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## This Week

### Athlete of the year

It has again come time to select a Halton Hills Athlete of the year. This year something new has been added as there will also be a Builder Award presented. The public will submit the nominations for both awards. Stories are in Sports Week. Ballots for both awards are on page 43 and the rules for nominating candidates are on pages 36 and 37.

### Veronica's Room

Georgetown Little Theatre's performance of "Veronica's Room" provided a "scenario of schizophrenic, sordid game-playing and scene-stealing action". Herald staff writer Paul Dorsey says in his review of the GLT's final offering of the season.

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### Police cleared

Halton Regional Police Commission has decided that the superior officers of Constable Barry MacDonald, who committed suicide a week after the death of his girlfriend, did all they could to determine the young officer's state of mind prior to his death.

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### Gray remembers

Chamber of Commerce president George Gray has stepped down after three terms as president, to let in some "new blood with fresh ideas". The Herald talked to Mr. Gray about his views on the Chamber of Commerce, and the town of Georgetown.

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### Brochures examined

Herald editor Michael Hollett takes an in-depth look at the campaign literature published by the candidates in the riding of Brampton-Georgetown. He finds Trudeau-bashing, with a little policy discussion thrown in, dominate.

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### Active retirement

Sawing logs into lumber as a hobby seems a strenuous way to keep fit and alert. Archie Fuller has been at it for more than half a century, however, and talks about how it differs as a hobby compared to his first days when he did it as a source of income.

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## In council's hands

# Planners okay Croatian Centre



### BUBBLE GUM GUY

Howard Green isn't about to take-off — he's competing in Zeller's Bubble-Yum bubble-blowing contest. Over 200 children competed in the contest to see who could blow the largest bubble. By the end of the contest, there were a lot of sticky faces from a lot of broken bubbles, but everyone went home happy. The

winner of the contest won't be announced for several days. The over-all winner qualifies to enter in a draw for a ten-speed bicycle and three of the contestants will receive t-shirts.

(Herald photo by Michael Hollett)

By PAUL DORSEY  
Herald staff writer  
The \$1 million cultural and recreational complex proposed for development near Norval by Toronto-area Croatian-Canadians has been narrowly endorsed by the town planning board.

A 5-5 vote last Wednesday night from Coun. Mike Armstrong chairing the board meeting, to cast the deciding vote on a recommendation authorizing the preparation of a development agreement for the project.

The fate of the complex, may well rest in the hands of Coun.

Marilyn Serjeantson, who was absent from the board meeting, when the recommendation comes before council Monday night. Coun. Les Duby, also absent last week, is ill and is not expected to attend Monday's meeting.

### NOT DECIDED

Coun. Serjeantson told The Herald this week that, contrary to earlier reports saying she is opposed to the complex, she has in fact not yet decided on the issue. Coun. Serjeantson said she would be attempting to clarify some aspects and concerns that have arisen over the project prior to the council meeting.

Known as the Croatian Franciscan Custody, the proposed site is located about two miles south of Norval off Winston Churchill Boulevard, occupying a 160-acre farm. Toronto-area residents, mostly of Croatian background, have thus far raised about \$200,000 toward the cost of developing an Olympic-size swimming pool, a soccer pitch, tennis courts, a chapel and extensive picnic grounds at the Custody.

The recreational use of the site was already drawing complaints from neighboring landowners last fall, however, soon after council approved the project in principle.

Lawyer Kent Webster outlined concerns shared by some of the abutting landowners for the planning board, reminding members that police had been summoned to the site last fall to break up noisy drinking parties. Council was subsequently advised that those creating the disturbances were in no way connected to the Croatian-Canadian owners.

### QUIET LIFESTYLE

Mr. Webster contended that there are more suitable locations for a recreational complex than an agricultural land, suggesting Niagara Escarpment lands as an example. The anticipated influx of 3,000 visitors to the Custody during summer weekends, he said, would be an unwanted intrusion into the relative quiet of the farming lifestyle enjoyed by existing residents.

Opposition to the project has also been voiced by officials of Halton region and the provincial ministry of agriculture and food, who cited land use policies which attempt to discourage the non-agricultural development of farmlands.

Lawyer Michael Bukovac, representing the site's would-be developers, told the board that the bulk of the Custody will remain open to farming and related uses. He repeated

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## Milne cleared of election act wrongdoing

By MICHAEL HOLLETT  
Herald editor

Brampton-Georgetown Liberal candidate Ross Milne has been cleared of charges that he violated the Canada Election Act by distributing a campaign tabloid with weekly newspapers earlier last month.

The announcement was made following a ruling by the Commissioner of Canadian Elections last Friday afternoon.

