



### Santa's helpers

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Elf Crystal Newton and Halton Women Place's Marta Stiteler Simon help Santa pick the winning ticket in the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop's Christmas stocking draw, which raised \$5,500 for the Milton shelter for battered women. The stocking included such items as a car stereo and a Star Trek phone.

## Sparling gets Tory nod in Oakville

Halton regional Councillor Stephen Sparling has the Progressive Conservative Party nomination for the federal riding of Oakville.

Mr. Sparling, 38, was unchallenged by the nomination filing deadline and then acclaimed at a party gathering last week.

Saying the Progressive Conservatives have rebuilt their party after a stunning defeat in the 1993 federal election, Mr. Sparling added a platform would be announced in the new year.

"In 1993 over two million people voted for us ... more votes than the New Democratic or Bloc Quebecois parties garnered and only 400,000 worse than Reform," said Mr. Sparling. "In the riding of Oakville-Milton we received almost 20,000 votes, placing us second behind the Liberals."

Milton has been splintered off the Oakville riding in a redistribution and will



Stephen Sparling

now join Halton Hills, currently represented by Liberal Julian Reed.

Mr. Sparling, who has represented Oakville voters at Halton Region since November 1991, said that economic considerations will dominate the agenda in the next election, expected sometime next year.

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