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Milton mayor challenged over election contributions

By GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and Regional Councillor Rick Malboeuf have publicly raised the issue of conflict of interest over campaign contributions. Mr. Malboeuf, a mayoral candidate, has challenged Mayor Krantz about accepting donations from consultants, developers and an aggregate extraction company.

On September 28, Mr. Malboeuf sent an e-mail message to Mayor Krantz asking him to withdraw from the election. He charged the Mayor with accepting approximately \$5,500 for the 2000 election, from consultants and developers doing business with the town. He also pointed to a \$750 donation from Dufferin Aggregates, given while the Mayor was a commissioner with the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

"Some are saying that put you in a direct conflict when dealing with the quarry expansion," wrote Mr. Malboeuf. He also questioned an unreported donation made to Mayor Krantz by the Greater

Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association.

In his e-mail message, Mr. Malboeuf also listed the Mayor's positions on the E.C. Drury lands, the smoking issue, improvements to the fire department and adding defibrillators to Town facilities, as being opposed by the majority of Miltonians.

The Mayor's response was "Request denied; I am in the race to win." He says he forwarded the message to all his colleagues, one of whom, John Challinor, forwarded it to *The Compass*. "I was the first to make it public," declares Mayor Krantz.

This is a point that Mr. Malboeuf wants to make clear. "The Mayor has accused me of sleazy politics and I take offence to that," he says. "Had I taken the information provided me and gone public with it, he may have had justification to make that accusation. In light of the fact that I chose not to go public with it, and it was the Mayor, in an attempt to divert attention away

from himself and score some political points, who chose to make public an e-mail I sent to him in confidence, I wonder who is really playing sleazy politics."

As for the question of political contributions, Mayor Krantz doesn't deny any of them. In fact, he reveals that the total was \$6,500, not \$5,500. "I don't know if developers and consultants were contributors," he says. "It could be. I have a chartered accountant who looks after contributions." Public records for the Mayor's campaign show such names as Jannock Properties, South Derry Developments, North Derry Developments, Mattamy Homes, QEW-Bronte Developments and others.

The Mayor adds "I never, ever solicit funds. People give on their own accord." Asked if he has a list of acceptable or unacceptable kinds of donors, he says, "There's none that I'm aware of."

