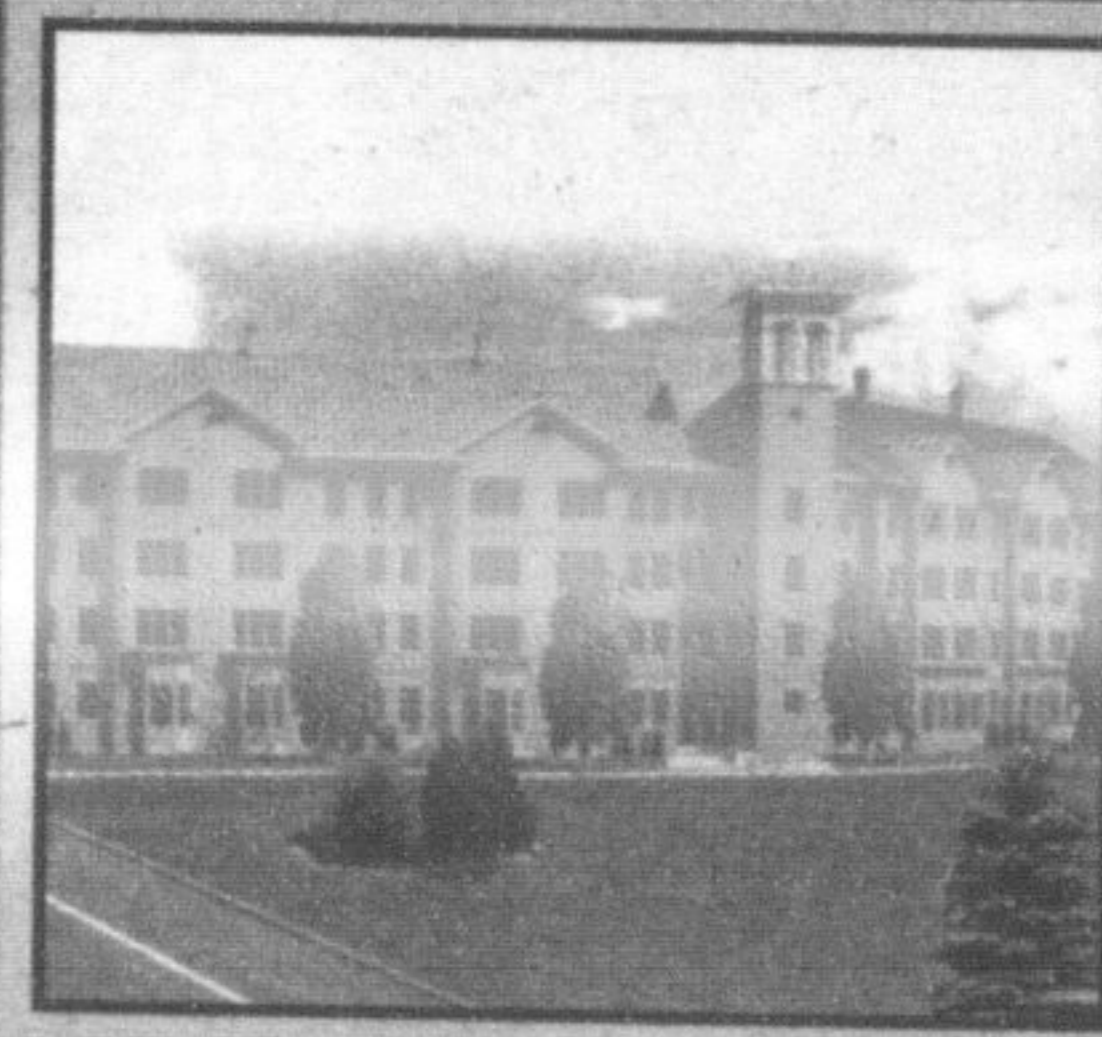
