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Dream season for Bulldogs comes to heart-breaking end

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FRIDAY...

Halton Police have released their mid-year statistical report on crime in Halton. For details see Friday's edition.

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Everybody loves a parade

RCL Branch 120 president Ray Clarke leads the joint colour parties Georgetown Saturday. (Inset) Three-year-old Daniel Migus of Georgetown gets a better view of the parade from dad Eugene's shoulders. For more see page 3. Photos by Jon Borgstrom

Local man accused of being drug kingpin

PAM DOUGLAS
Special to The IFP

A Georgetown man and a Brampton man have been arrested by Toronto Police, accused of being the main suppliers of drugs in a network of marijuana and ecstasy dealing in Toronto's downtown core.

Toronto Police had earlier wrapped up an investigation that lasted six weeks and led to the arrest of nine people. Investigators say they seized marijuana with a street value of \$50,000 and ecstasy with a street value of \$3,000, along with a

gun in that investigation. The two area men were among the nine arrested. Police are withholding the names of the other seven as the investigation continues.

Raids at warehouses and homes in Brampton, Georgetown and Toronto were carried out last Wednesday where police say they seized another \$600,000 worth of marijuana, \$16,500 in cash investigators say was the proceeds of drug sales, a gun, ammunition and a Taser.

Police say the same group was also running a chop shop in a North York warehouse. Police

seized two stolen vehicles and automobile parts during the raids.

George Vlachos, 37, of Georgetown has been charged with producing marijuana, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, two counts of possession of stolen property, possession of hash, possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of proceeds of drug trafficking.

Gary Calisto, 37, of Brampton faces charges of producing marijuana, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and two counts of possession of stolen property.

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