youth charged

A media appeal led to the arrest of a 14-year-old Milton resident Wednesday. He was charged with mischief endangering life, police said. The charge is in relation to a Dec. 14 incident when a tractor trailer on Hwy. 401 had a chunk of ice thrown at it by at least two youths on top of an overpass. The driver's window was shattered and the driver received numerous facial cuts. The Halton Regional Police Service thanks all members of the public who assisted in this investigation.

Seeking volunteers

Do you have a free moment on your calendar this March? The Kidney Foundation of Canada is looking for 200 volunteers in the Georgetown area to help make the March Drive Campaign a success. The foundation is looking for volunteer canvassers who will be asked to canvass 12-30 houses on their street. If you would like to volunteer and help this fundraiser attain its goal, contact Joan Montgomery or Lisa Jackson at 1-800-387-4474.

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A stitch in time....

Kay Hart, a member of the Halton Hills Quilters Guild, and Cameron O'Neill, 3, show off some of the quilted items on display at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre until January 21. The works on display have all been made by members of the local club.

Photo by JANET BAINE

Region tackles the trash

By LISA TALLYN
Staff writer

While there have been a few glitches in the collection of trash in town since the beginning of the year, a region spokesperson said they should all be worked out by next week.

The region took over waste pickup in the town as of January 1, at a cost savings to the town of \$146,000, or 31 per cent per year.

Victor Lesnicki, manger of waste management services for Halton Region, said the pickup problems in town were due to the tremendous amount of material to be collected during the Christmas holidays and confusion about when the trash is to be out at the curb. As a result garbage trucks were sent out on a Saturday, which is unusual.

Lesnicki said last year's garbage pickup days, Tuesday through Friday, have been retained so whatever day a resident's trash was picked up last year it should be picked up now. That schedule should not be affected on long weekends.

Lesnicki said what may have changed for residents is the actual pickup time.

"We ask that residents have their garbage at the curbside by 7 a.m.," said Lesnicki. He said Philips Environmental, contracted to pick up the trash for the next six years, should have all garbage collected by 6 p.m.

Recyclables are picked up by Laidlaw on garbage pickup day, as they were the year before.

"We appreciate the patience people have shown," said Lesnicki.

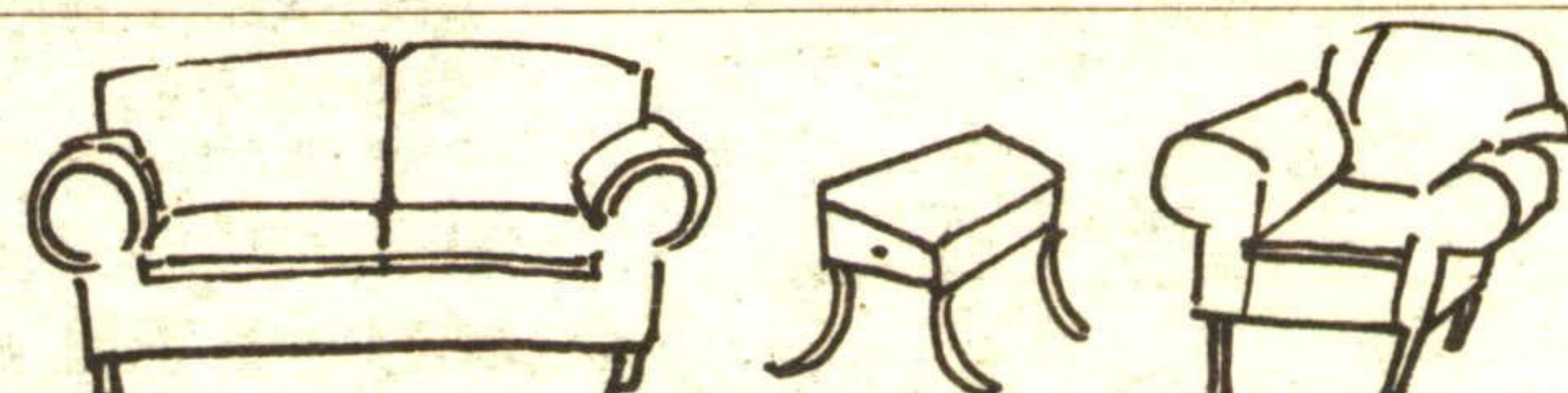
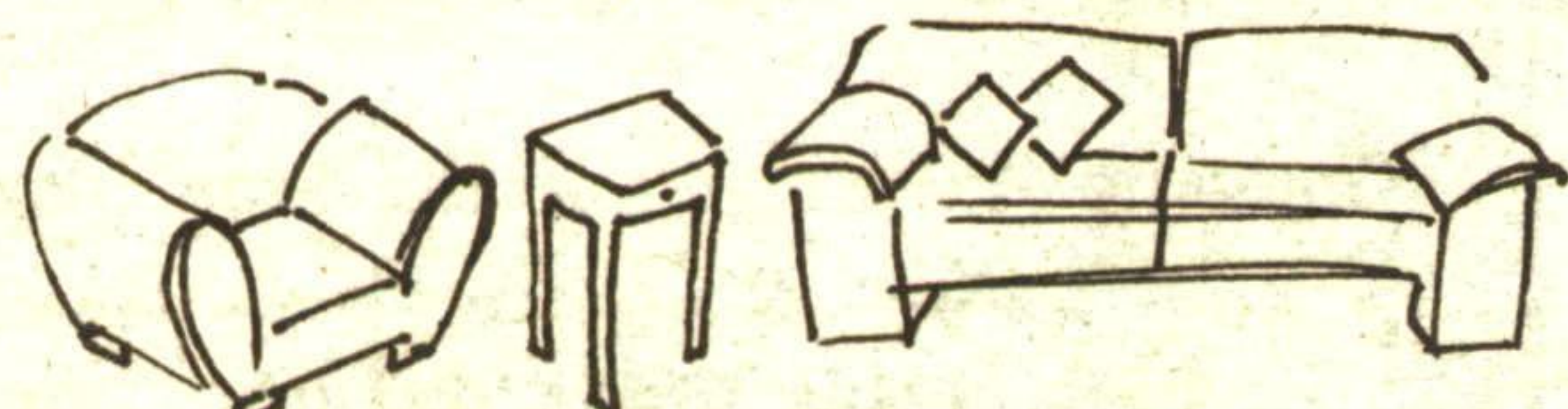
Lesnicki said minor changes for garbage and blue box collection may have to be made in the future.

Anyone who has a question about missed collection should call Philips Environmental at 1-800-330-0868. For other information about garbage pickup call the region at 878-8113 ext. 6034.

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