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WEDNESDAY...

Halton Police have laid out their plan to combat graffiti in Town—and refute an earlier contention the vandalism could be the work of 'gangs'. See details Wednesday.

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A passion for Pokémon

Terry Koehler (right) and his sons Quinn, 9, and Patrick, 6, are avid Pokémon competitors who have been competing at provincial and national competitions for almost two years. In November, Quinn captured first place in a provincial tournament in Hamilton, and Patrick had the distinction of being the youngest competitor taking part. Currently Quinn ranks as the number one junior player in Canada, and his brother is in seventh place. The family is looking forward to competing at the national level in Edmonton this summer. See story page 10.

Photo by Ted Brown

Town's Green Plan ready to roll

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

Despite the snow on the ground, the Town of Halton Hills is making plans for a green year.

Council unanimously gave a green thumbs up to the Town's new environmental strategy, The Green Plan, at its December meeting. Staff will bring an Implementation Plan, with specific actions on the recommendations, to council

for approval in the middle of 2008.

"I've very proud to say the Town of Halton Hills is one of only a handful of municipalities in Ontario to have a Green Plan," Mayor Rick Bonnette announced.

It was on the Mayor's initiative in the late spring of 2007 that the ball got rolling to begin work on a green strategy. He set up the Mayor's Green Plan Task Force, comprised of councillors, staff and citizens of all ages and walks of life, with a mission to have a plan

within six months.

"The interest has started at the grassroots level," said Wards 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal. "It's really the community that has been pushing this agenda. People understand that we have very serious issues... and are frustrated that the upper level of government are not reacting nearly quickly enough.

"In our community we are going to do something, we are already doing some things

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