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NATURE NUT: Grade 3 J.M. Denyes student Connor Lewis, 8, a member of the school's Nature Nuts Environmental Club is buried in stuffed animals. The school's annual used stuffed animal sale raised funds for the adoption of a yet-to-be determined endangered species.

Traffic safety upgrades proposed for roads

By **Melanie Hennessey**
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A slew of traffic safety improvements have been proposed for Town roads.

The potential changes — like lowering the speed limit by 10 km/h in certain rural areas and improving pavement markings in school crossing zones — were outlined at the community services committee meeting Monday evening by iTrans Consulting, which recently completed a traffic engineering practices study for the Town.

The study presents recommended alterations to the Town's existing policies when it comes to things like all-way stop warrants and rural and urban traffic engineering practices.

These suggested changes, which the committee supported, include:

- Installing 40 km/h speed limits along all elementary school frontages
- Painting two sets of parallel lines at designated supervised school crossings, in addition to painting large blocks on either side of the crossing.
- Reducing the speed limit by 10 km/h on Town rural roads within 1.5 kilometres of a parallel regional road with a lower posted speed limit, and where demonstrated 'cut-through traffic' (commuters) is measured
- Painting centre lines on all rural roads that are at least six metres wide and edge lines on horizontal and vertical curves and in areas susceptible to

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Champion up for awards

The Champion's shutterbug has once again earned distinction.

Graham Paine has been nominated for Photographer of the Year in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspaper Awards for 2005.

He took the honour in 2002 and has now been nominated three times.



Graham Paine

Also, the Champion is in the running for the OCNA's Best Use of Process Colour award, with a Delacourt's advertisement that ran in July earning a nomination.

Overall, Metroland's Halton Division — which includes The Champion, as well as sister papers Oakville Beaver and Burlington Post — garnered 15 OCNA nominations. That means they're in the top 3 of all entries among community newspapers in Ontario.

The winners will be announced at an awards banquet April 1.

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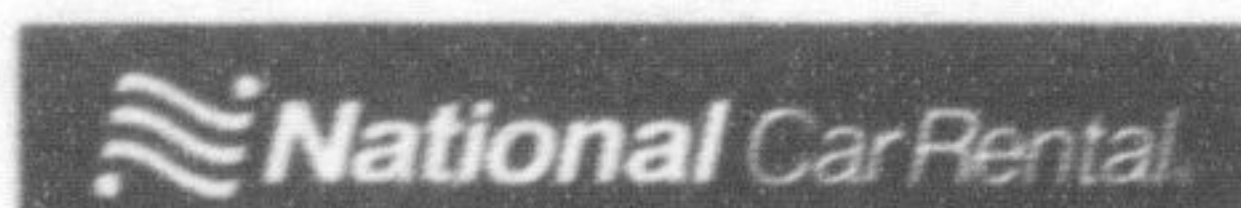
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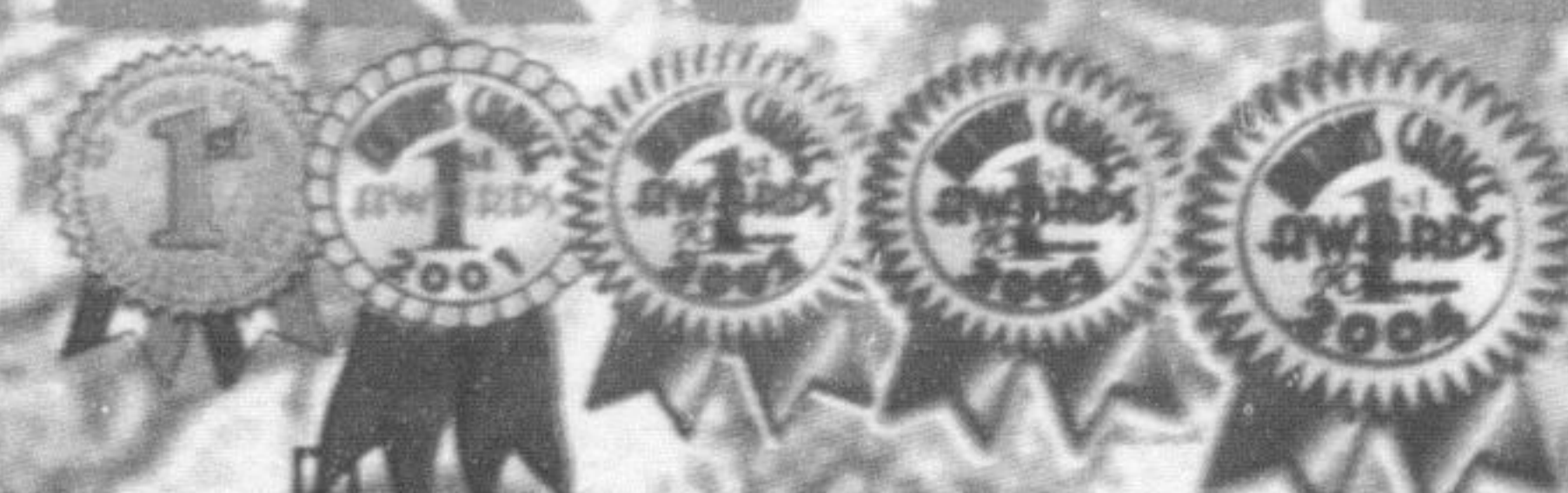
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