Gathering Place great benefit to Milton: Penman

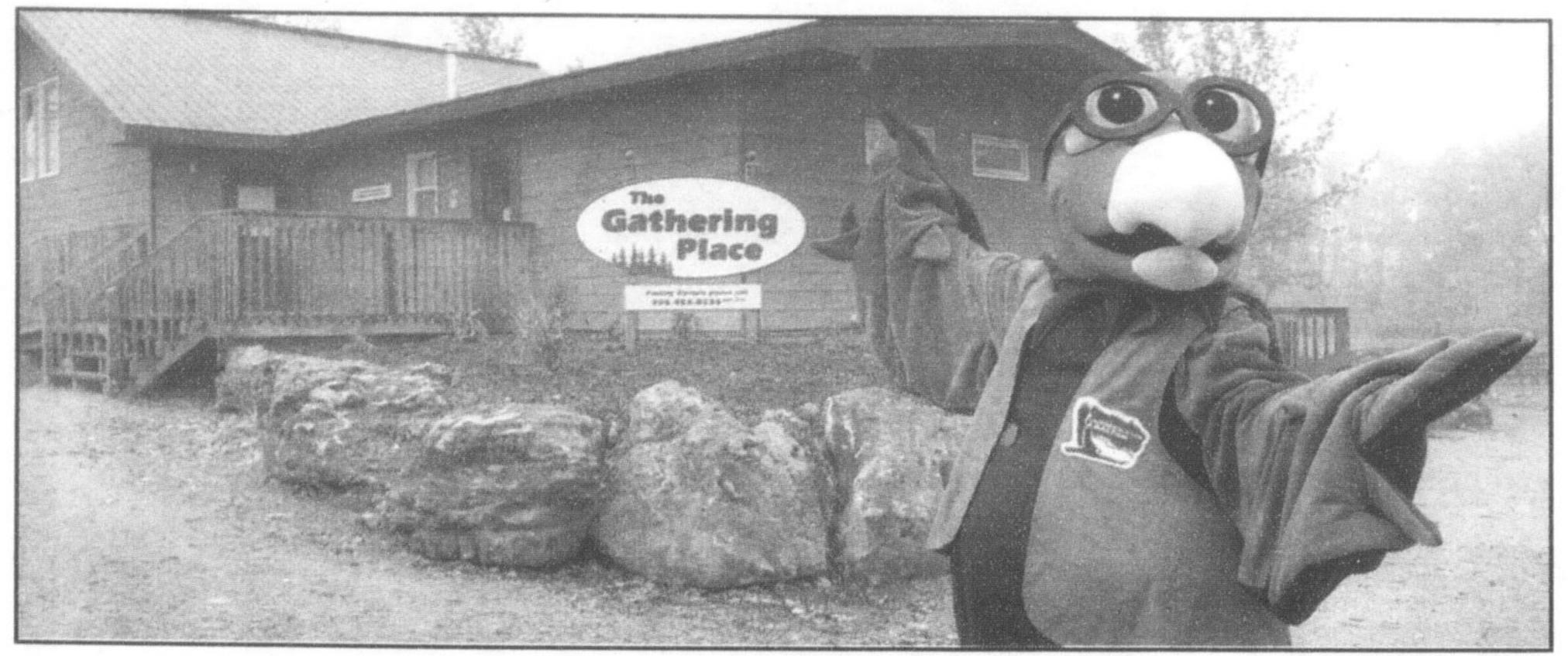


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Professor TV the turkey vulture shows off Crawford Lake's newly-opened Gathering Place.

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Gathering Place will bring more people to learn about the lake and its unique charac-

Milton councillor Brian Penman, who's vice-chair of Conservation Halton (CH), said the building of the Gathering Place reflects the value CH has always placed on learning.

"Conservation Halton has always believed in the importance of conservation and educating young and old," he said, adding this event comes on the heals of the opening of the new Discovery Centre exhibit at Hilton Falls, and precedes the opening of the education centre at Mountsberg Conservation Area.

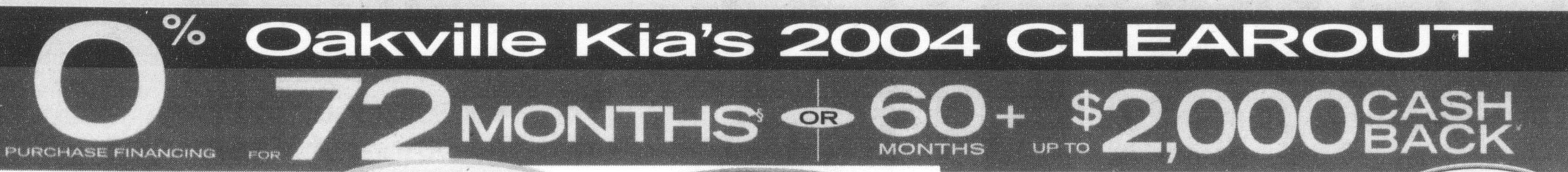
"Milton and beyond will benefit from

these education centres," he said.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests were invited outside for the unveiling of the new building's marker. They then walked single file into the Turtle Clan longhouse — located in the Iroquoian Village — for a rather unique closing ceremony.

Dignitaries including Mayor Gord Krantz sat in a circle and tossed a piece of birch bark into a fire while giving thanks for something in their lives — getting just a taste of what kids experience when visiting Crawford Lake.

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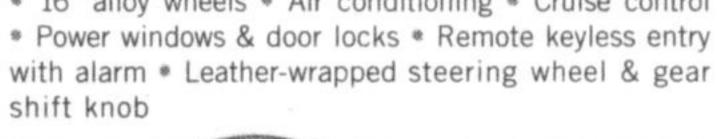


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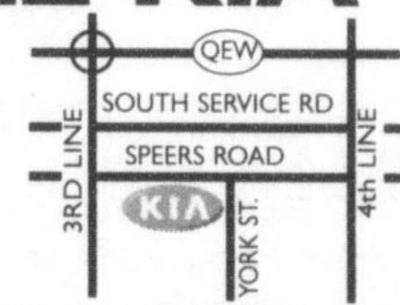


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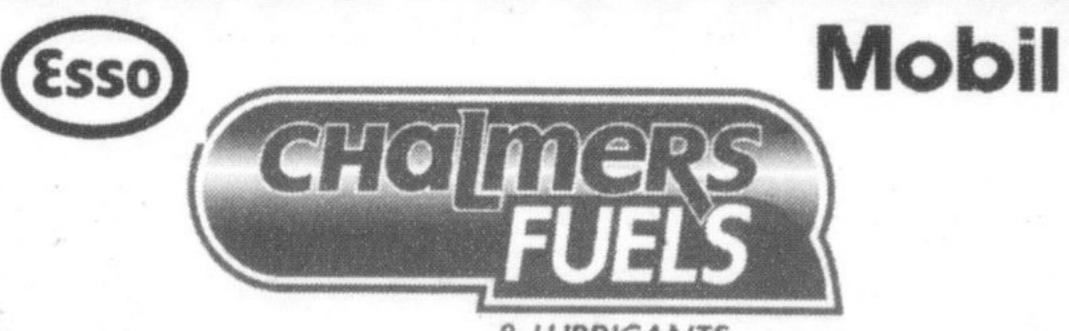
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