

## First MS golf tournament fast approaching

Halton's Multiple Sclerosis chapter will kick off summer by getting in the swing of things.

The local MS branch is set to hold its first charity golf tournament at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club June 21. The event features a best ball scramble format and pre-registration is encouraged, since space is limited.

A \$175 fee includes golfing, a barbecue lunch, prizes, 19th hole reception and dinner.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. the day of the tournament, with a shotgun start to follow at 1 p.m.

To sign up, or for more information, call Jan Czuba at (905) 681-8770, or e-mail her at Jan.Czuba@mssociety.ca.

# No evidence of duress shown by killer's young accomplice: Crown

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ferent picture of the teen Tuesday. This wasn't someone who felt forced to help, fearing for his life. It was someone who saw an opportunity to help the man who had become like a substitute father to him, he said.

At no time had he been threatened, either explicitly or implicitly, Mr. Cornelius said.

"There's no basis to believe Moore was going to do anything to him," court heard.

Throughout the pair's long trip to Montreal, the teen didn't take any of the opportunities he had to escape, such as when they stopped for food at a drive-through or at the car wash, Mr. Cornelius added.

And the teen lied repeatedly to police about his involvement out of "loyalty" and "affection" to Mr. Moore, he said, listing nearly a dozen lies. That, he argued, weakened the credibility of anything the teen said.

"From the time you met Douglas Moore to the present time, you've been lying about everything," Mr. Cornelius said in his cross examination.

He added the teen cried after he found out Mr. Moore had committed suicide, and continued to wear a necklace from the convicted pedophile months after his death.

He pointedly asked the teen why he continued to brag about "what a great guy" Mr. Moore was after he was dead — certainly not the behaviour of someone who was afraid, he said.

Judge Minoo Khoorshed agreed with the Crown, saying it was-

n't fear that motivated the teen to help Mr. Moore and then cover it up, but loyalty. If there was fear, it was that he'd be charged by police, he said.

"Even after Moore is dead, he constantly tells everyone that Moore is a wonderful man," Judge Khoorshed said. "He idolizes Moore. He said he misses Moore. Where is the fear?"

He agreed the teen's lack of escape — even when the opportunities were there — also points to a lack of fear.

"I have not seen a single iota of duress," he said.

The fact Mr. Moore wanted the teen's help in the first place is telling, court heard.

"Moore must've trusted him implicitly," the judge said.

Although the teen's conviction — and that of Mr. Moore's ex-common law wife, Sandra Martin, who pleaded guilty in February to two counts of accessory after the fact — provides some closure to the horrendous incidents, Mr. Manchisi said there are some things that might never be known.

Something that remains a mystery is how Mr. Moore was able to overpower the two young men, who were at their physical peaks, Mr. Manchisi said.

"They must have been lured somehow," he said, adding he has his own suspicions about how it was done.

The teen will return to the Brampton court July 13 for sentencing.

