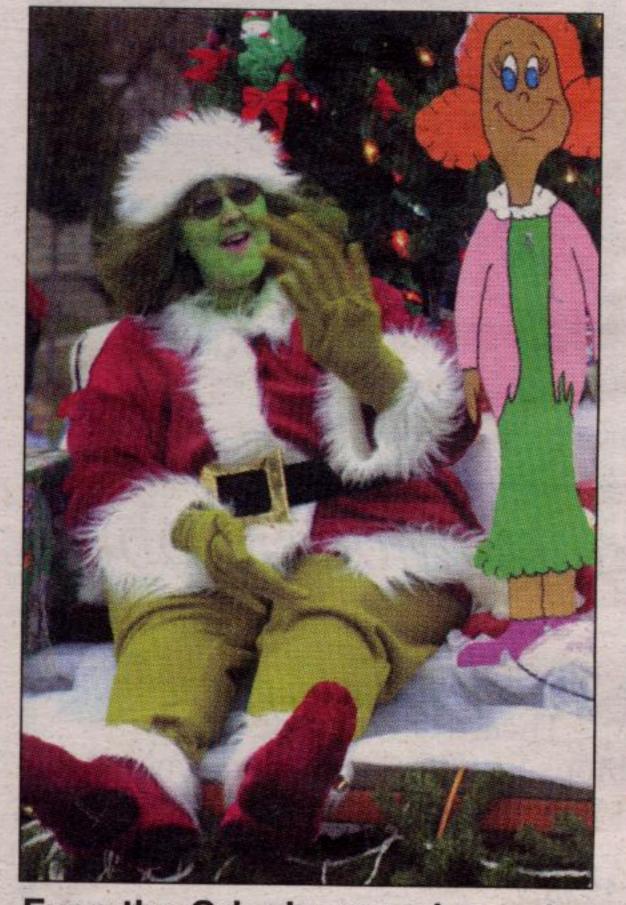
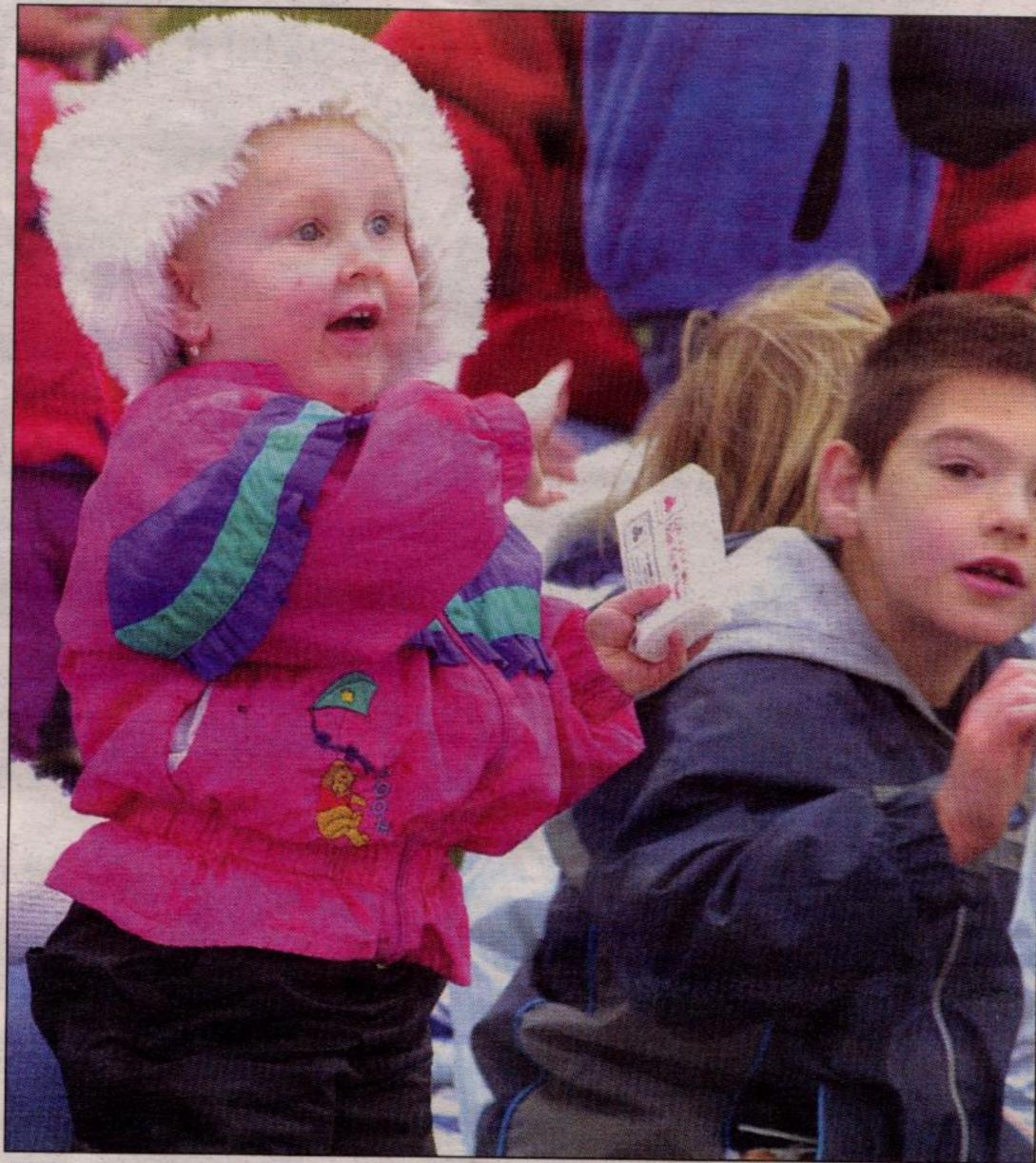
The man of the hour— Santa Claus— waves to the crowd along the Georgetown Lions Santa Claus Parade route Saturday. For more photos see inside today's Gift Guide section.



