

# Male fall fair ambassador is ready to stand out

*Carito prepares to compete at CNE*

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Milton Fair Ambassador Vincenzo Carito is preparing to face off against his peers at the 34th Annual CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Competition.

Mr. Carito will represent Milton and the Halton Agricultural Society at the competition August 19 to 21.

As a male ambassador, he's in a very small minority of competitors at the CNE. But that doesn't worry him, he said.

"It doesn't really faze me," said Mr. Carito.

"Originally, the competition was geared toward just females. But I kind of like standing out in the crowd."

The 19-year-old from Hornby is the first male ambassador to ever run and win in Milton, and he will compete against more than 80 other fair ambassadors from across

Ontario for the title.

More excited than nervous, he said he's looking forward to seeing the other fair ambassadors he has made friends with during his term as Milton Fair Ambassador.

"The biggest thing is to go there and have fun," he said.

"Though, I hear it's really competitive."

No wonder — the stakes are high. This year's winner will receive \$3,500 from the CNE, \$500 from the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, one year of hairstyling from William Saab, as well as dozens of other prizes from sponsors of the event, which include Bulova, Famous Players, Woodbine, the Toronto Zoo and many more.

The first day of the competition, each local fair ambassador will attend a private interview with the judges at the CNE grounds. The top

seven will then be selected to give a speech on Saturday, followed by an impromptu question that will determine the winner.

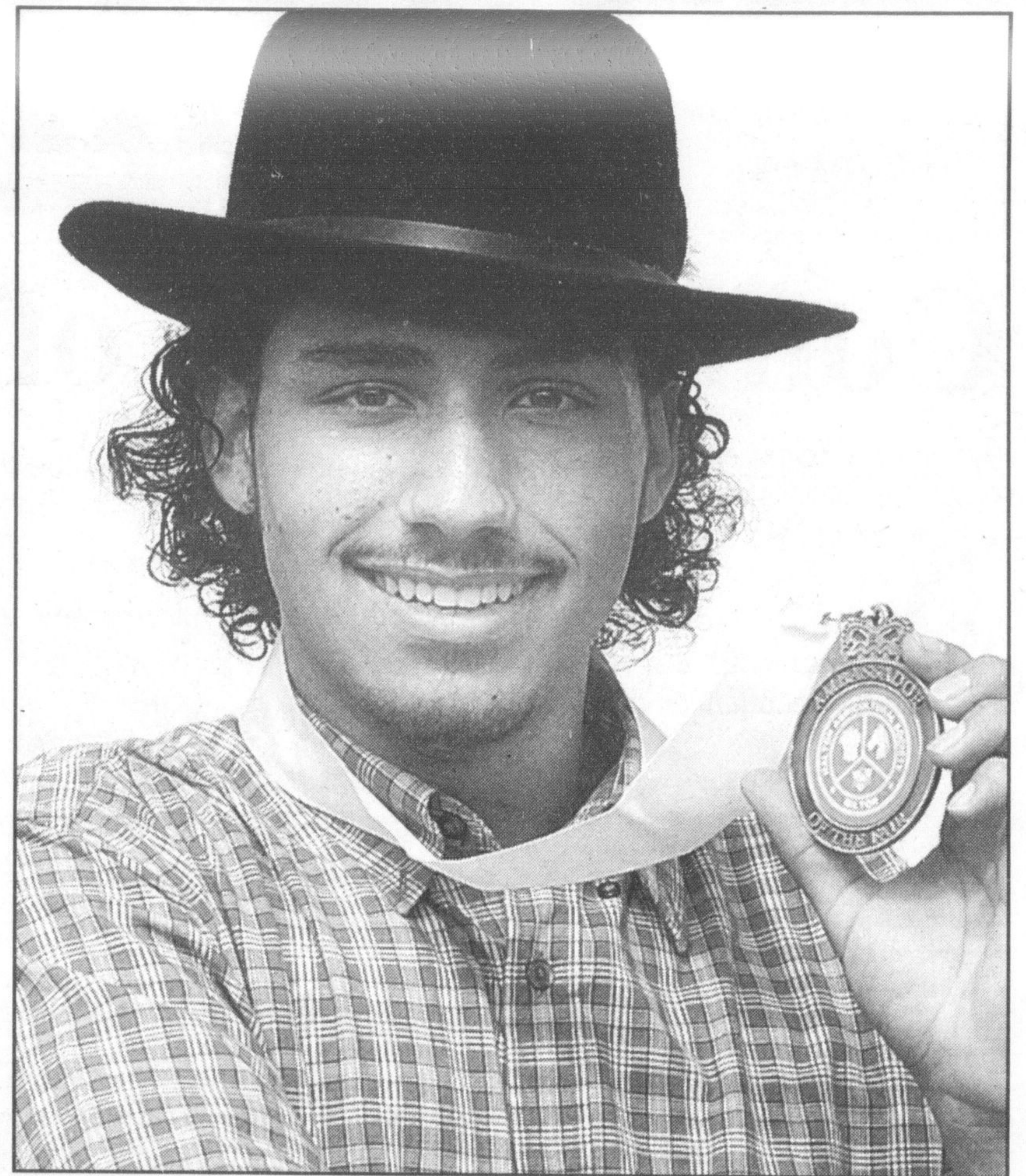
The new CNE Ambassador of the Fairs will officially receive his or her title from last year's ambassador, Jeanine Wallace, at a ceremony on August 21.

