

# Rick Malboeuf runs for Milton Mayor

By GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

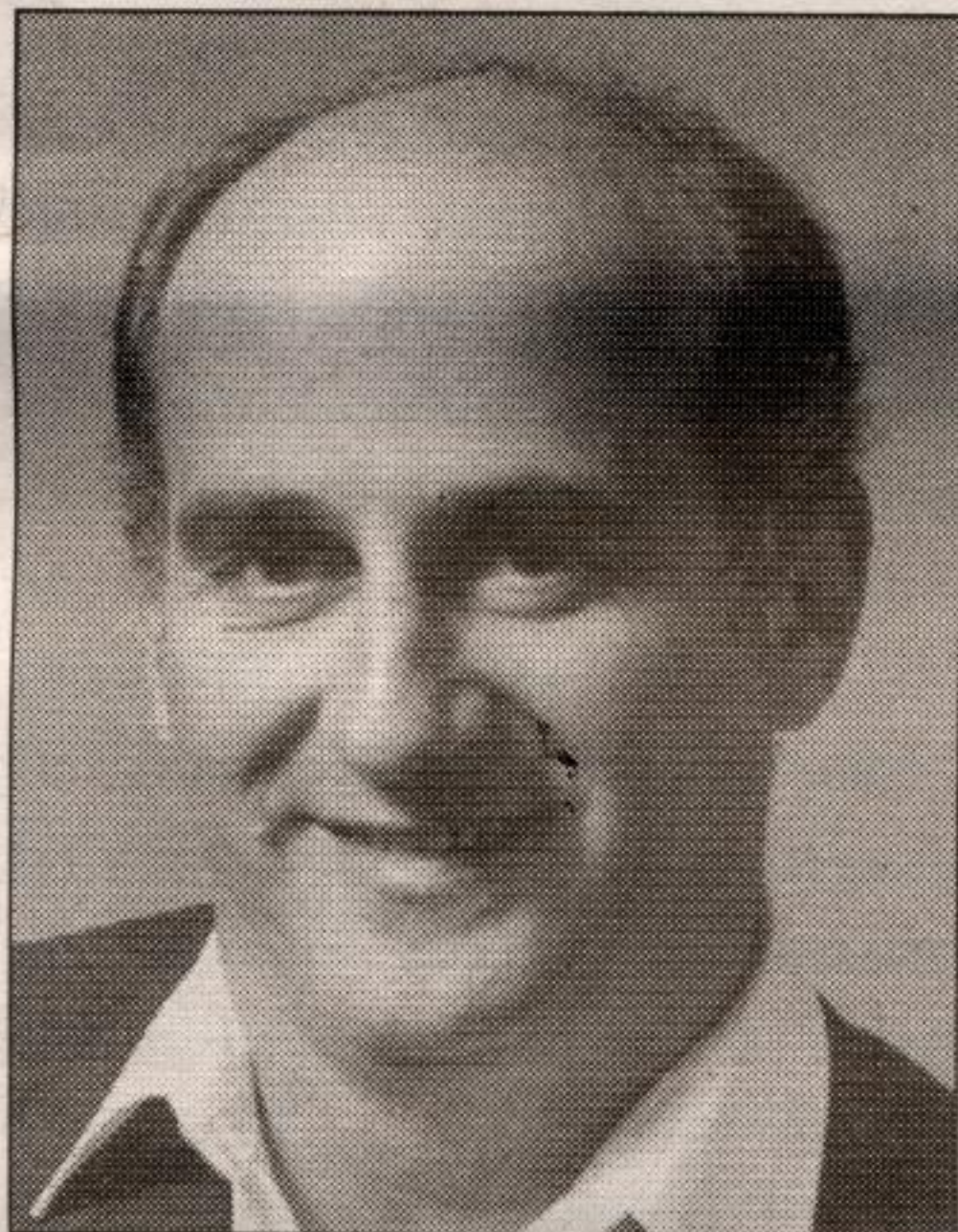
Rick Malboeuf says "our town is no longer the Milton of even five years ago," while declaring his nomination for Milton's chief position. "We need a mayor who understands the challenges we face and who is prepared to deal with them. My experiences in the private sector and in government have provided me with the qualifications needed to be that mayor."

