

OPINION

Bring on 'Milton Education Village'

That sure has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Something really exciting for our town is in the works.

Judging by a report that at press time yesterday afternoon was to go before town council last night, a massive new education facility could be coming to southwest Milton.

As reported elsewhere in today's paper, councillors were expected last night to consider a proposal for the 'Milton Education Village'.

It's a concept that would

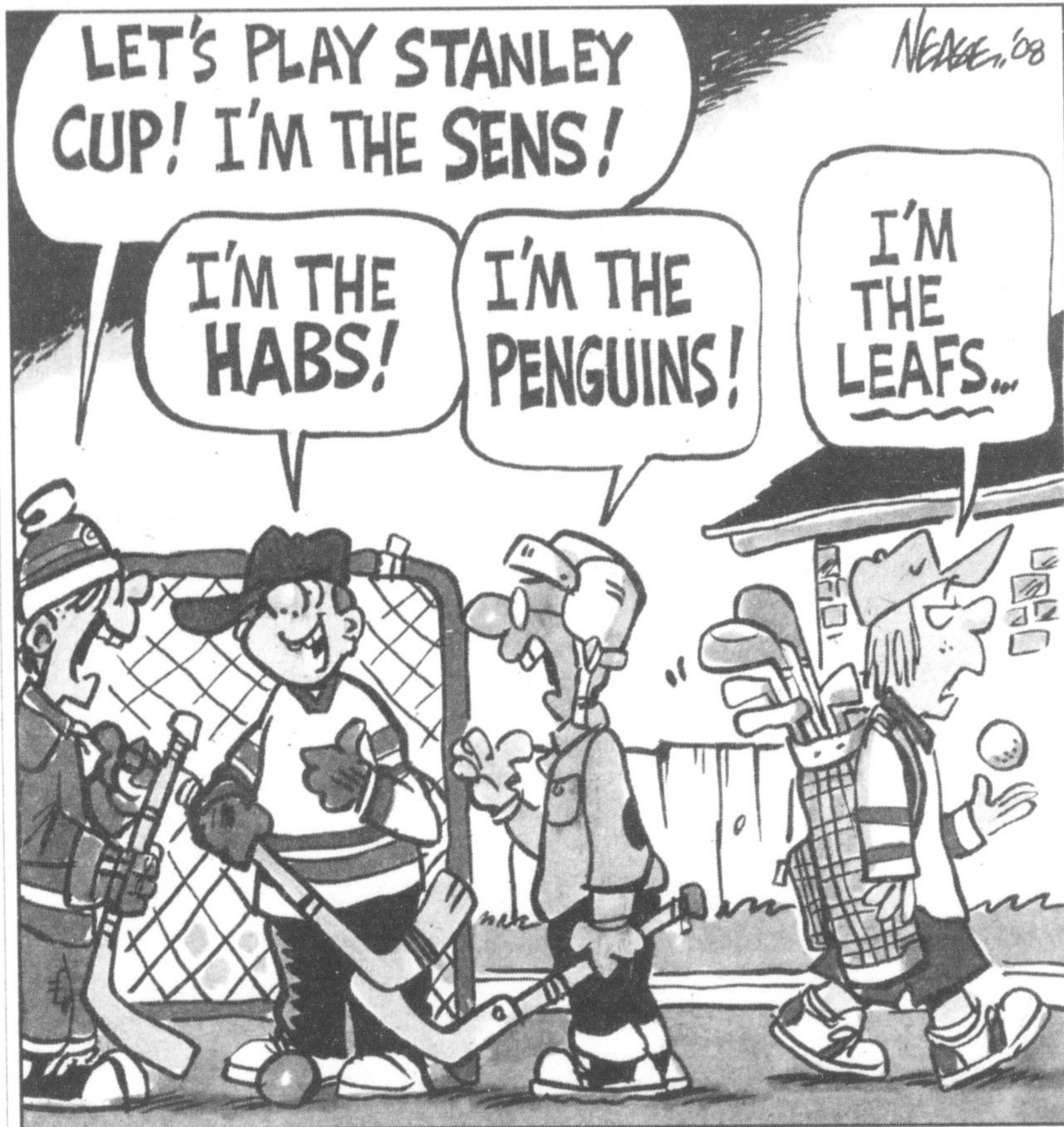
see 150 acres of land offered for free to a university interested in setting up shop locally.

