Your Metroland Halton division newspapers earned its share of distinction at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition awards gala in Richmond Hill on Friday (April 20).

The four papers - the Burlington Post, Milton Canadian Champion, Oakville Beaver and Waterdown Flamborough Review - had nine top-three finishes and two honourable mentions on the night.

Among them was a second-place showing for Photographer of the Year for seasoned shutterbug Graham Paine for his work featured in the Champion.

'The timing of these shots indicates Graham Paine has a skill and patience level acquired through years of taking photos. Nicely done," noted the judge.

He also took third for Best Spot News Photo for a church fire photo, while fellow Halton photogra-



Metroland Halton photo

Members of the Metroland Halton division editorial team.

pher Nikki Wesley earned second for a picture of a dancer in the Best Feature Photo category.

Post reporter Tim Whitnell was recognized with an honourable mention for Reporter of the Year.

Fellow Burlington reporters John Bkila and Kathy Yanchus placed second and third respectively for Best News Story for his coverage of a fire that destroyed a local church and Feature Writing for her look at a group's impact on the history of local recycling.

Former Review Editor

Brenda Jefferies took second in the Best Rural Story category for a piece on bike safety among migrant workers, while Waterdown Flamborough earned an honourable mention for Best Editorial, addressing child poverty.

The Champion's editorial/production team combined for an eye-catching summer activities road map that took top honours for Best Original Ad Idea.

The Review was third in the category, while the Post earned second for In House Promotion.

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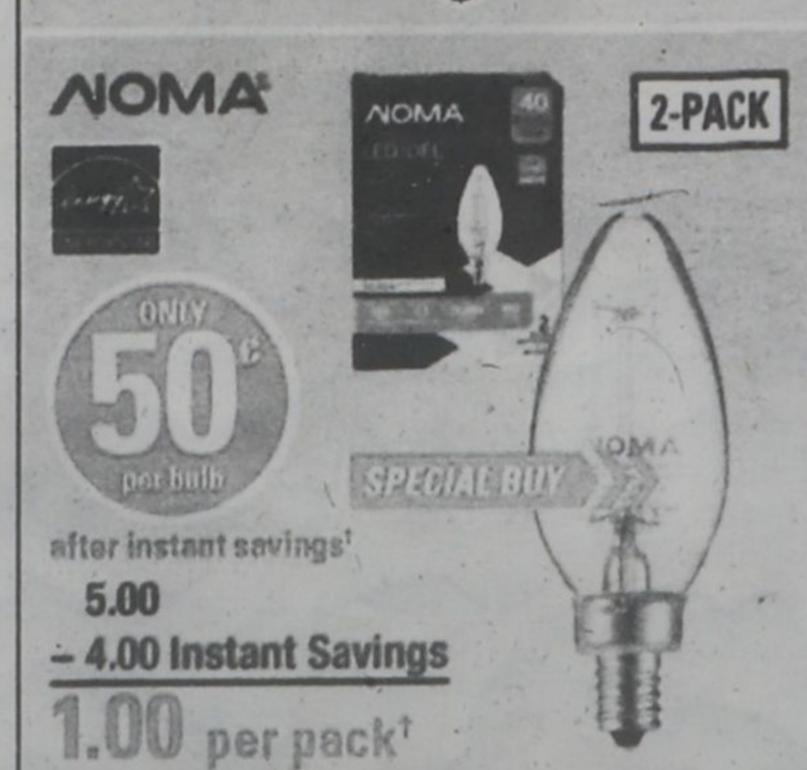
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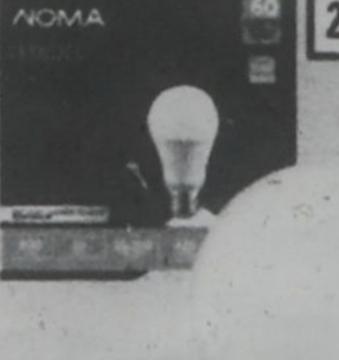
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