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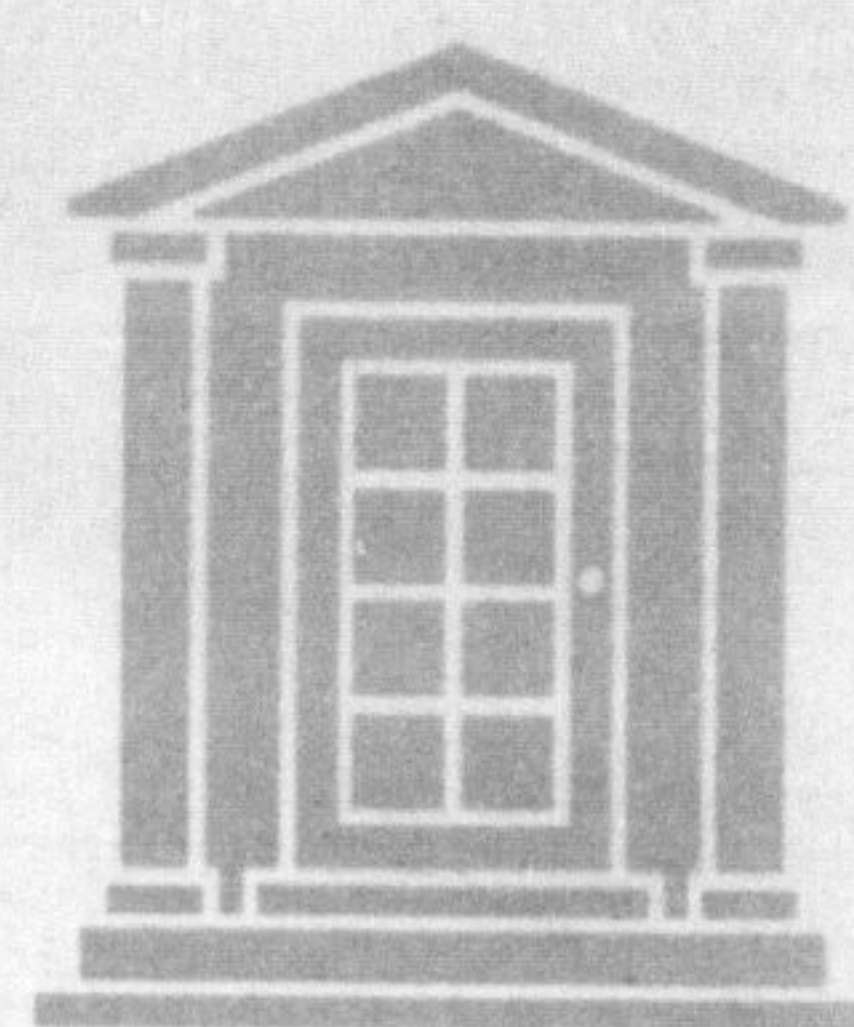
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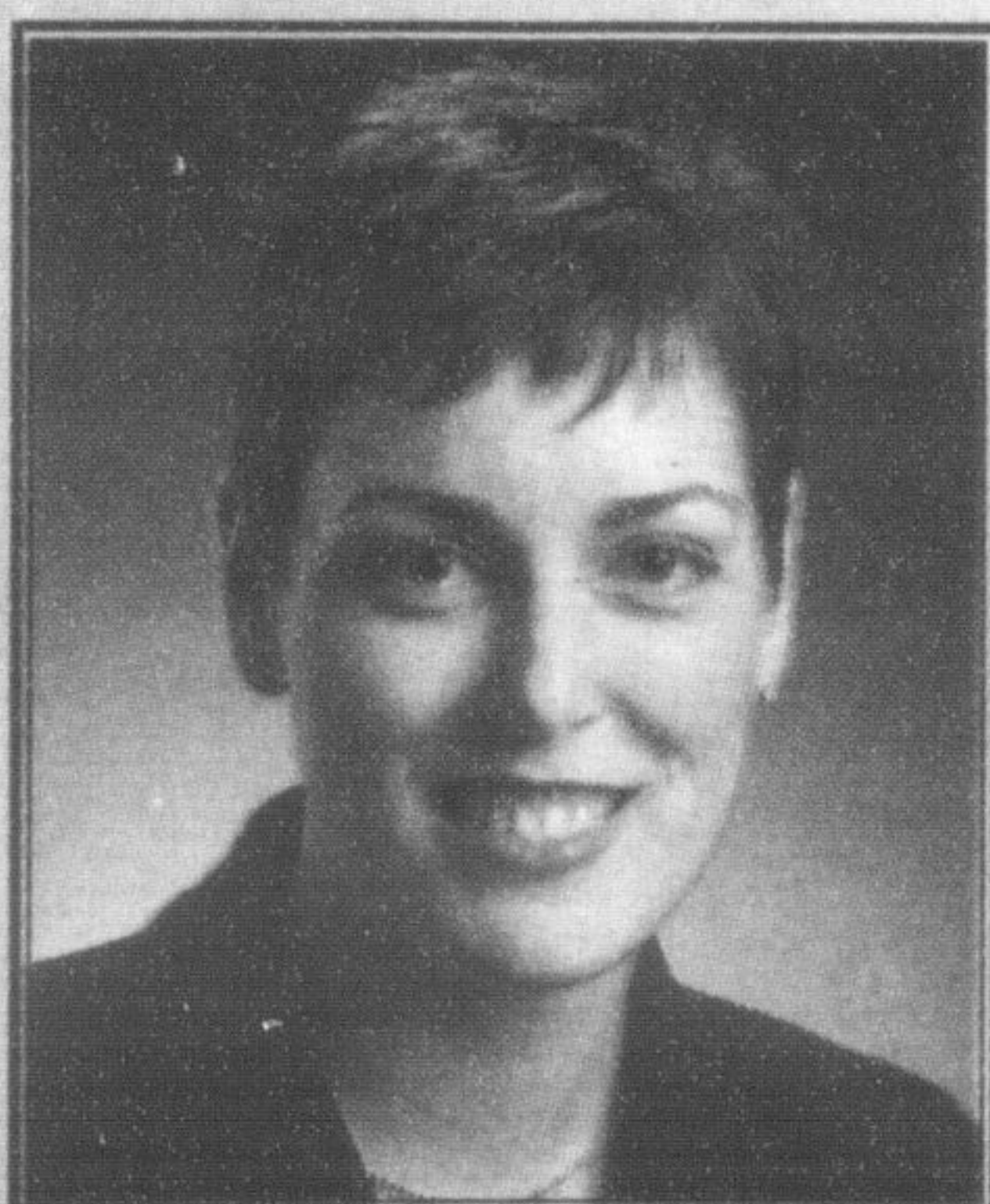
