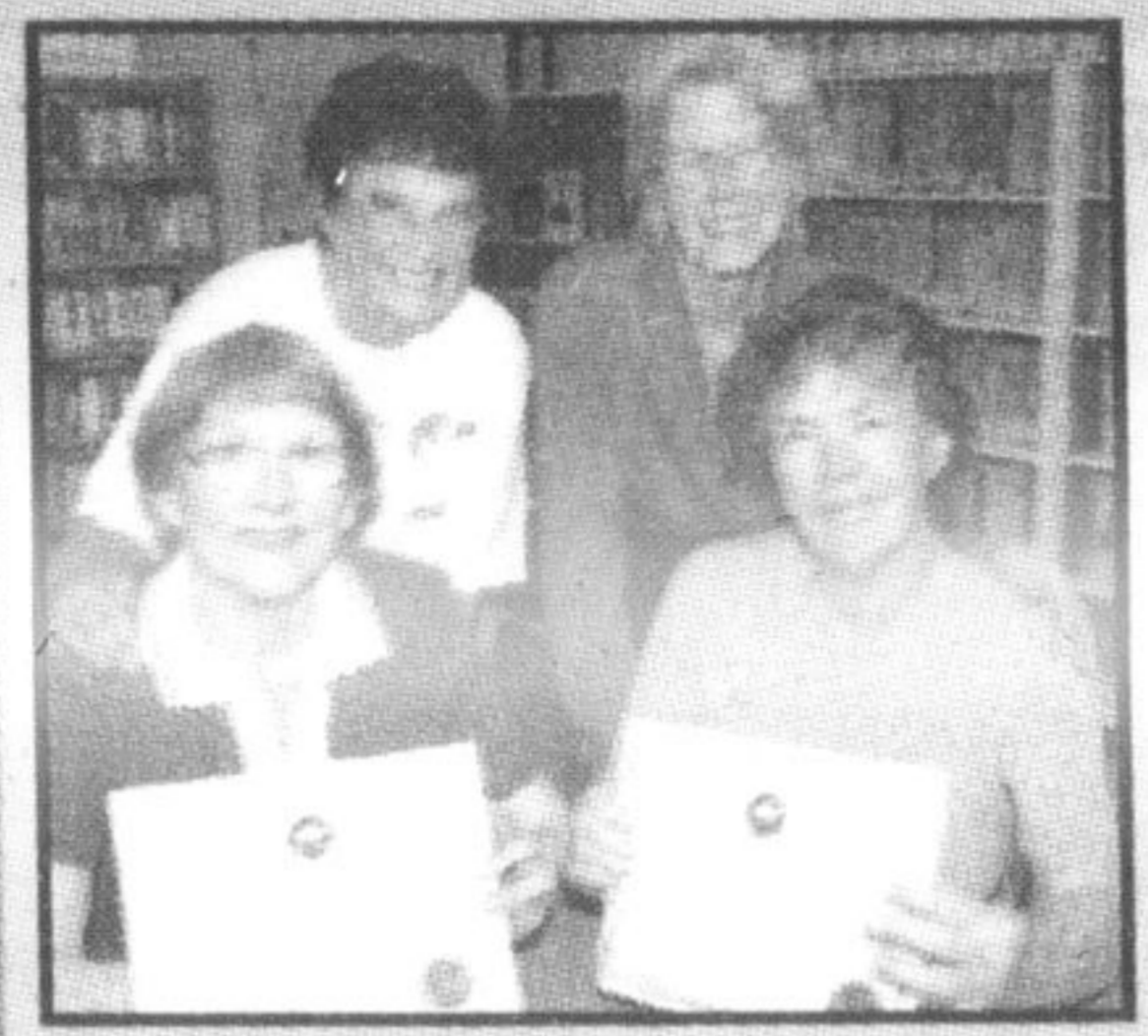
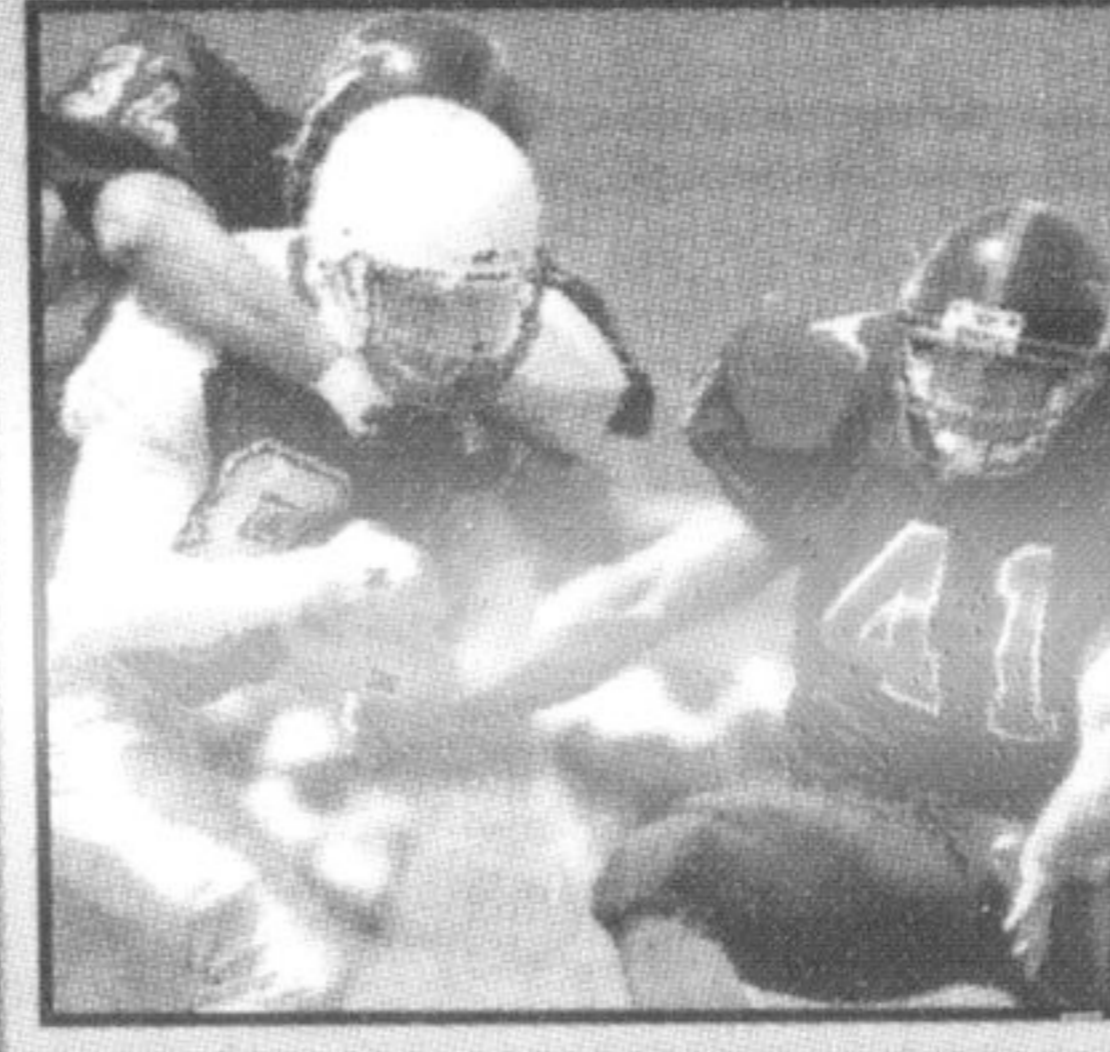


