

Greenspan to disclose 'unidentified' sources of cash

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More than \$90,000 deposited in Peter Pomeroy's various bank accounts over a 46-month period came from "unknown sources," a forensic accountant testified in Milton court Thursday.

Bruce Armstrong, an accountant specializing in financial investigations, analyzed 13 bank accounts held by Pomeroy in Canada and the United States between Jan. 1, 1989 and Oct. 31, 1992.

He told the court Pomeroy, former Halton regional chairman, deposited more than \$729,000 in the various accounts over the 46-month period.

Pomeroy, 55, earned only

\$219,000 in his position with the region during that time period. Pomeroy also spent most of that money, Armstrong testified.

"My conclusion is that the funds received by Mr. Pomeroy from unknown sources, as well as the funds received from known sources, were required to meet his disbursements on an ongoing basis," he said.

As well as paying mortgages on his Georgetown home and Florida condominium, Pomeroy spent over \$169,000 on home renovations and invested over \$37,000.

A longtime Halton politician, Pomeroy is facing charges of breaching the public trust and accepting a secret commission.

The crown is alleging he was a



PETER POMEROY



BERT ARNOLD

silent partner in Albefins Investment Ltd., a Georgetown company owned by co-accused Bert Arnold, 43.

Albefins Investment was a partner in a five-party consortium

which earned over \$10 million through a lucrative landflip of a Georgetown property.

During the time Albefins Investment owned the Georgetown property, an official plan amendment was passed to include it within the urban boundary of Georgetown, guaranteeing it water and sewage services. As mayor of Halton Hills, Pomeroy voted to approve that amendment and did not declare a conflict of interest on the issue.

Arnold, a Georgetown lawyer, is charged with one count of offering a secret commission.

During cross-examination of Armstrong, defence lawyer Brian Greenspan disputed Armstrong's use of the term "unknown sources."

"The word unknown, in this analysis, merely means unknown to you. And really, the word unknown here, could be accurately described as unidentified," he said.

Greenspan said that during his cross-examination, he would help Armstrong identify the source of about \$70,000 of the money from unknown sources. He also noted that Armstrong failed to find a financial link between Pomeroy and Arnold.

"And in this process of attempting to identify things, you didn't identify one dime going from Albefins or Bert Arnold to Peter Pomeroy. Isn't that right?"

"That is correct," agreed Armstrong.

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Searching for top citizen

The Georgetown Lions Club wants to honor someone who has given unselfishly to the community. The Lions, however, need your help in picking the most deserved citizen or group for its annual Georgetown Citizen of the Year award. Nominations are now being received. Mail nominations with supporting resume, postmarked no later than January 31, 1995 to Georgetown Lions Club, Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, L7G 4T1. The award banquet will be held March 7 at the Lions Hall. The public is invited to attend this special evening. Tickets are available from the Lions Club members.

Week declared

February 5 through February 11 will be International Development Week in Halton Hills council proclaimed Monday night. The request for the proclamation came from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The theme for the week is Women in the Municipal World and municipalities are encouraged to raise awareness of the theme.

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Art majors?



A few would-be Picassos gathered at their easels at Joseph Gibbons Public School, as they took part in the newly introduced Junior Kindergarten program at the school. Taking part in the fun were (from left) Kayla Wenzel,

Tammy Vernon, Jeffrey Wheeler and parent-volunteer Leslie Hannon-Mills. For details see page 5.

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