

Community Notebook

Eat Cake: The Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Miltonians are being encouraged to help its members celebrate the occasion by sharing a giant birthday cake Saturday April 9 at Milton Mall. Anniversary cake will be handed out between 1-2 p.m. that day by Cancer Society volunteers. The cake give-away has been planned during Cancer Month, April, when volunteers will canvass door-to-door for funds. Fresh daffodils, the symbol of hope to cancer patients, will be sold at various locations in town from April 7-9. Daffodil pins will be available all month.

Near Sellout: There are just 14 booths to be sold in Milton Chamber of Commerce made-in-Milton consumer show. If the sale of exhibitor space is any indication of the success of Showcase Milton '88, the event running May 27-29 is bound to be another hit. For information on participating in the show contact the Chamber at 878-5081.

Lung Doctor: Dr. Helen Ramsdale will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Halton Lung Association. Dr. Ramsdale is involved in research dealing with lung diseases and is known for adapting new knowledge in the treatment of her patients. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 14 at The Briarwood Inn, 360 Iroquois Shore Rd., Oakville. Dinner will follow a half-hour reception at 6:30 p.m. To find out more call 632-8499.

'60s Dance: Tickets are still available for the Showcase Milton Graffiti Dance slated for Saturday May 28. This new addition to Showcase will feature Little Caesar and the Consuls at John Tonelli Sports Centre beginning at 8 p.m. Single tickets cost \$12 and tables for 40 can be reserved for \$100. Tickets can be purchased at Milton Chamber of Commerce, Kelso Travel, St. Clair Paint and Wallpaper, Bergsma's Paint and Wallpaper and Richardson Chev-Olds.

Tax Time: Milton Community and Information Services will be offering free income-tax clinics for senior citizens, disabled people and single parents who meet income requirements. Appointments will be arranged for those who call 875-INFO (875-4636).

Quilt Show: Halton-Quilters Guild will hold a Spring Quilt Show at the River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth Line, Oakville. The 10th annual show will feature many examples of members' work as well as quilting demonstrations. The event will run from April 22-24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Spring Fling: Martin Street School's Spring Fling bazaar is open to public participation. Tables for the sale and display of crafts can be booked now by calling 876-1778 after 4 p.m. The Spring Fling will happen at the school, Saturday May 14. Cost for a table for the day is \$15.

First Annual: The community is invited to celebrate with Big Sisters of North Halton as they review accomplishments at their annual meeting, Tuesday April 26. The meeting will be held at the Maplehurst Correctional Centre boardroom from 7:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a guest speaker and refreshments. The meeting will also serve to recognize volunteers. For more information or to confirm attendance call 878-0378 or 878-6487.

Christmas in Spring? Plans for a tour of heritage homes decorated for Christmas are being finalized as a fundraiser for Big Sisters of North Halton. The event, which will include a tea stop in the ticket price, is set for Saturday Nov. 26.

Time Needed: Residents at Halton Centennial Manor could benefit from time donated to several activities at the home for the aged. Volunteers are needed to run bingo games Wednesday mornings and on the first and third Tuesday of each month. help is required at the ice cream parlor. The craft and adjacent room program are always in need of extra help as well. To find out more about becoming a Manor volunteer call volunteer co-ordinator Victoria Hamill at 878-4141.

Pitch-In: Each year many area students take part in the Ontario Anglers and Hunters Pitch-In Campaign. Run in conjunction with Sunoco, the program encourages young people to spend time during the week of May 2-8, picking up litter. Thousand of official Pitch-In bags are available to participating groups. To find out more contact Pitch-In '88, 124 Merton St., Toronto, M4S 2Z2.



An evening with Brahms

Milton Choristers performed in fine style Sunday evening at Knox Presbyterian Church before an appreciative audience. The choir, along with soloists Lawrence Carlton and Kathleen West and organist Leo Marchildon, were directed by Brainerd Blyden-Taylor.

For their spring concert, the Choristers took on their most ambitious project, presenting Brahms' Requiem. The Choristers will perform again in June to wind up their season.

PHOTO BY GARY FREEMAN

Jelinek predicts . . .

Majority win if election called soon

Sounding like a man in the middle of a campaign, Halton MP Otto Jelinek roared into Milton Saturday predicting a federal election would be held in the fall.

Mr. Jelinek, the federal Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, said he didn't have any inside information but admitted the best time would be the fall although if it were held soon, "I'm convinced we'd win a majority government."

The local MP spent a full day in Milton Saturday. It started at 8:30 a.m. when he attended a Breakfast with Otto, held by the local federal Progressive Conservative riding association at the Optimist Centre. At 1 p.m., he attended a special ceremony at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and an hour later helped with the official opening of Nassagaweya Community Centre.

