

# Bonnette steamrolls over foes

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Day, who thanked all of his supporters for their help, said he will be sorry to leave public life.

When asked about his future plans he responded, "I don't know, I'm going to sleep in tomorrow (today)."

Gastle, confident of a win, awaited election results with family and supporters at the Civic Centre.

"No one expects to lose," said Gastle. "My team worked hard, my family worked hard."

Gastle, who congratulated the new mayor and councillors, said her years as mayor were "the best three years of my life."

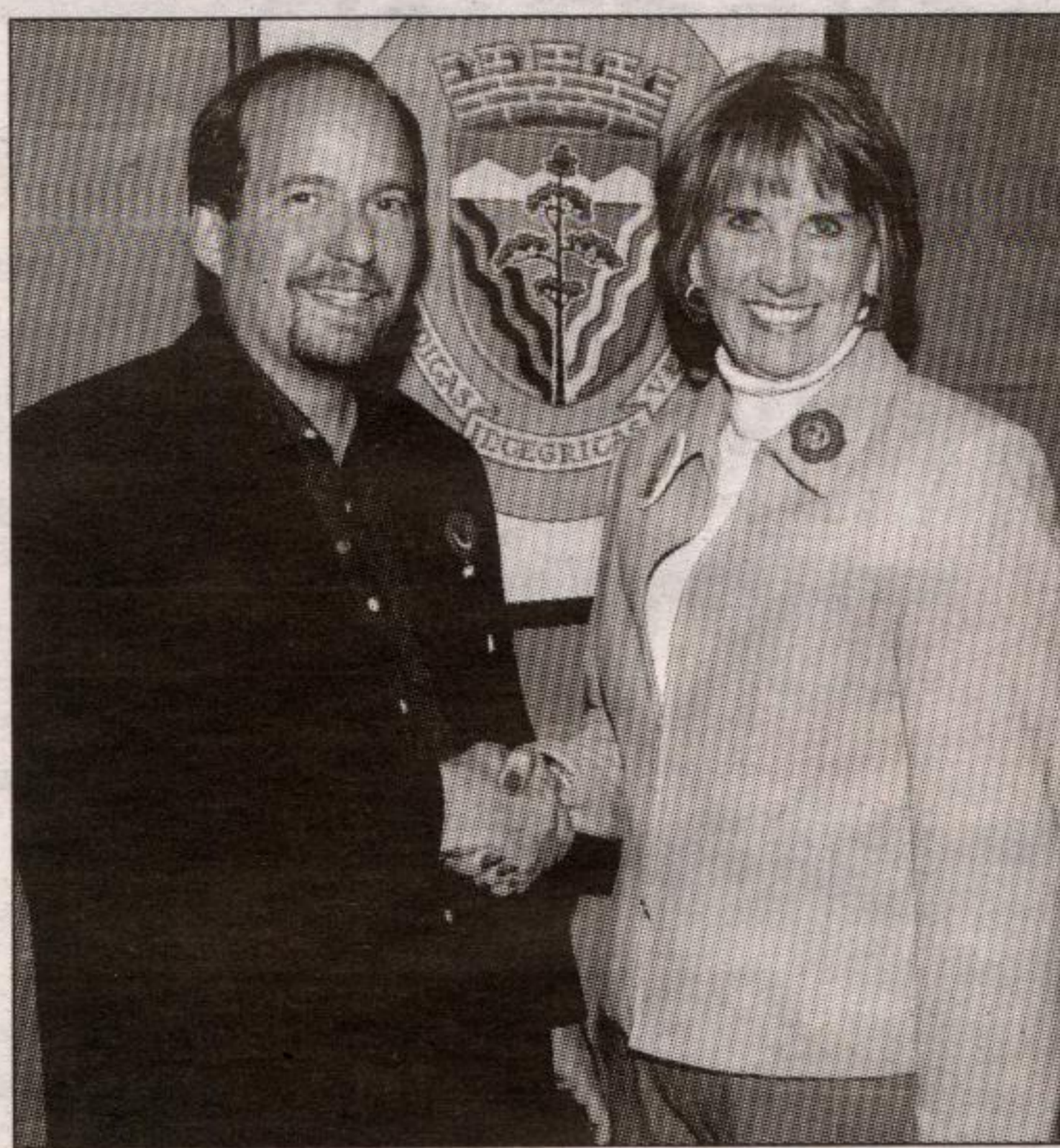
"I have enjoyed the opportunity to be in public service, in office for the Town of Halton Hills, for the past 12 years," said Gastle.

