

Region offering free compost May 9

alton Region kicks off the 11th year of its successful Compost Give Away Program Lon Monday (May 9) and continues until the following Monday (May 16) at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS).

The event will take place during regular operating hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed on Sundays).

Halton residents will be able to make a non-perishable food or cash donation to the region's food banks.

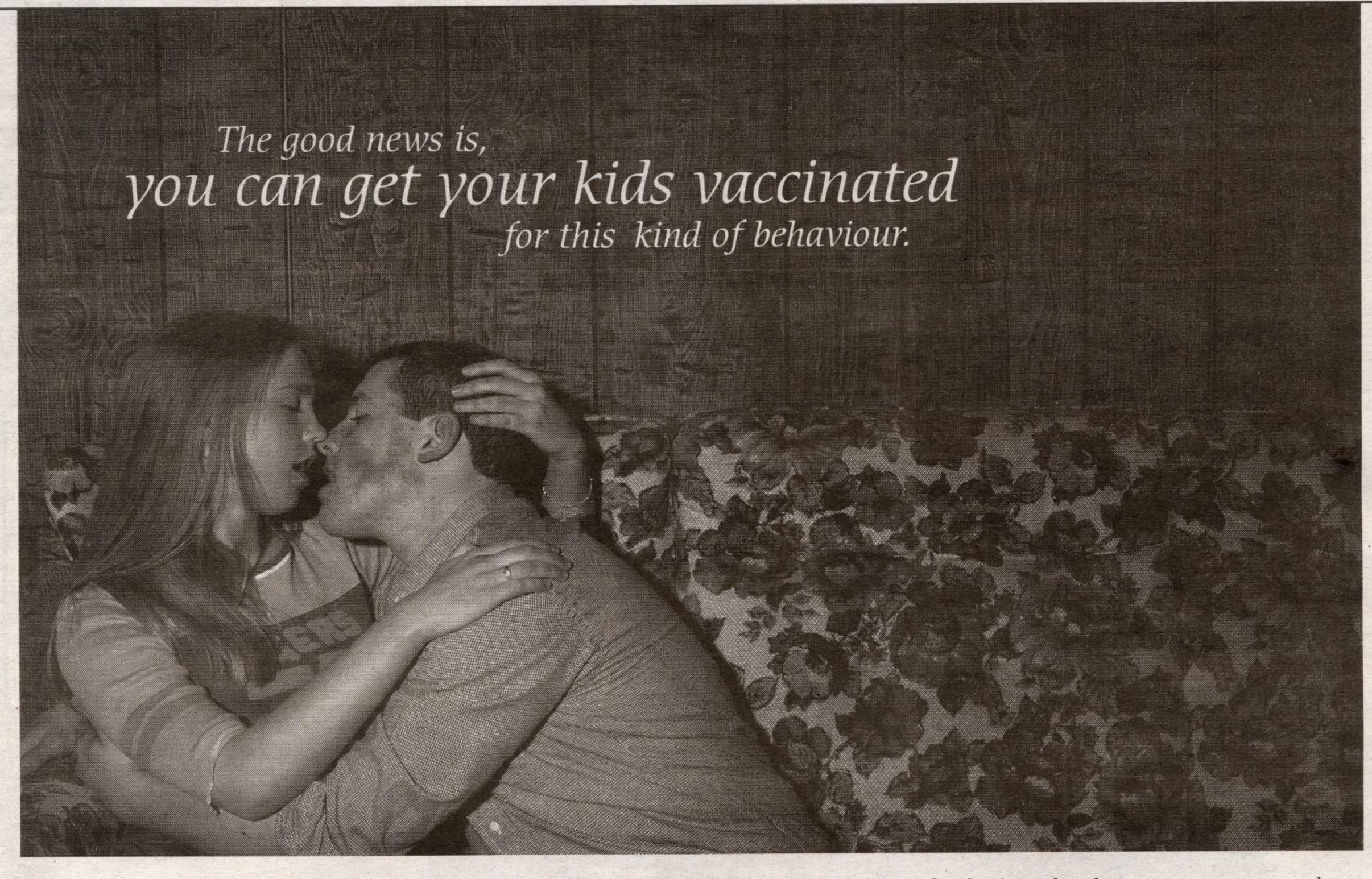
Residents are permitted to take up to seven garbage bags (or equivalent) of compost per household. This compost has been produced from leaves, grass, brush and other yard waste brought to the HWMS. But 1,500 tonnes of compost, made over the past year, will be available for the Spring Give Away.

General information on backyard composting, as well as paper yard waste bags and stickers will also be available.



Think Bowl winners

George Kennedy Public School students (from left) Andrew Morton, Robyn Lamarre, Sarah Wilson and Ryan Catoen won the Halton Think Bowl competition at Orchard Park Public School in Burlington. The Grade 5 students were presented with the task of finding a solution to the growing number of overweight children in elementary schools across Canada. After a brainstorming session; the group presented their solution to the judging panel and Submitted photo earned top marks.



Believe it or not, your kid can die from kissing. Or sharing a bottle, a straw, even a smoke or lipstick. It's called meningitis C and sharing saliva spreads it. Basically, bacteria infect the bloodstream and the lining of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include headache. Fever. Fatigue. A stiff neck. Sensitivity to light. Dizziness. And a red, blotchy rash. They could lose their hearing. An arm or a leg. Worse, more than 1 in 10 who get infected die. So talk to your kid about getting their free vaccination. Clinics are being held in your community and in most schools, for 15- to 19-year-olds. Call your local public health unit for more information. Or talk to your doctor, visit: www.health.gov.on.ca, or call 1-877-234-4343, TTY 1-800-387-5559.