Mr. Jelinek spent about an hour talking with the party faithful in the morning and spoke straightforward about several issues including the recent Calgary Winter Games, the next federal election, free trade, immigration, and abortion.

He said he thought Prime Minister Brian Mulroney would likely wait until after an international summit, scheduled in the summer in Toronto, before calling an election.

"It's probably going to be sometime this fall," he said. "I think the Prime Minister wants to go through with the economic summit in the summer. That's my guess, anyway."

"We can wait until the fall of '89. But I'm convinced we'd win a majority government if we called it today."

"The other two parties are in disarray. The NDP is against everything. I know the polls put the NDP pretty high and that's because Canadians think Ed Broadbent is a nice man, and he is. But he's never been tested."

About 100 of the party faithful attended the morning meeting. Included in the attendees were local councillors Brian Penman and Les Laughren. The breakfast was organized by Ken Hassard, Milton West area president.

The federal member was asked a variety of questions including one on abortion.

Mr. Jelinek said he was impressed with the sincerity and emotion his fellow MPs showed at a recent meeting on the subject.

"Abortion is a very complex, serious and divisive issue," he said. "The decision by the Supreme Court left the government with no policy."

"We are dealing with the issue and it's tough."

"We held a meeting with 210 MPs and some senators, and the sincere and emotional pleas



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which came through in that meeting would have made Canadians proud.

"A lot of emotion and a lot of passion is going into this."

He said the meeting revealed 100 different views and the party is in the process of narrowing them down. He said Parliament can expect a free vote (where MPs are not obligated to follow party lines) on the matter.

He said one of his proudest achievements was the Calgary Games.

"What a thrill it was to work with the corporate sector, the public and the government for the Games."

"We raised \$200 million which didn't cost the taxpayers a cent. Here we were going to Japan, the United States and Europe raising money with the sale of coins, bringing foreign money into the country."

"You know, when the Liberals were in power they were losing \$1½ million a week just trying to run the sports lottery. That's the difference between the Liberals and the Conservatives."

"Just take a look at the provincial government in Ontario. Here we are, in the midst of prosperity, and the provincial Liberals are raising the deficit and raising taxes."

"But the Calgary Games showed the world we aren't afraid of competition. The same is true of free trade. If we are to realize our potential, we must open our borders to do business with our biggest trading partners through free trade and GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)."

Radio tower won't be allowed on escarpment

By ROB KELLY

A porcupine's quill was plucked by the Ontario Municipal Board in a decision circulated to municipal councillors Monday night.

Town councillors Brian Penman and Bill Johnson were pleased to learn that a private communications tower slated to straddle the Niagara Escarpment near Rattlesnake Point will not become a reality unless the OMB decision striking the proposal is overturned in court.

That is unlikely, given that an OMB appeal is usually the recourse of last resort in such hearings. A decision by the quasi-legal provincial body is the cheapest and most expedient way of resolving such disputes, and a court solution to the issue could be a protracted and costly affair.

An application by R.F. Mobile Communications to erect a 150-foot tower on Appleby Line was approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission but vehemently opposed by Milton town council and those living near the proposed metal mast. On January 20 OMB hearing officer Allan Masson heard the town's appeal of the NEC approval.

Mr. Masson recommended against the pro-

posal, and municipal affairs minister John Eakins supported his recommendations, effectively overturning the NEC approval.

"It is the opinion of this hearing officer that the Commission erred in granting the approval," Mr. Masson wrote. "Perhaps they were not cognizant of all the circumstances."

Milton planning director Bob Zsadyani had testified in January that NEC support for the tower was "unfortunate and incorrect."

Mr. Zsadyani added that "I'm concerned about the probability of additional towers here. I can picture a porcupine hill with all kinds of lights flashing on it."

Such an eventuality would throw planning "out the window," he added.

Both Milton councillors were pleased with the outcome.

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\$1,600 per game, for 20 home games.

Under the plan the team would become a profit-making venture in short order, Mr. Brandt believes.

The organization will not pay "\$30,000 or \$40,000" for the squad, Mr. Brandt speculated, but would probably entertain paying "\$10,000 or \$15,000."

The team is not worth premium dollars at present because the Milton minor hockey

system must rebuild at the older age levels in order to re-introduce local talent to the squad. Essentially MMHA would be buying the rights to few local players, only to the franchise, Mr. Brandt said.

Any such purchase must be approved in a general vote of Milton Minor Hockey Association members. If all goes according to MMHA plans, that vote would occur at the annual meeting in May. Therefore, a deal with Mr. Grant would have to be outlined during April, Mr. Brandt said.