

# Zella, Pay-TV, Miss Legs, Mr. Education, the Trib

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The vice-president of the Downtown Business Improvement Area, Zella Bonin was selected by the Milton Chamber of Commerce as its Citizen of the Year. Milton's first baby of 1982 was Laura Dorst, born at 6:06 p.m. at Milton District Hospital.

January was a good month for 18-year-old Kym Williamson. She was named the Toronto Sun's Sunshine Girl of the Year and Miss Legs of Canada '82.

Local television viewers got a taste of what was to come in 1982 when the local cable company began testing satellite signals soon to be used for Pay TV. Halton Cable Systems aired several current movie hits over a period of three weeks.

Halton Regional Police had nothing but praise for young Patti Ilton of Milton. The 22-year-old mother was seriously wounded by a gunman on the last Sunday in January, but was able to provide sufficient information to police to lead to the arrest of a 23-year-old Mississauga man who was also charged with the murder of his grandmother in Mississauga. When the suspect rolled down his window, Ms. Ilton thought the man needed directions. Instead, he shot her. The Milton woman managed to flag down a passing police vehicle. The suspect, John Reeves, later in the year, pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Vandalism is nothing new, but area residents were shocked with what police described as the most horrendous case of wanton destruction ever seen, following the ruin of a Bell St. home in March. Three Milton teenagers were charged for their part in a wild vandalism spree which left the home of Marlene and John Williams uninhabitable. The incident occurred during a house party given by a relative of the family while the couple were enjoying a holiday in Florida. Furniture was rammed through doors and living room windows, beer bottles smashed, family heirlooms destroyed and the final repair bill came to an estimated \$40,000.

Milton horse breeder K.W. Hermans won a federal court appeal, preventing the deportation of three prize Hanoverian horses, ordered out of Canada the previous December by federal agriculture officials. The verdict, handed down in March, clears Mr. Hermans of all allegations regarding the possible presence of equine metritis in the horses.

Ontario municipal affairs minister Claude Bennett decided in May that a provincial inquiry into a land sale in downtown Milton would not take place. Former town councillor Gus Goutouski asked for the inquiry, alleging that when council purchased the former site of Bill's Auto Body on Main St., taxpayers paid \$45,000 more than the property was worth be-

## A DECADE REMEMBERED 1982



Mayor Gord Krantz shakes hands with his 1982 election challenger Gus Goutouski following his win. The mayor faced no competition in the next municipal election.

cause of delays by council and town staff. He alleged the town paid \$265,000 for the property a matter of hours after the original owners sold it to a Toronto developer for \$220,000. The ministry acknowledged the municipality could have obtained a better deal by acting faster but said there was no evidence the delay was occasioned by improper motives.

When Ernie Mitchell closed the Milton office of Mitchell Real Estate in late May, he also wrote the final chapter about one of the most colorful and successful real estate firms in the town's history. To many real estate agents, the local branch of E.A. Mitchell Ltd. was still Best Realty and Insurance Ltd. — although Mr. Mitchell had purchased the company in 1976, some 20 months after owner Brian Best was left comatose as a result of a two-car collision near Milton. He died in September 1977, never regaining consciousness. An engineer by profession, Mr. Best was employed on the Avro Arrow project. He made real estate his full-time job in 1959, with Best Realty literally

rising out of the carnage left by the flop of the Arrow.

The Canadian Champion was selected the best weekly newspaper in Canada in the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's Class 5 Broadsheet (6,500 to 9,999) circulation category.

A 14-year old Milton girl, Susan Savage, narrowly escaped death in mid-June when she

however, the number was allowed to increase to four.

Milton's newest elementary school was named after the man known for years as "Mr. Education." Halton Board of trustees voted to name the school being constructed on Coxwold Blvd. after Edgar Foster. From 1933 to 1971 Mr. Foster served as principal, supervising principal and secretary-business administrator to the Milton Board of Education. In 1969, when Halton Board of Education was formed, Mr. Foster chose to remain at the school level and served two years as principal of Oakwood Public School in Oakville before his retirement.

A 57-year-old Halton Centennial Manor resident who threatened to jump from the building's 100-foot chimney stack, was safely rescued by Milton firefighters late Saturday night. The woman was discovered missing from her bed by a maintenance man who then noticed the woman climbing the outside chimney stack. Police said the woman had been drinking and became distraught following an argument with her husband.

After a six-year fight for survival, the Milton Weekly Tribune ceased publishing in October. Harry Funk, publisher for the previous seven months, said he was forced to close the doors on the newspaper because of a "cash crunch."

Mayor Gord Krantz defeated challenger Gus Goutouski in November's municipal elections. All incumbent councillors were returned to their seats.

Oddyssey Building Systems, formerly known as Star Steel, closed the doors of its Milton plant in November, another victim of difficult economic times. An already reduced staff of 25 were left jobless. The small Milton building manufacturing firm specialized in the construction of pre-engineered buildings for both Canadian and American customers and in its better years to Third World Countries.

Milton and Halton Region were at loggerheads all year over the proposed garbage dump at the corner of Tremaine and Britannia roads. Emotions had run high for several years on any questions concerning Halton's plan to turn 600 acres of prime farm land into a regional garbage dump. During 1982, arguments over the plan centred around the direction to be given a consultant preparing a vital environmental assessment document and the need to consider alternatives to the region's long cherished preference for Site F.

Industrial employment in Milton increased by 11 per cent in 1982, making the town the only one of Halton's members to post a gain. Halton Region business development director Matt Fischer said the increase provides the first slight hint of economic recovery for the region.

## Landfill problem underway

# Residents shocked by plan for toxic-waste facility

By NORMAN NELSON

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) announced in January it wanted to locate a toxic

waste dump in the Golden Horsehoe area, and that Milton had been marked as the southern Ontario "centroid" of waste generation. Later

in May, after meeting with OWMC representatives, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz warned that Milton stood a very good chance of being chosen for

the dump.

A 57-year-old Milton resident and proprietor of Milton Shoe Repair died in January of an apparent heart attack. Although well known in the community for his trade, few were aware of Leon Jacyno's distinguished military career. He served with the Free Polish forces and was the recipient of many medals. "He was probably one of the most decorated veterans in Milton," said Gus Goutouski, a friend of Mr. Jacyno.

The beginning of February marked the introduction of pay television in Milton with close to 9 per cent of Halton Cable Systems customers tuning in.

Due to an unusually mild winter, Milton town councillor Jim Watson was urging that some staff in the public works department be let go rather than keeping them busy with make-work projects. "If a strawberry farmer has a crop failure the first

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thing he does is lay off a few of his strawberry pickers," he reasoned. "We've had a snow failure so we should look at something like that."

A 20-year-old woman earned the distinction of becoming the first female member of the Royal Military College in Kingston to be court-martialled and ordered dismissed from the Canadian forces. Carol Ann Murphy, a second year cadet at the college, was convicted of one count of trafficking in marijuana and two counts of using marijuana in a hearing under the National Defence Act in March.

Halton Region must have a landfill and the only questions to be answered are where to put it and how large it should be. That was the conclusion of a report issued in April by consultants preparing a \$100,000 environmental assessment as part of Halton's search for a new garbage dump.

Milton resident Eddie Eastman earned his second Juno award as male country vocalist of the year. A native of Newfoundland, Eastman was the teenager everyone asked to bring a guitar to the party "to sing and get people relaxed."

Brian Mulroney was elected leader of the federal Tories and Halton MP. See PARKWAY on page 5



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