

Turner is talking pensions

Former Milton area MP and Nassagaweya resident Garth Turner will talk about financial planning tonight (Friday) in Milton. Mr. Turner, who was revenue minister in the last Tory federal government, will be speaking at Halton Hills Place, 3090 Steeles Avenue West. The seminar deals with pension planning. Call 639-8777 in Burlington for more information.

MPP fuming over Region's anti-downloading ad plan

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to *The Champion*

Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh questioned the need for regional government Wednesday, after learning of a costly campaign to slam the province's downloading plan.

He expressed shock and outrage over Halton council's allocation of \$100,000 to publicize their stand against proposed funding shifts.

Their message will be delivered through both daily and weekly newspaper advertisements.

"I can't believe municipal politicians that I know would spend taxpayers' money so frivolously," said a surprised Mr. Chudleigh.

"If they're going to make these kinds of decisions, do we really need regional government? More and more my answer is shifting to a big 'no.' We can manage our money better without them."

Call for checklist

Mr. Chudleigh suggested Halton council draw up a scorecard of cost-cutting measures implemented by both the Ontario government and municipalities.

On the one hand, he said, the province has reduced its number of MPPs and cut their pay by 10 per cent while Milton, for instance, has failed to trim its council or lower councillors' salaries.

"Do a checklist and then see who should be critical of whom," challenged Mr. Chudleigh of regional council.

He points out that other potential savings exist in all



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four municipalities — savings which are seemingly more obvious to Halton residents than councillors.

Mr. Chudleigh said the decision is "laughable."

"These people are suppose to be the protectors of our money and they authorize a campaign like this? That's a lot of money they're spending."

The Tory MPP questioned why regional government would publicize their stand in advertisements when community newspapers have done a "marvelous job" reporting everyone's views since downloading plans were first announced.

Said Mr. Chudleigh, "It would be different if Halton residents had to rely solely on the Toronto Star."

"Halton Region is also showing poor judgment in publicizing their stand (against downloading) when they haven't got all the numbers yet."

"Let's get all the number before we start making decisions."

Best to outline plan in campaign

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province and with no increase of local level taxes for 1998."*

Councillor Best said he will begin outlining his plan for the future of Milton after the nomination deadline

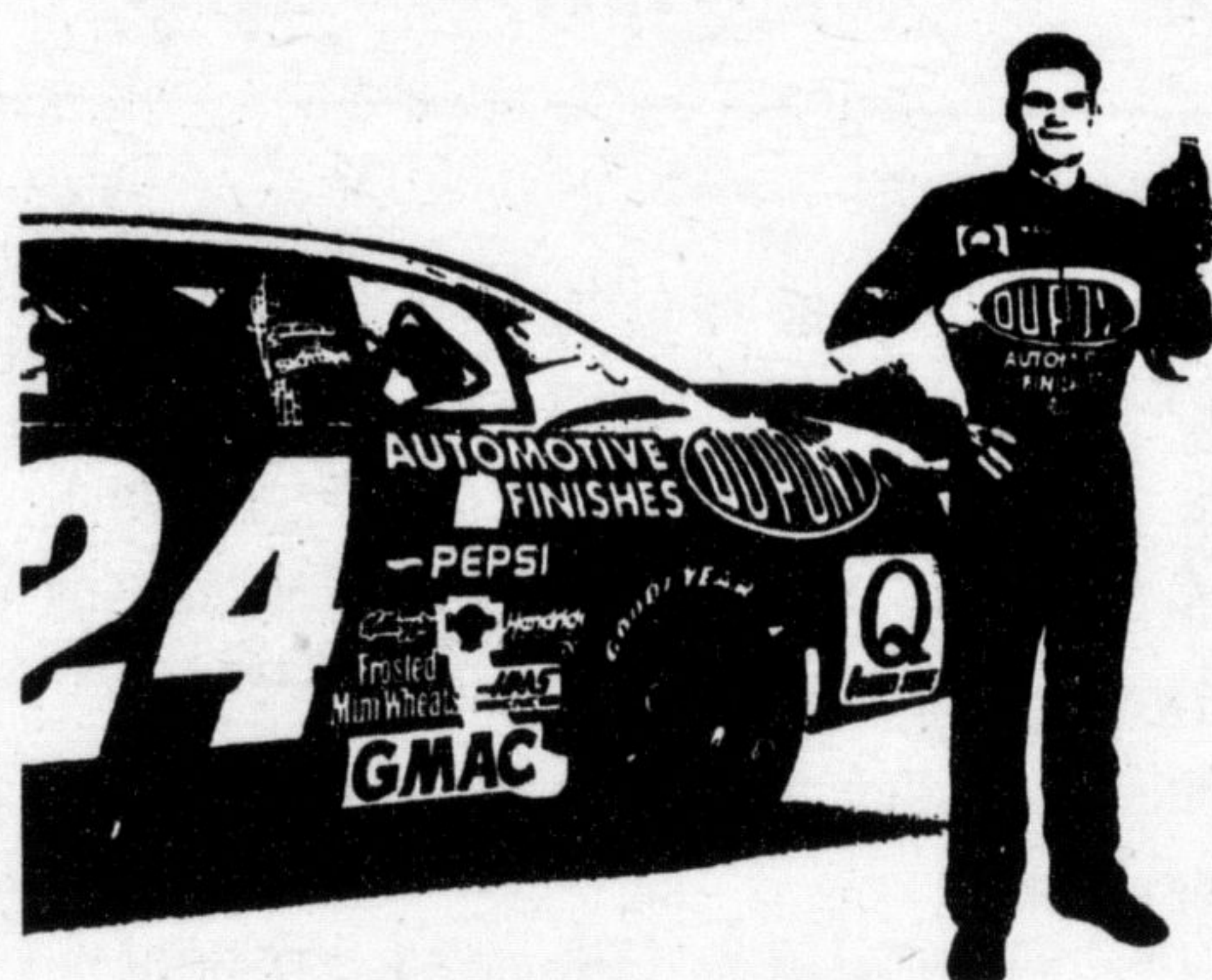
next Friday.

