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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Man injured

■ A 43-year-old Hamilton man was injured when the wall of a triple car garage he was building on Hwy. 7 fell on him. He was taken to Georgetown Hospital and later transferred to Hamilton General Hospital.

On Monday a hospital spokesperson said the man had been released. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

### Youth charged

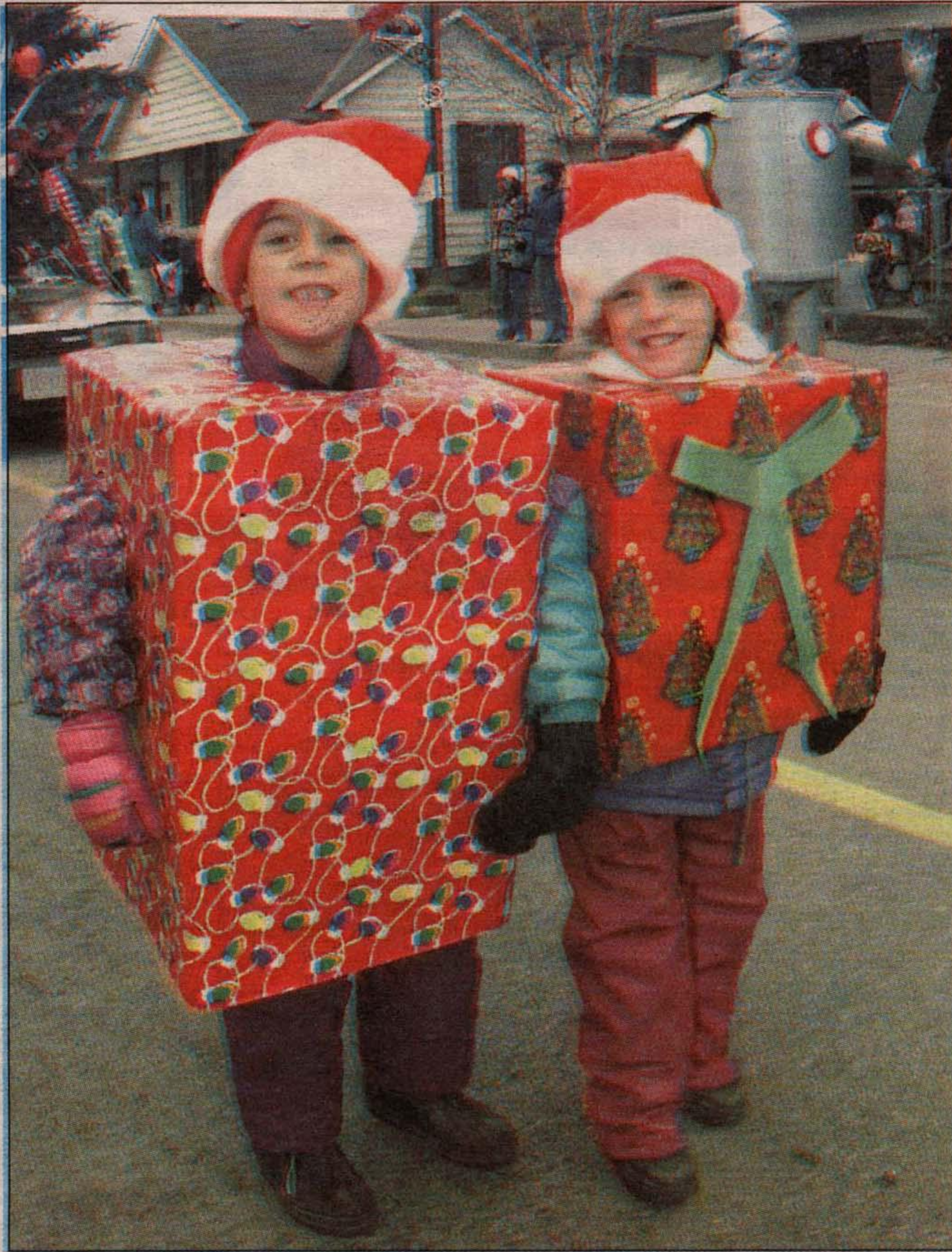
■ A 13-year-old boy was charged with three counts of assault after an altercation involving three staff members at a 25 Sideroad Acton group home on November 12. The boy, a resident of the home, was held for a bail hearing on Thursday.

### Van stolen

■ Sometime between 5:30 and 10 p.m. Saturday a wheelchair van, valued at \$15,000 was stolen from Laidlaw Transit on Mountainview Rd. The van was recovered in Guelph that day.

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## Do not open until Christmas

Danielle Cooper (left) and Rebecca Neil-Sampson, along with Tin Man Claude Nadon, helped escort Santa through the streets of Acton on Saturday. Hundreds of people lined the route for the annual Santa Claus parade. For more pictures of the parade, see page 10.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Meeting told Public wants more info on development

The public should be given more information on how developments will be serviced and should be informed of significant changes to development plans.

Those were the two main suggestions put forward as staff from the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region reviewed the development process Monday night before a crowd of about 70 people at the Civic Centre. However, Norval residents don't put much stock in those changes ever being instituted.

Pat Murphy, the region's manager of development review, said those changes could have avoided the controversy surrounding the placement of a pumping station in an environmentally sensitive area in Norval.

Murphy said at the time public meetings on developments are held, plans include the number and placement of lots as well as the type of housing to be built, but developers rarely have detailed engineering plans at that time. He said to avoid a situation similar to that of the development in Norval, developers should have to provide more engineering information and if that initial information changes, the public should be notified.

"If there are significant changes that weren't there in the draft plan then there needs to be a process to bring those changes back," Murphy said. "If we present something to the public we owe it to them to go back and inform them if it changes."

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