Mayor Krantz explains that he is careful to keep contributions

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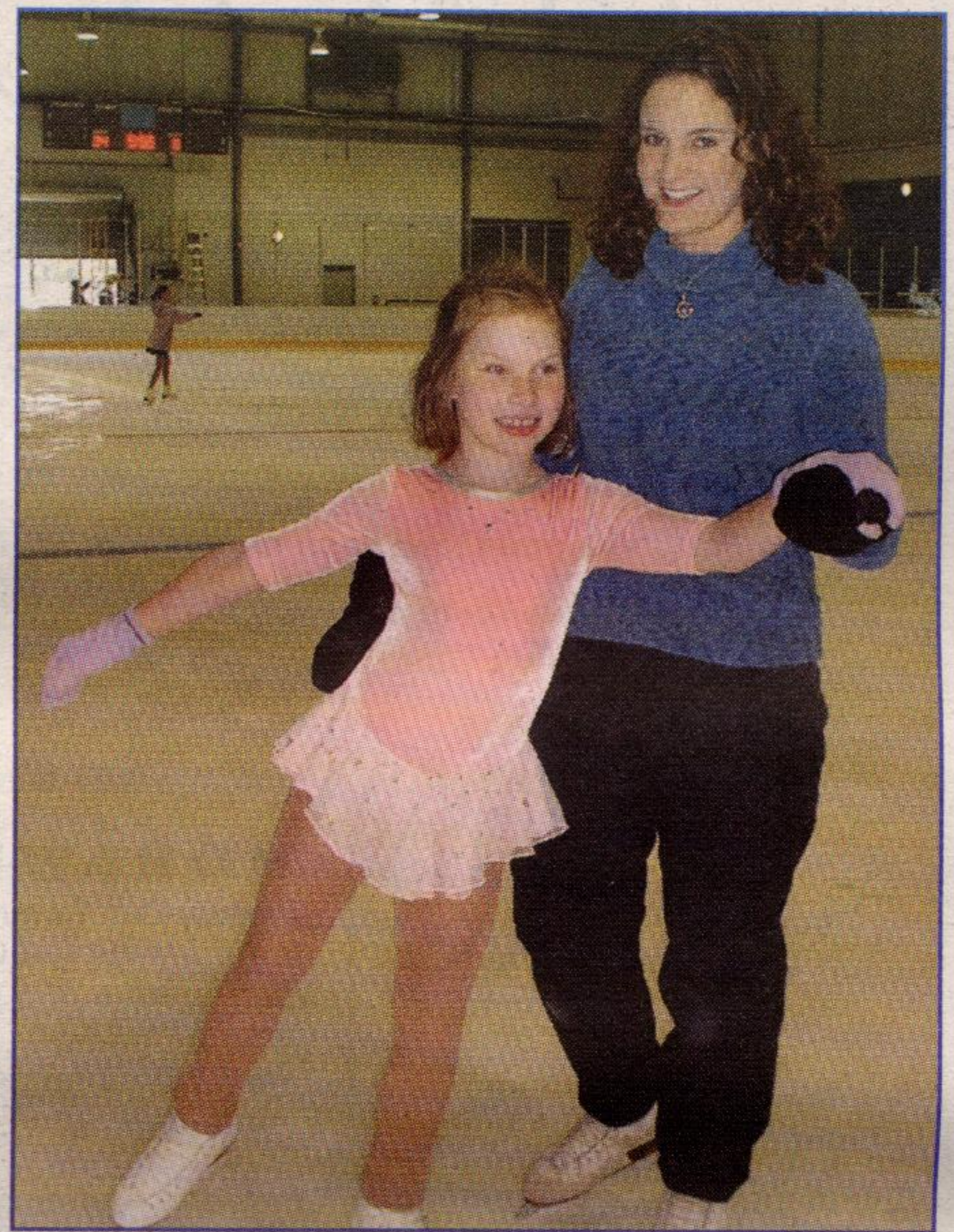


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Sports Centre Skaters

Emily Williams, left, practises with her coach, Laurie McDonell, right, on one of the new skating rinks that opened on October 2 at the new Milton Sports Centre. Phase One of the centre includes 100,000 square feet of facility with state-of-the-art equipment. A Grand Opening of the facility is planned for November 1, 2003.

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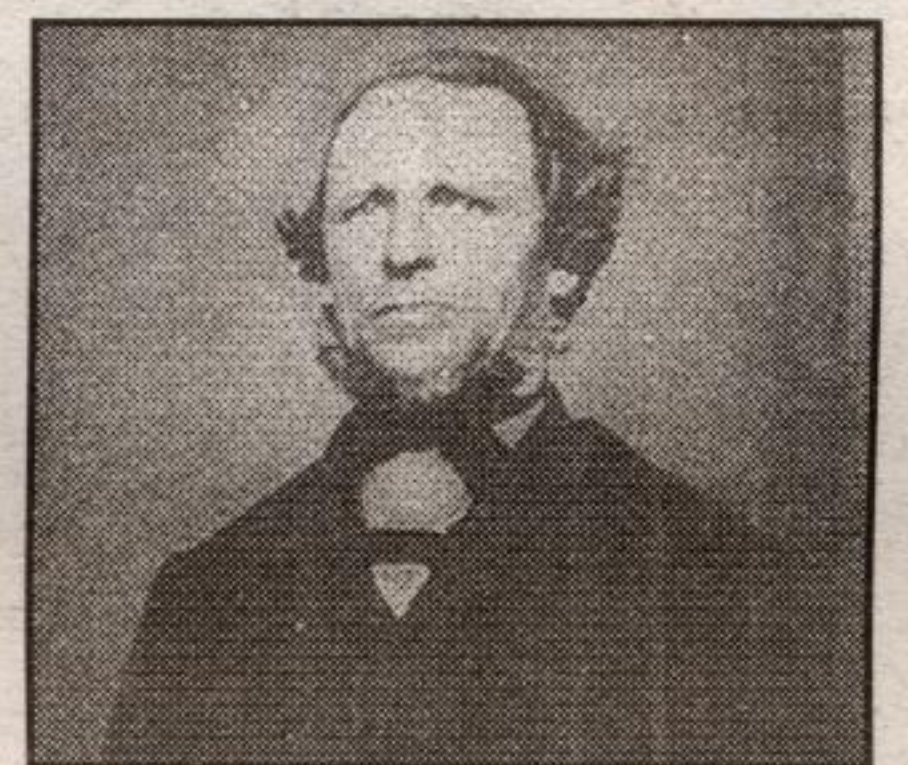
Although gnarled apple trees still bear the same shiny red fruits, plump pumpkins are heaped by the door and the corn maze still rustles its spooky secrets, John and Marion Glasgow are looking forward to autumn's new offerings - their retirement pursuits.