"I'm proud of my many accomplishments which include the very complex servicing of the 401/407 Industrial Corridor," said Gastle. "I hope that I will be remembered for my many accomplishments for improving the quality of life for the citizens of Halton Hills."

At this point Gastle said she doesn't know what her future plans are but added "out of challenges there are always opportunities."

Former Halton Hills mayor Serjeantson said she thought she would have received more votes and was disappointed with the voter turnout, which was about 33 per cent.

"I came in the race because I wanted to win," said Serjeantson, who added she enjoyed the campaign and never asked any-



**Outgoing Mayor Kathy Gastle congratulates Mayor-elect Rick Bonnette on his victory at the Civic Centre Monday.**

Photo by Ted Brown

one for financial support.

She said she worked hard during the campaign and knocked on many doors.

"I had excellent support but some people confused me with Kathy Gastle," she said. She believes the fact she entered the race later than the other candidates, and did not receive an endorsement from this newspaper, hurt her. She also said she heard "a lot of people wanted a male mayor."

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Wards 1&2: Veteran Somerville records easy victory

Veteran local councillor Clark Somerville beat out political newcomer Drew Riedstra for the Regional Council Wards 1/2 seat Monday.

Somerville garnered a total of 3,226 votes (70.7 per cent compared to 1,340 (29.3 per cent) for Riedstra.

Somerville, a Ward 1 local council representative for the past six years, said throughout the campaign "a lot of people said it was important to have experience in this position."

He added he was pleased to have a credible candidate like Riedstra run against him.

"I appreciate all the support from everybody who participated in the process," said Riedstra, who expected a higher voter turnout.

"I think I was not as successful as I could have been because voters chose to vote for political experience rather than the issues," said Riedstra.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Wards 3&4: Fogal moves to regional position with lopsided win

Local councillor Jane Fogal will be a new face at the Halton Region Council table after decisively winning the Wards 3/4 regional council seat Monday.

Fogal received 5,388 votes (75 per cent) compared to challenger Stephen Grasby's 1,796 (25 per cent).

"We ran a full campaign," said Fogal. "We had lots of support, lots of volunteers. We knocked on doors, we put up signs, we did everything to win this."

Despite the fact he didn't win the seat Grasby said the number of votes he received was "absolutely phenomenal."

"I'd really like to thank everybody who did get out to vote," he said. "I did as well as I could with the resources I had."

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Region chair: Savoline wins big

It's not broken, so don't fix it. That was the message sent Monday by voters in Halton in selecting incumbent Joyce Savoline to her fourth consecutive term as regional chair.

The veteran politician from Burlington earned 62 per cent of Monday's votes and will maintain the title for another three years.

Savoline's 41,800 total votes easily beat out second-place finisher Brian Burton of Oakville who captured 12,555 votes. Neither Burlington's Anne Marsden nor Robert Heaton of Halton Hills factored into the race. Marsden picked up 7,919 votes, while Heaton received 4,660.

Savoline said voters can expect her to continue to advocate for good governance, especially in areas like development and environmental protection.

"We're not going to let the quality of life slip in our communities it's something that we work very hard to achieve," she said.

Savoline, 58, said she thinks much of the good work done by regional council goes unnoticed because it doesn't adopt an in-your-face brand of governance.

She said Halton's 400,000 residents can expect improved communication between the government and citizenry.

Second-place finisher Burton, whose campaign focused significantly on development issues said he expected a better result.

"I'm very disappointed. I didn't expect to win but I thought I would do better than I did," he said.

Marsden declined to comment, while Heaton could not be reached for comment.

—By Robb Swybrou, special

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*Rick Bonnette*



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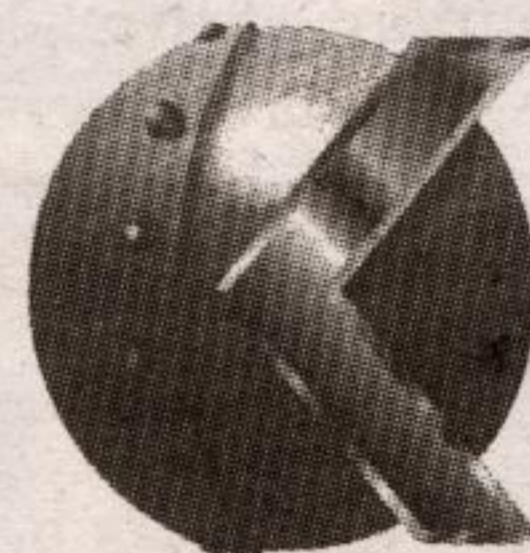
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