Members of Conservative candidate John McDermid's campaign had filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Returning Officer following the publication and distribution of a campaign newspaper "Ross Milne reports" in the April 18 editions of the Brampton Guardian and the Independent, Georgetown.

The PC campaign maintained that the move violated an election act regulation that states candidates cannot begin newspaper advertising until 29 days before the election which, in this case would have been April 22.

### NOT IN

A spokesman in the office of Joe Gorman, Commission of Canadian Election said Mr. Gorman based his decision on the section of the election act that forbids publication of an advertisement in a periodical more than 29 days before the election.

"I emphasize the word 'in'," said Jack Forrester of the election office.

"The Milne tabloid was distributed with the two weekly newspapers, not in them. They were printed by the paper's publishing company so it was just a matter of convenience to distribute the papers and the

election office.

Mr. McDermid said the Conservatives' economic policy is based on the fact that "the government can't do it, so the private sector must". He mentioned that the Tories have introduced a policy on mortgage tax rebates, which will put money in the homeowners' pockets and help stimulate the economy.

Liberal candidate Ross Milne talked about the energy issue, and said, "there is nothing more fundamental to Canadian unity and the economy than energy." He defended Petro-Can, against the Conservatives' avowed policy of returning Petro-Can to the private sector.

"Petro-Can is the driving force for resource development in the north, and research and technology across Canada," he said. Mr. Milne downplayed the NDP's role in the formation of Petro-Can, since the NDP were calling for the establishment of such a government-owned firm before the OPEC nations began their price hikes, "and it didn't make sense then".

RETAINING CONTROL  
NDP candidate David Moulton spoke about the economy, the problem of retaining control over foreign investment in Canada, and decisions made abroad which affect people here in Canada.

"All the statistics indicate Canada is no longer a strong industrial country," Mr. Moulton said. Canada needs to stop exporting its resources, since it costs jobs, and results in trade deficits when Canadians pay more to buy the finished product back from abroad than they received from the sale of the raw materials in the first place, he added.

Mr. Moulton said the New

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## McDermid wins mock election as candidates address students

By LORI TAYLOR  
Herald staff writer

Students at Central Peel Secondary School in Brampton may have voted for David Moulton in their mock election, but students at Georgetown District High School prefer John McDermid.

In a mock election held following an all-candidates meeting at the high school Wednesday morning, Conservative candidate John McDermid came first with 65 votes, followed by David Moulton of the NDP with 37. Liberal

candidate Ross Milne came in third with 26 votes. Libertarian candidate Joe Yundt had 17 votes, and the Communist candidate, Jim Bridgwood, who did not appear at the meeting, polled one vote.

Mr. McDermid opened his speech to the students saying that while Mr. Moulton was victorious at Central Peel Secondary School, which he had attended, he expected to do well at Georgetown District High School because his family was originally from Georgetown, although his father had

moved to Brampton some years ago.

LIBERAL CONCERN  
Mr. McDermid talked about Canadian unity and about the state of the economy during his period, and expressed his concern for Canada's future under another Liberal government.

"I fear for my country when my prime minister walks around attacking eight provincial premiers, but he doesn't attack the one who is trying to tear Canada apart," Mr. McDermid said. The reason Mr.



ROSS MILNE



JOHN McDERMID



DAVID MOULTON

## Trustee resigns post after conflict ruling

Halton board of education trustee Noel Cooper has resigned as chairman of the board's salary negotiating committee because of a decision by a judge over a conflict of interest on the part of two Toronto trustees.

The trustees from the Toronto board of education were suspended from the board for one and two months because they voted on a contract for secondary school teachers while their wives were employed by the

elementary panel of the same board. In his ruling, the judge said that the settlement in the secondary teachers' contract would have an effect on the elementary teachers' negotiations contract.

### REPLACE TRUSTEE

Mr. Cooper, whose wife is an elementary school teacher with the Halton board, resigned his position on the negotiating committee; he informed the board that he would stay on the committee until a replacement is found.

Trustees later voted to replace Mr. Cooper with Milton trustee Bill Lawson.

Mr. Cooper was a trustee before he married his wife. He declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting when the final vote was held on the elementary teachers' contract.

Rev. Gary Morton, who is also married to a teacher, has always refrained from voting on teachers' contracts at the elementary and secondary school level.



### CLARK VISITS GEORGETOWN

Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark greeted supporters who turned out for a mini-rally at the North Halton Golf and Country Club yesterday morning. Mr. Clark

addressed a group of about 400 people, and urged them to support Brampton-Georgetown candidate John McDermid. See story on Page three.