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## FRIDAY...

Halton Hills Town staff has already begun to crunch budget numbers for 2008 and taxpayers could expect to see a hike in the neighbourhood of \$117 a year. For details see Friday's edition.

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## Marching for diversity

Peer Outreach Support Services and Education (POSSE) hosted the second annual Welcoming Diversity Day Saturday in downtown Georgetown. The day, which featured a march from the downtown core to Cedarvale Park, was held to celebrate human rights and to raise awareness of the fight against discrimination. Among the approximately 110 people who took part in the celebration was (below) Emiliano Vargas of Georgetown. More photos page 10.

Photos by Yves Desjardins



# Tribunal rules in favour of Halton Place

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The AAC National Dog Agility Trials and Canadian Country Classic Equestrian Tournament are a go at Halton Place.

The fates of the two events at the 15 Sideroad farm—one to start tomorrow and the other next week—were in jeopardy after five neighbours appealed the Niagara Escarpment Commission permits for the events.

But in his decision issued Friday following an

Environmental Review Tribunal hearing that ended Aug. 3, hearing officer Knox Henry confirmed the NEC permits, allowing the events to go ahead as planned.

That means the dog agility trials will be held at Halton Place beginning tomorrow (Thursday) and running through Sunday and the Canadian Country Classic will be held Aug. 22 to 26, and Aug. 29 to Sept. 2.

"We are thrilled," said Megan Krueger, general manager of Halton Place. "It's definitely a big relief, both financially and from the time we

spent (organizing the events.)"

She said she received several phone calls and there was a lot of interest from those in the "horse community" concerned about the fate of the equestrian event.

Had the hearing officer not upheld the NEC permits, Krueger said Halton Place would have had to cancel the shows and face several thousands of dollars in fines and a prohibition from hosting a similar event for a year from Equine Canada.

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