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SHOEBOX MEMORIES

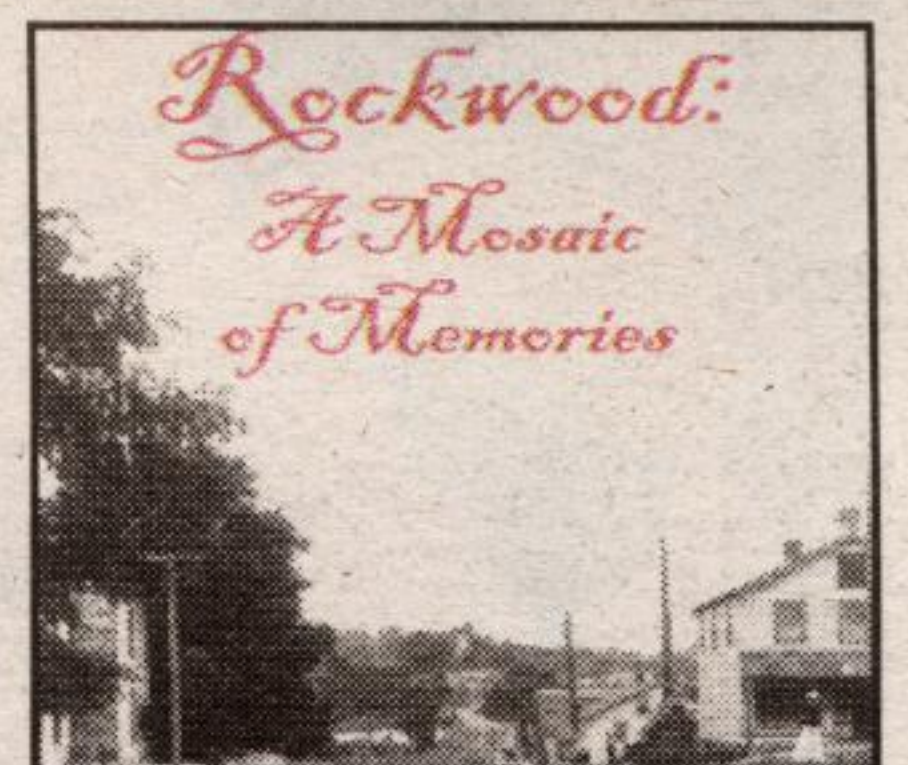
George Wigglesworth and Isabella France were married at York in 1840. They farmed first on Lot 5, Con. 7, Trafalgar Township at Drumquinn. In 1854 they received title to Lot 9, Con. 8, Esquesing, south of Ashgrove and in 1859 they built a large brick house.



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