But regardless of the outcome at the CNE, Mr. Carito's term as Milton's Fair Ambassador draws to a close this summer, and soon he will pass along his title to someone new.

"I'm happy that I'll be able to pass it on to someone else who will hopefully have the same great experiences I did," said Mr. Carito.

He has enjoyed a year full of learning, he said, and the CNE competition marks the beginning of the end of a great year.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I'm going to miss it, that's for sure."



File photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Vincenzo Carito will represent Milton at the 34th Annual CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Competition.

## Halton getting \$23 million for 500 new childcare spaces

The Region will soon start receiving millions of federal dollars to create more local childcare spaces.

About \$23 million in both operating and capital money will flow to Halton over the next three years to create 500 new childcare spaces. This comes as part of a recent Provincial announcement that it's moving forward with its Best Start program — an early learning and

care strategy.

The funding was recently approved in the federal budget for the provincial program.

"The investment made by the provincial and federal governments recognizes the importance of providing the tools for early learning to support the successful development of our children," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"Halton Region's partnership role as a delivery agent is one that we are well familiar with through many of our programs. Staff look forward to guiding the process to ensure that our community needs are matched in accordance to the expanded services the Best Start program will provide."

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services will come together with the Region and the Our Kids — The Early Years committee to expand the number of licensed child care spaces in Halton, increase access to subsidies and improve wages for childcare staff.

The childcare spaces will primarily be located in or near schools so junior and senior kindergarten students can benefit from a seamless full day of learning and child care.

Community plans will be developed to meet the objectives of the program and ensure expenditures are made according to priorities. The plans will require approval before the end of the year by various bodies including Regional council and the Ministry.

According to Provincial officials, the Best Start strategy will take at least 10 years to implement fully.

## Trial date in manslaughter case slated to be set soon

An Orillia man charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a Milton dentist will return to Orillia Court August 15 to set a trial date.

The return date was set July 26 when Adam Holland, 21, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia for a pre-trial, held to hammer out legal issues before a trial begins.

Dr. David Dumencu, 42, was found lying unconscious with head injuries in the parking lot of an Orillia-area tavern at about 2 a.m. July 16 of last year.

He was taken to an Orillia hospital and then transferred to Toronto Western Hospital where he died two days later.

A post mortem revealed the cause of death was a blunt force head injury.

## Residents sought to switch from electric to gas heat

Union Gas in partnership with Milton Hydro is looking for 500 people in Milton for a program designed to encourage customers to switch from electric to natural gas water heating.

Participating consumers will receive a \$50 incentive to make the switch, and a Union Gas Energy Savings Kit.

Union gas reports that water heaters account for 20 per cent of an average

consumer's energy bill—the second largest energy user in the home. The benefits of switching to a gas-heated unit include savings of around 41 per cent, because natural gas water heaters heat water more than twice as fast as electric units.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call Lise-Ann Jackson at (416) 496-5315.

## Pre-trial date set in murder case

A pre-trial for two men charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of a Milton resident will be held August 17 in Brampton.

The pre-trial — which cannot be reported on due to a publication ban — will take place at Superior Court of Justice in Brampton.

A pre-trial is held to hammer out legal issues before a case goes to trial.