Mr. Malboeuf's political experience spans two terms as the Milton and Regional Councillor for Wards 2 and 4. His positions include: vice-chairman of the Regional Health and Social Services Committee, vice-president of Halton Community Housing, vice-chairman of the Milton Community Services Committee, and member of the Halton Regional Police Services Board, the Land Ambulance Advisory Committee, and the Milton Citizens Consultation Committee.

He mentions several achievements he's proud of. "I have worked and lobbied extremely hard to improve the ambulance service," he says. "Milton now has two full-time,

24-hour ambulances. We will soon have two fully-equipped ambulance stations, one in Campbellville and the other in urban Milton."

The fire department has been another area of concern. "Upon first being elected to council, I realized that our fire-fighting capabilities were inadequate," he explains, "and to improve our service we




would have to move to a full-time service. We are now close to achieving the minimum level of service standards set by the Office of the Fire Marshall, but we still have a way to go to be at the level Miltonians want and deserve."

Mr. Malboeuf also was key in recommending a new bylaw that would regulate smoking in all public and work places. Although the final bylaw "has flaws that must be corrected," observes Mr. Malboeuf, "it still offers Milton residents more protection from the hazards of tobacco smoke than did the previous regulations."

Finally, Mr. Malboeuf says that he brought an end to Milton Council decisions being made in closed-door sessions.

A 16-year resident of Milton, he is a married father of four and grandfather of two. One of Mr. Malboeuf's leisure activities is playing softball in the Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League.

His plans for his term as mayor include the improvement of emergency services and lowering the crime rate. "What I have done for ambulance and fire, I will do for policing," Mr. Malboeuf states. He also plans to revitalize the downtown areas of Milton and Campbellville, and to make Council, he says, "more open, efficient, cost-effective and taxpayer-friendly."



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# Gastle seeks re-election as Halton Hills Mayor

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Kathy Gastle, mayor of Halton Hills, is seeking re-election for a second term of office. "I want to continue demonstrating that Halton Hills is open and ready for business," she says.

Economic development was an item on Mrs. Gastle's previous campaign agenda, and she reports that servicing will be coming to the 401 corridor, opening up the area to industry.

"Our assessment base in Halton Hills wasn't balanced," she observes. "Our residential component is greater than the industrial and commercial. Having this servicing proposal go forward is a huge accomplishment."

Mrs. Gastle sees the need to balance development with a safe, clean and green environment. "This is achievable but we have to continue to raise the bar," she says. She mentions the purchase of public open space as a continuing high priority.

Safety issues have been addressed through the purchase of new equipment for the Fire Department, while public commitment to cleanliness has been demonstrated by support for keeping Halton Hills litter-free and a top competitor in the Communities in Bloom competition. All are issues that Mrs. Gastle endorses.

Another accomplishment that she men-



tions is the Mayor's Golf Tournament to support the heritage projects of Acton's Town Hall and the Limehouse Kiln Society. "I'm a founding member of the Society," she adds.

Mrs. Gastle was born and raised in Norval, where she currently lives with her husband of 26 years, George, a retired schoolteacher. They have two sons and a daughter, all of university age. Prior to serving as mayor, Mrs. Gastle was a Town and Regional councillor for nine years.

Her answer to why she should be re-elected as mayor is, "I have vision, leadership skills and want to improve the quality of life in Halton Hills."

Contesting Mrs. Gastle for the Mayor's position are Rick Bonnette and John Day. Mr. Bonnette points to his 21 years of local and regional council experience. "There will be no on-the-job training," he says. "My track record has been always to direct my decisions and efforts to the full and fair representation of all citizens of Halton Hills."

"I'm going forward as the people's mayor," says John Day. "People have known what I stood for. My track record proves that." He lists areas that are important to him: youth and senior issues, the environment and intelligent land-use planning. "I listen closely to the citizens. I've always done that."



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