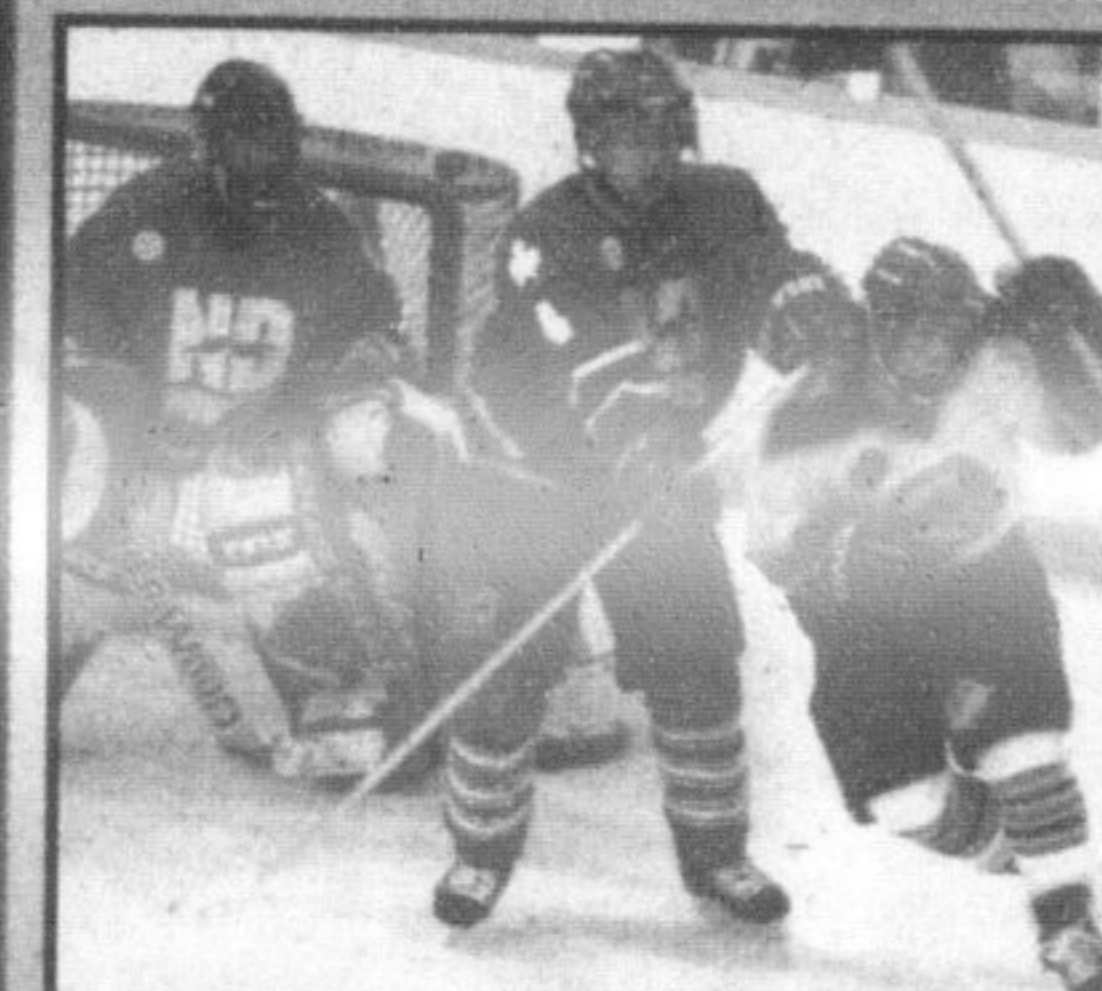


