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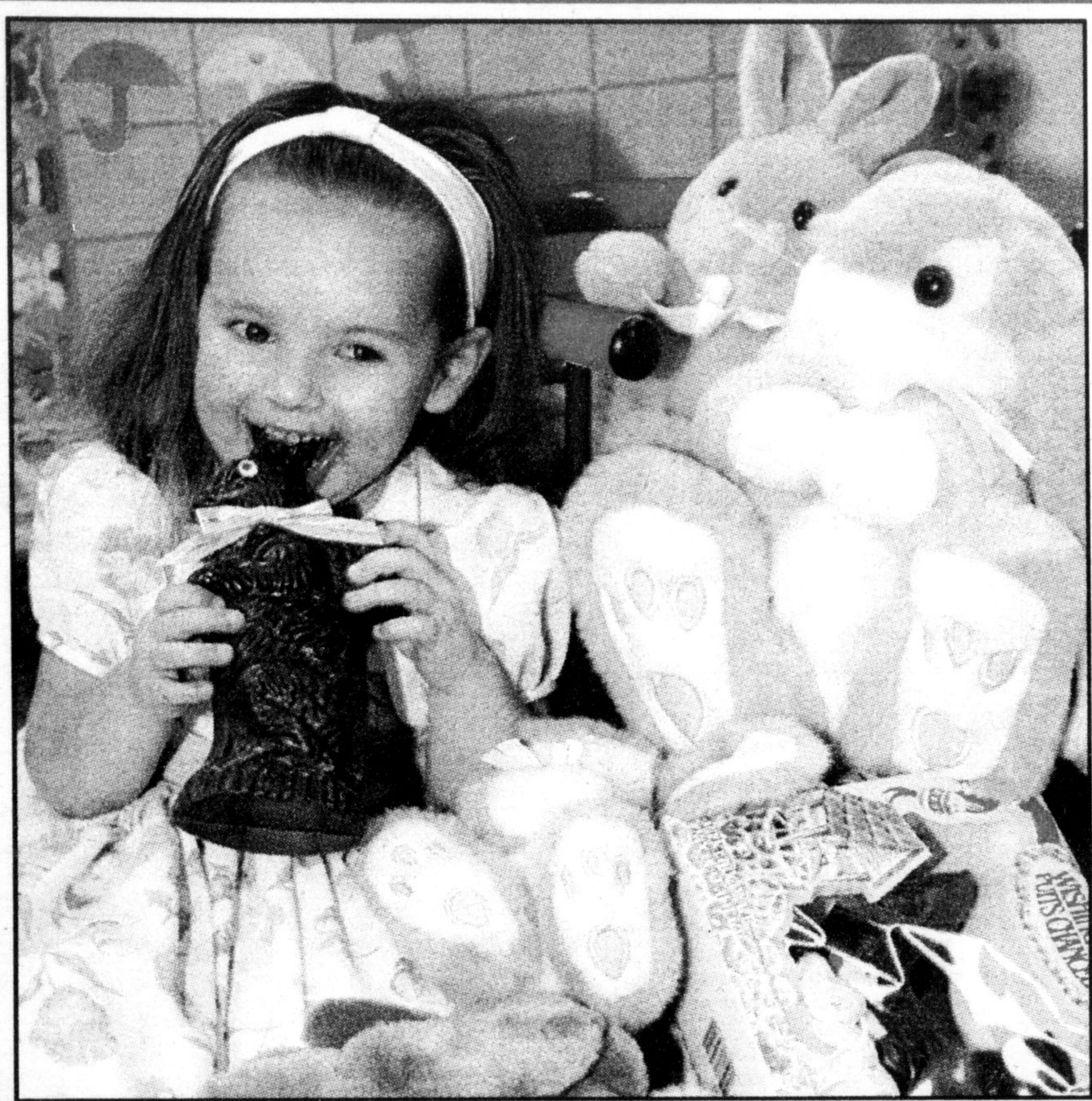
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How long 'til Easter?