He said his objectives include "a slow, balanced growth plan based on Milton's existing water supply for a mix of residential, industrial, commercial and institutional growth into the next decade."

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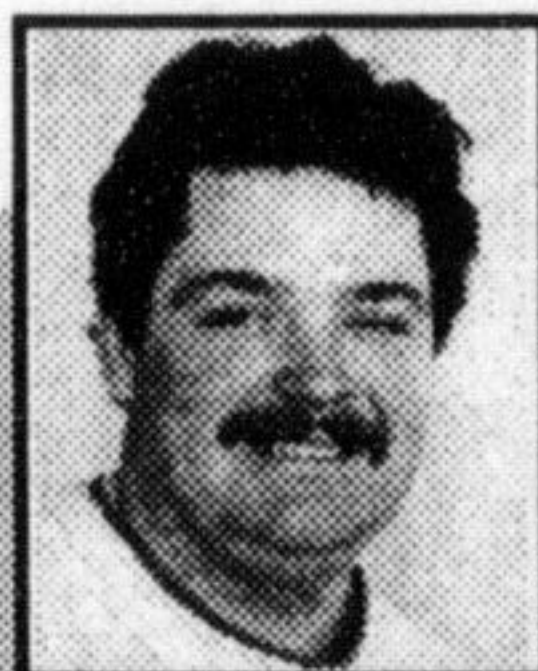
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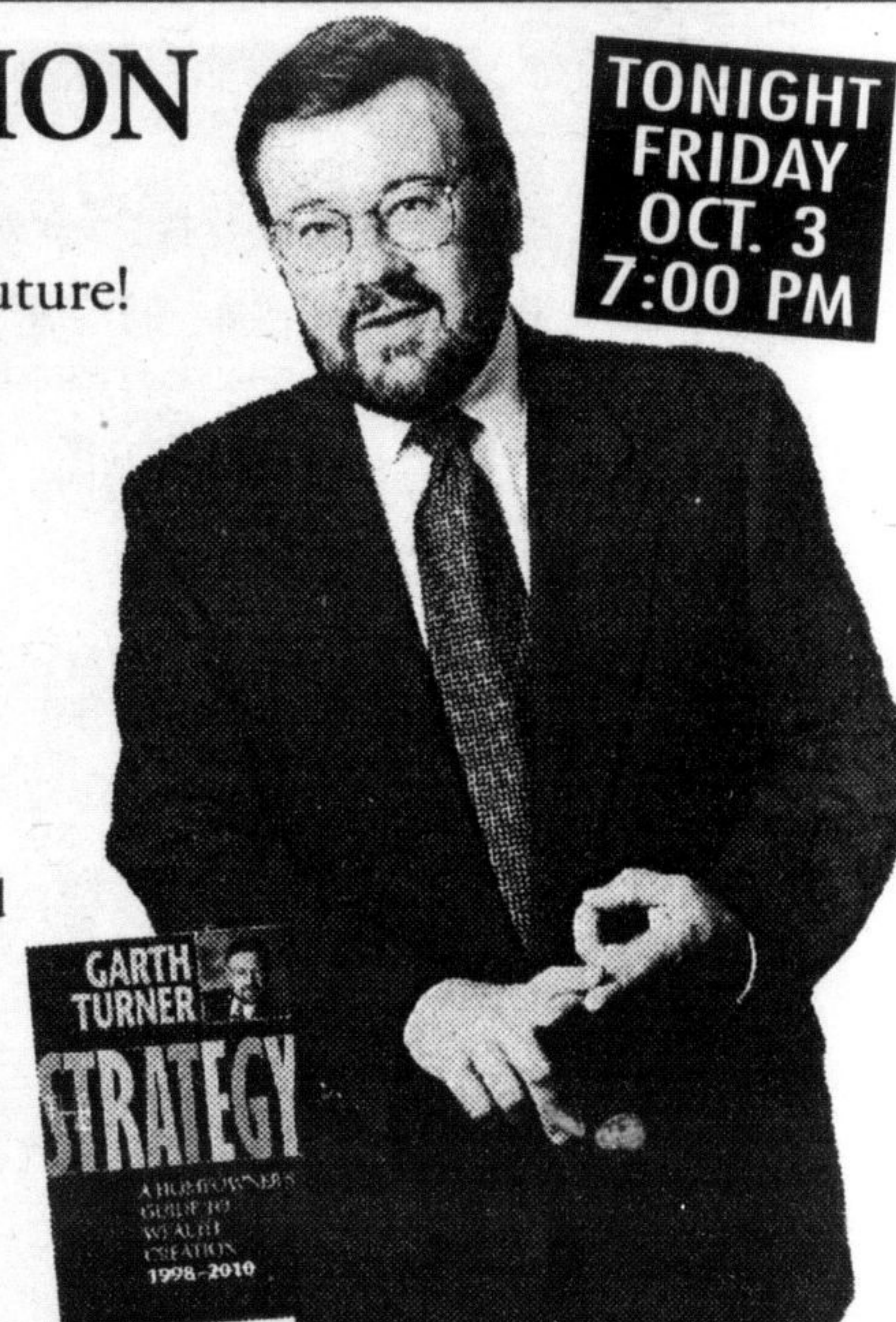
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