New public school board trustee chosen

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MMCR units will be gone before long, says chair
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Merchants win anticipated tilt with Notre Dame Hounds
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Region's decision on development charge issue expected soon

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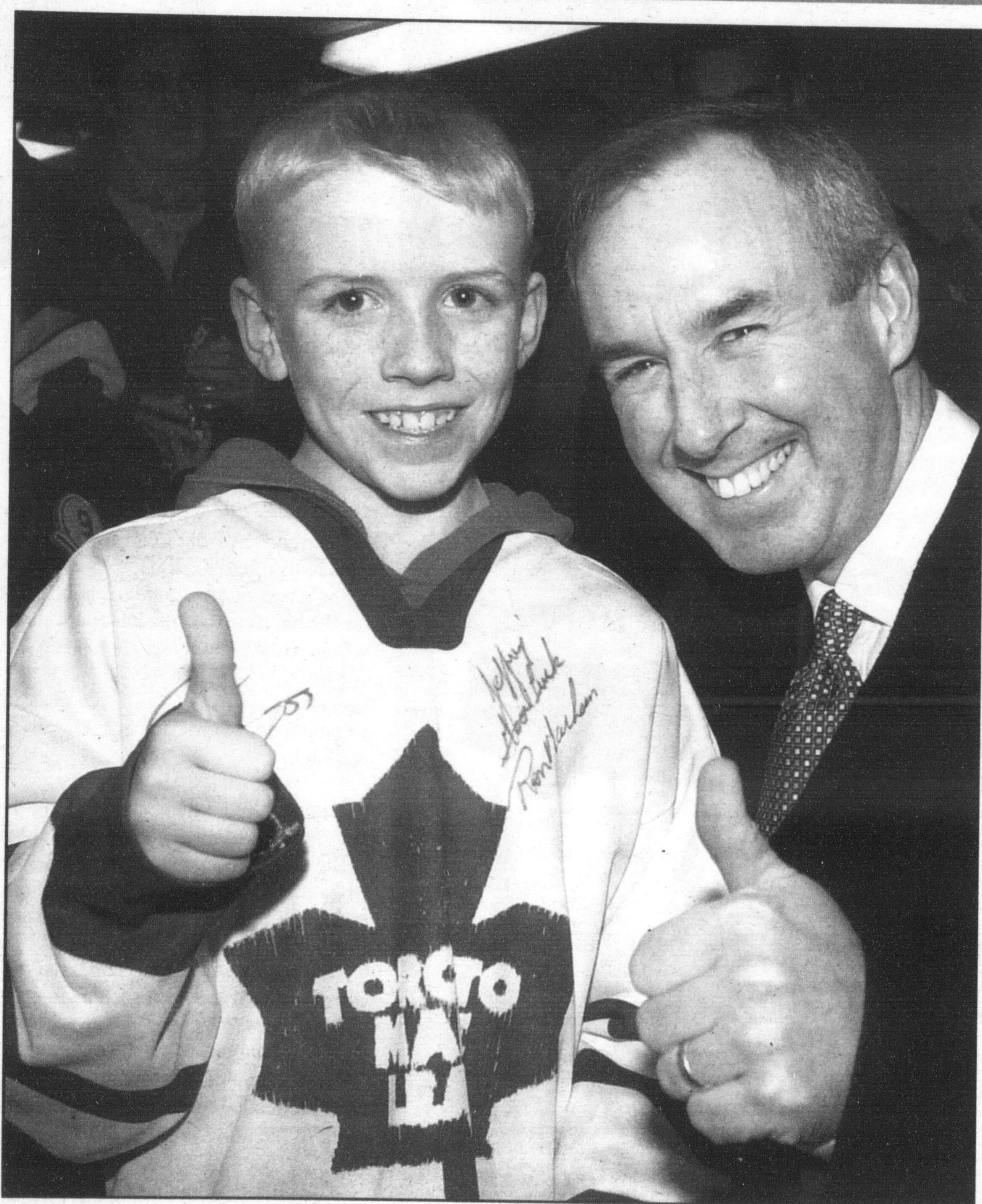


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Hockey Night in Milton

Nine-year-old Jeffery Thompson gives the thumbs up after getting his Toronto Maple Leafs jersey signed by Hockey Night in Canada's Ron MacLean during Thursday night's special exhibition game between the Milton Merchants and Saskatchewan's Notre Dame Hounds. See another hockey star signing autographs on page 19 in Sports.

School board's CSP is unfair to Milton, school trustees hear

BY TIM WHITNELL

Special to The Champion

The Halton District School Board's revised Capital Strategic Plan (CSP) is recommending a host of changes around the region.

In terms of possible closures, Martin Street in Milton had an identified date of 2003 pushed back to 2004.

"The list of building projects and/or the list of school closures needs to be revised so that Milton ends up with more permanent pupil places."

BRIAN CAHILL

Town gets slots cash

By JASON MISNER

The Champion

Slot money equals major road repairs.

At least that's part of where revenue from Mohawk Racetrack's slot machines will go this year.

Milton's share of slots revenue for the last quarter, or three months of 2002, has totalled more than \$1.5 million. Revenue is portioned out every three months.

Since the slots opened in August of 1999, Milton has taken home more than \$20 million in tax-free revenue.

Milton treasurer Jim McQueen said the recent money will help the Town:

- Reconstruct Lydia, Sarah, Garnet and Sydney streets with new water and sewer mains at a cost of \$779,000.

- A large section of Sixth Line, a rural road in the town's southeast end, will be rebuilt at a cost of \$607,000.

- The Town's official Web site is being revamped at a cost of \$325,000.

All of these projects are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

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As part of planned school openings, a second new elementary school in Milton's urban expansion zone, for 650 pupils, is recommended for 2005 rather than 2004. A third new elementary facility in the same area would also accommodate 650 students but is proposed for 2007, not 2005.

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