Three-year-old Kate Andrusko nibbles on the ears of her chocolate bunny alongside cuddly stuffed ones at the Safe and Sound Child Care Centre's Easter party Wednesday. She also can't wait for the big day Sunday.
Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Cutback bid flops

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Smaller is not better, Milton council says.
Monday night, council decided against reducing its numbers by a vote of 8-3. In a related matter council also voted 9-2 against a proposal to reduce their pay by 30 per cent.
Currently Milton councillors earn \$11,684.
When the vote on council reduction was taken, several of the two dozen in the audience tossed derogatory comments at councillors before stalking out. One person offered a raspberry as his only comment.

Little support

Rookie Councillor Rick Malboeuf was behind the push for a smaller council. He said a number of representatives campaigned on a pledge to reduce council, including him. Only Mr. Malboeuf, Lieven Gevaert and Wally Hunter voted to pare down council.

Mr. Malboeuf pointed to a reduction in the number of elected officials at the province, Halton Region and in Burlington, calling it the proper example to be setting.

"Virtually all business has downsized," he said, after providing a litany of Ontario communities that have fewer councillors than Milton or far more constituents per elected official.

Mr. Malboeuf discounted claims that a reduction in council size would make elected officials more distant from constituents and therefore be a blow to democracy.

Feels insulted

"To be accused of being undemocratic, this is the most insulting," he said. "I spent 18 months being shot at in Vietnam in support of democracy. I don't think there is anyone else here who supports democracy as I do."

Mr. Malboeuf said even with the maximum growth expected in Milton during the next 20 years, a downsized council would still have only an average number of constituents per elected official.

Mr. Malboeuf complained of "political rhetoric and fear mongering" by those who opposed his motion to cut numbers.

Students on board

By DENNIS SMITH
Special to The Champion

There will be a fresh new face or two at the Halton District School Board table within a few months.

After lengthy wrangling over amendments, the board's committee-of-the-whole agreed last week to appoint one or two non-voting student trustees by July.

A recent change in the Education Act (Bill 160) requires all Ontario school boards to have student representatives. They are to be chosen on or before June 30.

The student trustees won't vote or participate in in-camera sessions, but they can speak at the board and make their views known.

The number of student representatives,

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Brian and Leanne Mauro say their knowledge of CPR saved a family member's life.

CPR training helps couple save mother after her heart attack

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A Milton couple's knowledge of CPR and quick response by an ambulance are being credited for saving the life of a woman who stopped breathing after suffering a heart attack.

Brian and Leanne Mauro kept Norma Proveau alive until ambulance attendants arrived at the family's Commercial Street home last week.

Ms Proveau is the mother of Ms Mauro, 34, who, with her husband, performed two-person CPR after the 64-year-old real estate agent collapsed near the front door.

Mr. Mauro, 35, a volunteer firefighter and CPR trainer, and Ms Mauro, a nurse, agreed to discuss the rescue publicly to stress the importance of knowing emergency first aid.

Mrs. Proveau awoke at 2:45 a.m. experiencing chest pain, sweating and numbness, and husband Ed Proveau, 66, was about to drive his wife to the hospital when she fell to the ground.

The thud woke the Mauro's two children and Mr. Proveau yelled to alert his daughter and son-in-law.

Ms Mauro first called 9-1-1, but then sprang into action with her husband to keep oxygen supplied to her mother's brain while Mr. Proveau and the children held each other on the bed.

"My first reaction was fright. My next reaction was to fight. I thought, get in there and do something about it," Ms Mauro said.

The couple performed CPR for about six minutes, but it "seemed like an eternity," Mr. Mauro said.

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NEWSLINES

Impaired charge

A Bronte Street woman faces impaired driving charges following a minor accident.
Halton Regional Police say a car driving northbound on Bronte Street was clipped by a 1995 Ford Taurus backing out of its driveway shortly after 1 p.m. April 5.
The Taurus driver left the scene, but later returned.
Police went to the residence and charged a woman with impaired driving and driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in her blood.

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