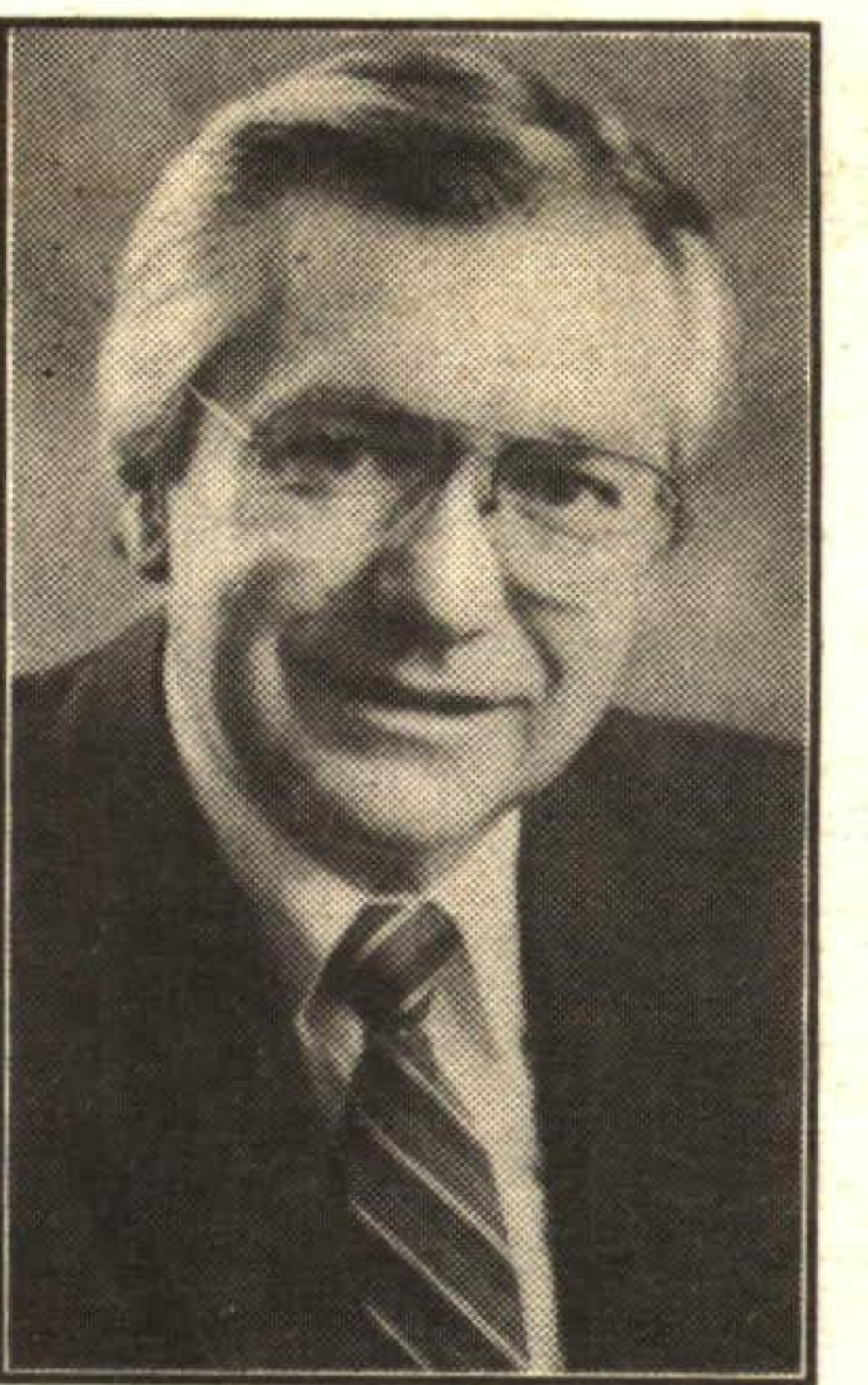


Pomeroy to stand trial on charges



PETER POMEROY

A cloud continues to hang over the office of regional chairman.