Even the Grinch proved popular during Saturday's parade.

Santa brings out smiles



Kassidy Intzandt, 3, was thrilled to see Santa for the first time.



Jennifer Lewis, 6, and sister Stephanie, 10, dropped off their letters to Santa along the parade route to Canada Post employees.

Photos by Stephen Uhraney

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St. Francis of Assisi Grade 5 students Richerd Kivioja (left) and Robbie Murden, were among four lucky kids who had a sneak preview of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, the newest movie in the popular Harry Potter series. The duo will be guests on Canada AM Friday morning to give their review of the movie which will be released November 15. Photo by Ted Brown

Local Harry Potter fans to review new movie on Canada AM Friday

For most 10 year-olds, the chance to see the new Harry Potter movie a week before anyone else would be enough of a reward.

But not only did Richerd Kivioja and Robert Murden get a sneak preview of the much-anticipated *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* on Sunday, they'll also get to review it on *Canada AM* this Friday morning.

The verdict: Two thumbs up.

"The graphics were really good and there was lots of action. It wasn't just them standing there talking," Kivioja said. "Anybody who saw it would think it's better (than the first movie)."

Murden agreed the second Harry Potter movie topped the original. He said the second movie included more of the book and he thought the filmmakers did an excellent job bringing the story to the big screen.

"How I thought of the book in my mind was the same in the movie."

The two Grade 5 students at St. Francis of Assisi have been getting many questions from their schoolmates about the movie, which opens Friday. They are also excited about the chance to review the movie on *Canada AM*. Both have had the chance to be on TV before. Kivioja reviewed a *Pokémon* movie while Murden's hockey team was on *The Mike Bullard Show*.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Santa Claus pays visit to Acton Saturday

A saturday, Santa Claus will be back in Halton Hills again this weekend for the Acton parade in his honour.

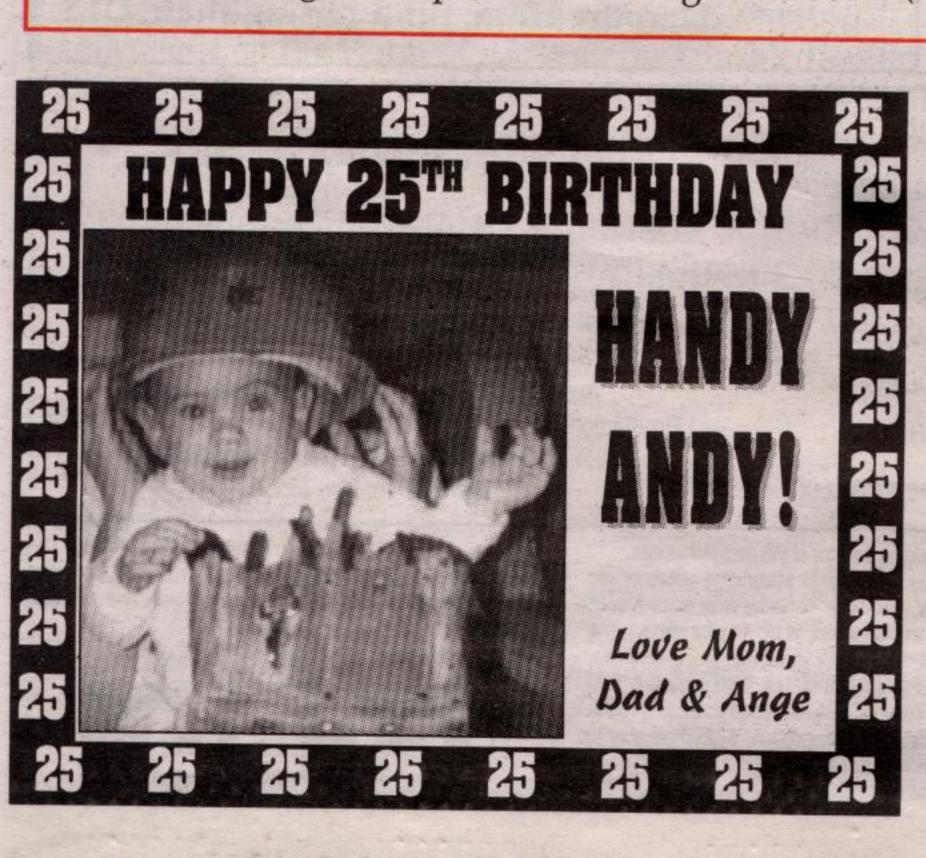
The annual parade, put on by the Acton Firefighters Association, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday. This year's theme is Christmas Carols and the approximately 22 floats in the parade are to be decorated in keeping with the theme.

Parade chairman Bill Spielvogel said several bands have been lined up to participate this year including Acton Citizens' Band, Guelph/Ajax Drum and Bugle Corps, Arthur High School Band, Guelph Royalaires, Royal Canadian Air Cadets Branch 197 Band and Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue.

Spielvogel said, as in the past, Canada Post letter carriers will be walking the parade route picking up letters to Santa from area children.

The parade gets under way from Acton Blvd. then heads to Queen St., turns onto Young St., then follows Mill St. to Main St., turns left onto Knox St. and ends at Prospect Park.

Anyone interested in entering a float in the parade should call Spielvogel by tomorrow (Thursday) at 519-853-2924.





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