The land, located on Tremaine Road between Derry and Britannia roads, would be made available to the Town through a land swap with Mattamy Homes.

That's exciting news not only for students but for the entire community, which would surely benefit in countless ways.

If all the growth hasn't put Milton on the map, this sure would.

We look forward to finding out more details on this intriguing project and reporting to you.



ReadersWrite

E-mail your letters to miltone@haltonsearch.com.

New green development vision needed for town

DEAR EDITOR:

We urgently need a new vision for development in Milton, one that addresses concerns of the present century.

Those include CO2 emissions, water shortages and energy utilization.

Municipal taxes should be indexed to discourage excessive waste of community resources expended in monster homes. Storm water run-off from new homes should be eliminated and instead mandatory collection of roof run-offs should be directed to a small underground carbon fiber tank for use in the summer.

New industrial parks and new

homes must generate a percentage of their hydro requirements through roof-mounted solar cells. House-to-house collection of garbage in new subdivisions should be eliminated, and instead we should use the Scandinavian model of just a few central dedicated sites on each street.

The old model of allowing unfettered waste needs to be changed. A change in the rules and regulations for new construction of homes and industrial parks could pave the way to making Milton a model town that others would envy.

**DOUG DEANS
SOMERVILLE TERRACE**

Please, keep your dog on leash

DEAR EDITOR:

I have been noticing lately that there are more and more irresponsible dog owners in Milton.

I can't tell you how much dog poop I encounter every day while out walking my dog. I carry bags with me — why can't you?

Also, are people not aware that we have bylaws in Milton stating that you must have your dog on a leash? Milton isn't one big leash-free park. Recently my dog was attacked by another dog, and I don't appreciate other people's dogs running up to us when we're out walking.

You may think you have control of your dog, but then why doesn't it come

back when you call it? Instead your dog comes up and harasses mine.

How do you know my dog is friendly? Lucky for you he is.

It's getting to the point that I don't even want to walk my dog anymore because everyday we now encounter a dog off its leash. Is this fair when I'm a responsible owner and have my dog on a leash, which has a bag holder attached to it by the way?

To all these irresponsible dog owners, go find a leash-free park somewhere so those of us who are responsible don't have to deal with your dog running amok.

**LISA BILTON
LAURIER AVENUE**

Milton best place to live

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently, after driving through yet another snowstorm, I attended my first Milton Concert Productions event at St. Paul's United Church.

It was a wonderful and entertaining concert, and I met some very kind and pleasant people. The music was tremendous, the atmosphere was warm and intimate, the treats at intermission were provided by La Rose Italian Bakery at no charge and at the end of the concert each woman received a red carnation.

I had a superb evening, the kind that makes you thankful you live in a small town that offers such a high quality of culture at a reasonable price. You'd be hard-pressed to find this in Mississauga or Toronto.

I knew I had to shovel the driveway when I got home — for the umpteenth time this winter — yet when I drove up my street I noticed that one of my neighbours had used their snowblower and cleared all our sidewalks and the base of each of our driveways.

I stepped out of my car and just stared. It was unbelievable. Someone had taken the time to not only help one person, but many of us.

This random act of kindness, combined with such a special evening, showed me that no matter how fast Milton is growing, we still retain that personal touch that makes us the best place in Canada in which to live.

**LESLEY MANSFIELD
FOURTH LINE**

New Milton bus first class

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm a longtime Milton resident and hadn't seen the new Milton buses. On March 26, I was on my way to work when I spotted my first one.

I was very surprised. The bus stood out so much, not just the size but how clean and bright it was. I think it's a very nice-looking vehicle especially with the Town logo on it.

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