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## ✓ Taking on the challenge

A blind-folded Michelle Ireland, 18, of Oakville gets led by volunteer Amy Hugo of Milton to the water tub in a fun-filled game at E.C. Drury High School Thursday. It was part of the Energy Challenge, a Special Olympics-type event. See more photos from the day on page 10.

## Halton will get 400 subsidized housing units; need not met

By RICHARD VIVIAN  
*The Champion*

Halton is expected to see the creation of 400 subsidized housing units over the next five years thanks to an affordable housing program agreement signed by the federal and provincial governments Thursday.

The agreement means more than five times the number of subsidized rental units will be created than in the last 10 years.

However, it fails to meet the needs of the 2,300 individuals currently on waiting lists for subsidized housing throughout the region.

But Regional Chair Joyce Savoline was excited to hear the news of the coming units, calling the new funding a step in the right direction.

"This allows us to begin a process to try to get some units built — which is great for people who are on our waiting list," she told *The Champion*.

"When somebody is in need of shelter and can't pay the huge market rents — we have practically a zero rental (availability) rate in Halton — this is extremely good news."

Under the agreement, the federal government will supply Ontario with \$244.7 million over five years. Matched with contributions from the Province, municipalities and the private sector, a total of \$489.4 million is expected to be spent on affordable housing during that time frame.

Ms Savoline said the Region will try to stretch the funding it receives for rental units by developing partnerships with private business and faith groups. "Building units doesn't mean that Halton necessarily has to build, manage and own all these units. There's huge opportunities for the private sector and others to be involved."

## ✓ Inquest called in 1999 death

The electrocution death of a 51-year-old London man three years ago in Milton will be the subject of an inquest starting later this month.

On October 18, 1999 John Heard sustained a fatal dose of electrical voltage while installing new hydro poles along Derry Road near Twiss Road.

Part of a six-man crew under contract with Milton Hydro, Mr. Heard was killed when a boom truck he was operating came into contact with overhead hydro wires.

He and another employee of D.L. Hannon Inc. were moving an auger used for drilling at the time.

Presided over by coroner Dr. J Ewen of Fergus, the inquest will be held in Milton court June 24.

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