The date for the pre-trial was set at the last court appearance August 2 in Milton.

Miltonian Brian Stockton, 48, was found dead in a flaming car June 17 last year behind Traffix transport company on Regional Road 25, north of Hwy. 401.

Halton Hills resident Michael James McDonough, 39, and Mississauga's John Kevin McClatchey, 47, were charged with Mr. Stockton's murder and were arrested a day after his death at their homes.



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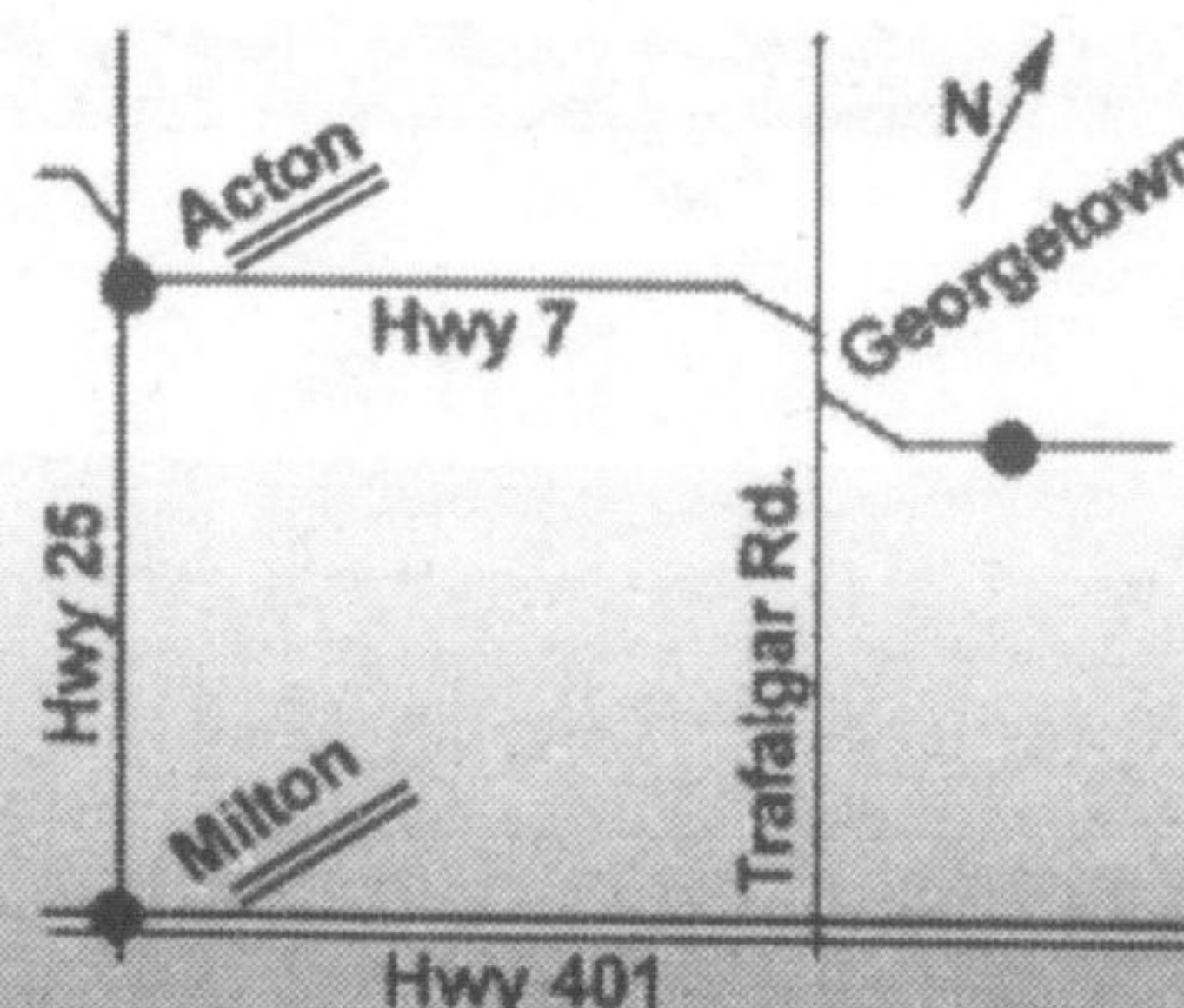
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