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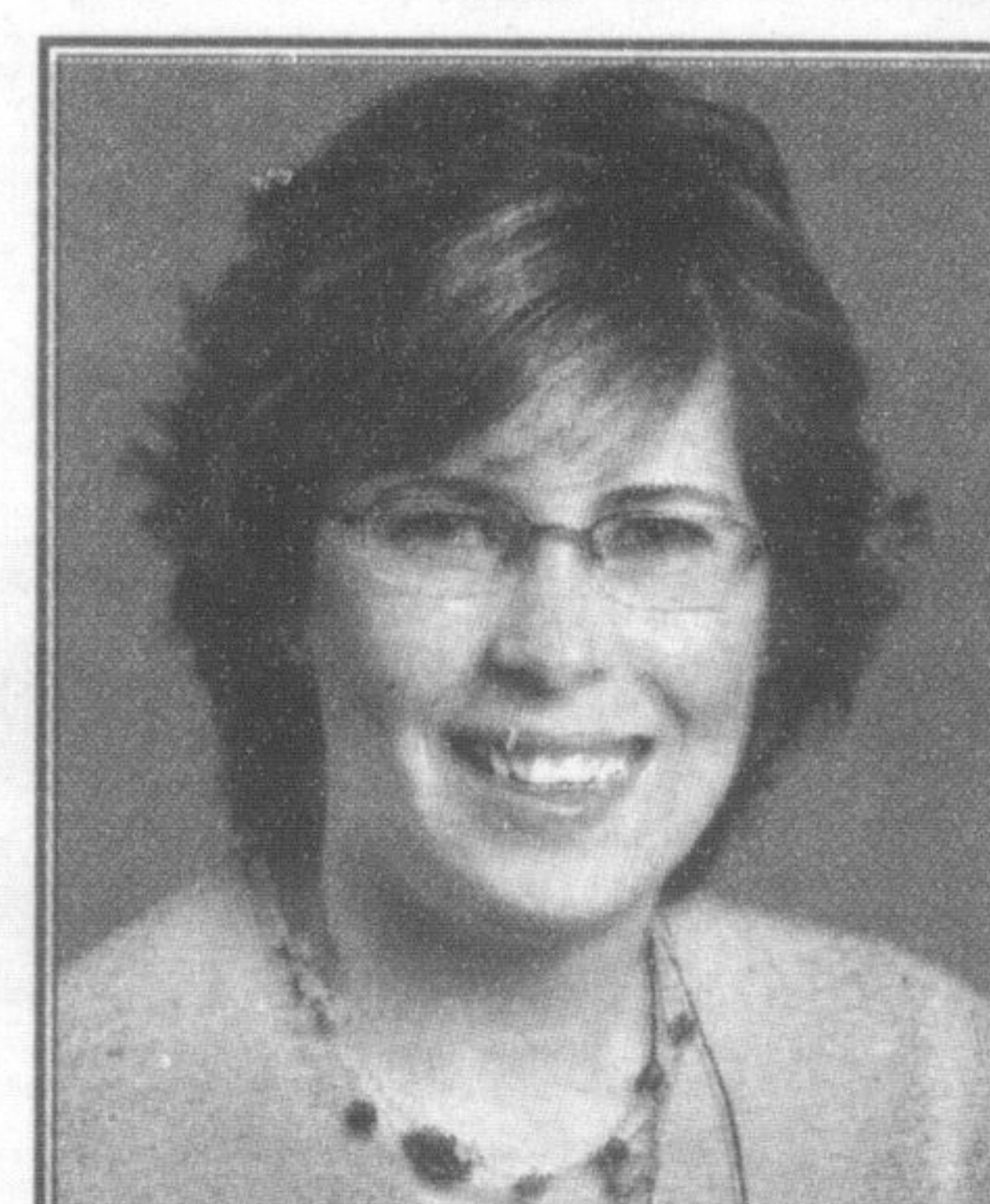


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