But Peter Pomeroy is still proclaiming his innocence, despite a preliminary hearing that resulted in a judge sending him to trial on two counts each of breach of trust and accepting secret commissions.

Also facing trial in connection with the same incidents are his wife, Halton deputy clerk Pat Crimmins, along with lawyer Bert Arnold and developer Ab Tennant.

But Halton's top municipal politi-

cian put on a brave face following the ruling in a Burlington court, telling reporters he's more convinced than ever he'll defend himself successfully against the charges.

"We expected this, we were totally prepared for it," said Pomeroy. "My lawyer explained to me that in Canadian law these situations almost always to trial. Believe me, we're not going to lose this."

Evidence was presented which had been collected by officers from Project 80, a joint police investigative

team designed to root out municipal corruption.

Charges were laid last year after more than two years of investigation.

A court-imposed ban on publication of evidence from the preliminary hearing prevents the media from reporting details until after the trial.

The group was told to appear in court in Milton on August 2, to set a date for trial.

Pomeroy won't step aside as regional chairman, and hasn't ruled out seeking another term. "As of

today, I'm going to stay on...as for the future, I haven't made any plans."

Pomeroy said the charges have been difficult on he and his family, and expressed some dismay with having been targeted for investigation by a special police municipal corruption unit. "It's the kind of experience no one else should have to go through."

He said that defending himself against the charges was costing an enormous amount, but wouldn't reveal the figure. "It's a very expensive process."

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Fireworks display

The holiday weekend will wind up tonight (Sunday) with the Acton Fire Fighters' Association holding their annual firework display at Prospect Park. Fire fighters will again be asking visitors to the park to make a donation to help defray the cost of the event. The show begins at dusk.

POWER open house

POWER is celebrating the passing of Bill 62 and is inviting all members and supporters of the organization to an open house at Andrew's Scenic Acres on Wednesday, July 6 from 7 to 10 p.m.

From five to four?

Three Halton Hills councillors will get together as a committee to review the report of the Regional Review Sub Committee, which is calling for a reduction on Halton Hills regional council members from five to four. Council is to discuss the report on July 11.

Special honor

At Monday's council meeting Mayor Miller presented Acton senior citizen Pat Giguere with the 1994 Senior of the Year Award for the town of Halton Hills. Mayor Miller thanked Giguere for her many deputations to council and recognized her efforts on behalf of Acton seniors.

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Oh, Canada!



Cory Wilson, owner of Baskin Robbins ice cream shop in Georgetown Marketplace Mall, got into the spirit of Canada Day early as he decorated an ice cream cake as a Canadian flag. The cake, donated to Glen Williams

Canada Day committee to be served at Friday's Canada Day celebrations, was accepted by Glen Williams committee chairperson Angie Fowler.

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HIV tests urged for patients

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

Georgetown Hospital is joining the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) in its campaign to inform patients who received blood between 1978 and 1985 that they may have been exposed to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

During that time there was no screening of the HIV virus in blood donations. Hospital executive director John Oliver said there are three aspects to the campaign.

First, some units of blood which came from donors who later tested positive for HIV, have been tracked down and patients who received this blood have been informed. No blood believed to be contaminated is known to have come to Georgetown Hospital, Oliver said.

Second, the hospital will be tracking down patients who received blood transfusions at the hospital during the high risk period, 1980-85. People will receive a confidential letter asking them to contact their doctor for a blood test.

In addition, the hospital and OHA are advising people who were admitted to hospitals with specific problems, to have a blood test. These problems result in transfusion about half the time and include: complex orthopedic procedures, cardiovascular surgery, complications of pregnancy, premature babies, massive trauma, gastrointestinal bleeding, chronic medical conditions with anemia, malignant neoplasms (a type of cancer), hematological malignancies (a type of cancer)

Anyone with any questions is invited to call the hospital hotline at 873-0111, ext. 235.

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