



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

This oughta scare 'em

Meghan Finlay, 9, carries away her family-made scarecrow at Springridge Farm's Halloween festival this past weekend. Other activities included pumpkin painting, wagon rides and haunted corn maze.

PC's throne speech either insulting or hopeful, say parties

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Premier Mike Harris' recent throne speech was ridiculous and an insult to working families, Halton's former NDP provincial election candidate Jay Jackson has charged.

But Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said the speech is further proof that the Tories are committed to the policies that won them back-to-back majority governments.

"It is a reaffirmation," he said. "It has

Students' suspensions hitting roof

Milton high schools make up 11 per cent

Milton's two high schools accounted for 11 per cent of a startling rise in Halton suspension rates throughout 1998-99, according to statistics supplied by the Halton District School Board.

Suspensions of secondary students hit a peak of 1,639 for the 17 high schools in Halton in that year.

In Milton, that breaks down to 136 suspensions at E.C. Drury High School and 51 at Milton District High School.

Those numbers were in a detailed, school-by-school, listing of suspensions throughout the region. The information was given to trustees at a board meeting in late September. Many trustees expressed initial shock and dismay at the overall statistics.

Oakville representative Marianne Hawthorne remarked student suspensions have been "skyrocketing" in recent years.

Secondary suspensions were as low as 588 for the region in 1986-87 and had been steady at about 1,000, until a rise of

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"They are working, earning, developing dreams. Which is kindest?"
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TED CHUDLEIGH

always been disappointing to me that the election promises made in the past, in other governments, don't always reflect the speech of the throne."

But the "weak" speech showed the Tories sweeping important issues under the carpet, said Mr. Jackson.

"On gas prices and the homelessness, for instance, Queen's Park could do a lot but (Premier) Harris prefers to wait for action on other government levels," he

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NEWSLINES

Get your flu shot

Free flu shots will be offered to senior citizens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr.

The flu immunization clinic will also provide no-cost shots for those working in long-term care facilities, or suffering from certain medical conditions or chronic illnesses.

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