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MAKING HISTORY: The inauguration of Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, was witnessed by millions in Washington and billions worldwide yesterday. Here, Jeremy Lupton (left) and Eddie Salkic watch the ceremony live on the big-screen televisions at 2001 Audio Video on Maple Avenue.

Editor in chief wins top award

By Tim Whitnell
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Jill Davis, editor in chief of the *Canadian*

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Champion and three other area newspapers — the *Burlington Post*, *Oakville Beaver* and *Flamborough Review* — has been honoured with the 2008 Suburban Newspapers of America (SNA) Editor of the Year award for non-daily newspapers.

The SNA, which has a membership of more than 2,400 community and daily newspapers across North America, will honour the

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Councillors to vote on university subsidy

By Tim Foran
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Halton residents will pay a McMaster tax over most of the next decade to help finance a campus in Burlington if regional council approves an administration and finance committee recommendation.

The \$5 million subsidy would be paid for through the Region's operating budget starting in 2010, with \$500,000 grants going to McMaster University for the first eight years and \$1 million in the ninth year.

Each of the \$500,000 grants would equate to an extra \$2.10 in property taxes for the average Halton household.

"It's less than a grande latte at Starbucks," said James Peters, chair of the Burlington Economic Development Corporation, who urged regional councillors to vote in favour of the grants to McMaster.

The City of Burlington has already agreed to give McMaster \$5 million of its own money for the \$50 million-plus project, but those funds will come from hydro reserves.

Without the \$10 million in municipal funding, McMaster won't go forward with the project.

If regional council approves the recommendation at its meeting today, McMaster spokesperson Dr. Ilene Busch-Vishniac said the school plans to start construction this spring

on the first part of its project, a \$28 million, 93,000-square-foot DeGroote Centre for Advanced Management, which will host 800 MBA and executive education students.

The \$10 million from Burlington and Halton would go toward the construction of this facility.

The centre was originally planned to be built in Burlington's downtown, but Vishniac said it pulled the location for three reasons including an inability to expand, a desire to be located close to the QEW, and because a "generous donor" has offered a free 4.5-acre parcel of land on South Service Road just east of Walkers Line.

Vishniac declined to name the donor, but

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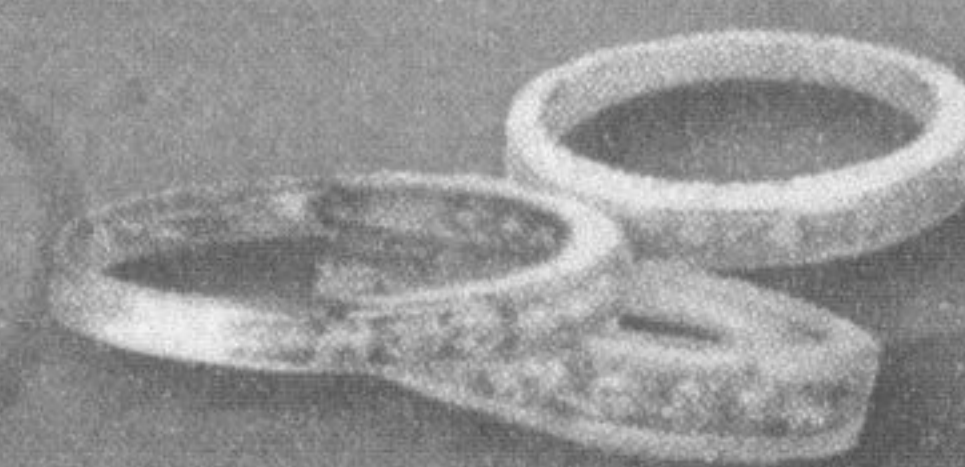
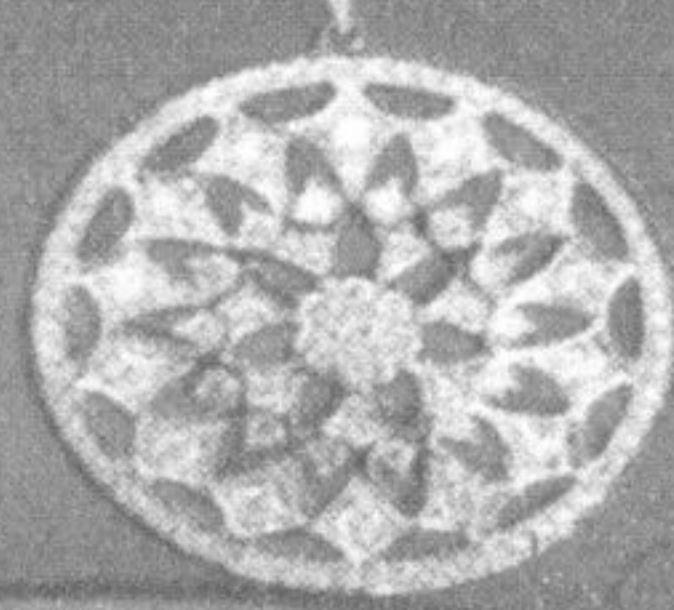


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