

MDHS student bound for elite American leadership course

By KAREN SMITH

A Milton District High School student is one of a handful of Canadians who will represent the country in Minnesota next month.

Sharon Meilleur will travel to the American state July 27 to participate in the 1990 Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation (HOBY) Interna-

tional Leadership Seminar (ILS) for high school sophomores.

The event, hosted by twin cities Minneapolis and St. Paul, will offer some 215 students an opportunity to gather a sense of the past while learning to become leaders of the future.

Sharon, 15, said she is looking

forward to being an ILS Ambassador (the name given to the future leaders). Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Milton, she will have eight days of challenge, education and excitement.

The Grade 10 student was chosen to attend the HOBY ILS after a recent Ontario Leadership Seminar where organizers were impressed with her leadership abilities.

In the tradition of the ILS, the ambassadors will interact with recognized national, regional and local leaders of business, government, education and the professions.

They will also experience a cruise on the Mississippi River, Minnesota Twins baseball game, Minnesota Indian Pow Wow, and a tour of a 19th century fort which guarded the entrance to the Mississippi River.

The majority of participants will be Americans, but Sharon will see one familiar face. An Ontario boy, the only other student chosen from the province, will attend as well.

The remaining ambassadors will come from other Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia and more than 20 foreign countries.

HOBY was founded in 1958.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Milton District High School's Sharron Meilleur, 15, will travel to Minnesota next month after being chosen to attend a Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation International Leadership Seminar. MDHS principal Greg MacPherson is proud of his Grade 10 student.

New Highway 25 golf course gets green light

By ROB KELLY

Golfers who want to get in a little practice on a par-three course will have one almost within walking distance if everything goes according to Jim Maraschiello's plan.

Monday night at municipal council things went Mr. Maraschiello's way as he obtained municipal approval to create his 3,170 yard course and miniature golf centre. But there was a catch. Mr. Maraschiello only got a temporary re-zoning, good for at best six years. He says it's all he really wanted anyway.

Because in six years the map outlining urban Milton will have been redrawn, indeed that process is already underway as politicians puzzle over where new residential subdivisions will sprout once Milton gets the green light to grow again.

Mr. Maraschiello's property, 52 acres less than half a kilometre south of Derry Road on the east side of Highway 25, is a prime location for such urban growth and one being closely scrutinized as the planning process unfolds. So rather than have the land lie fallow while he waits to see if his property is earmarked for town expansion, the former landscape business owner is dedicating it to the duffers.

And that's fine with town councillors, given that the re-zoning is only temporary. The town doesn't want the complication of a golf course sitting in the middle of a residential subdivision or commercial district a decade from now, hence the temporary zoning.

Mr. Maraschiello would undoubtedly welcome the substantial jump in land value that would come with re-zoning that draws his land into urban Milton. But, he said, if that doesn't happen he'll give up the golf course, as council stipulated, when the time comes with no hard feelings.

He is, he said, experimenting with a concept that he hopes will catch on. "This may be the first of three or four golf courses. I think there's a need for this type of course."

He expects to charge somewhere around \$10 for 18 holes and only seven dollars for nine. He hopes to attract youthful players interested in taking up the game. Young people are often viewed as a source of frustration on larger courses, where they can be seen as holding up play. As well, fees are often too steep for younger players unless their parents are members of private courses.

If his approvals are processed quickly, the Milton resident said he could be open by late July.

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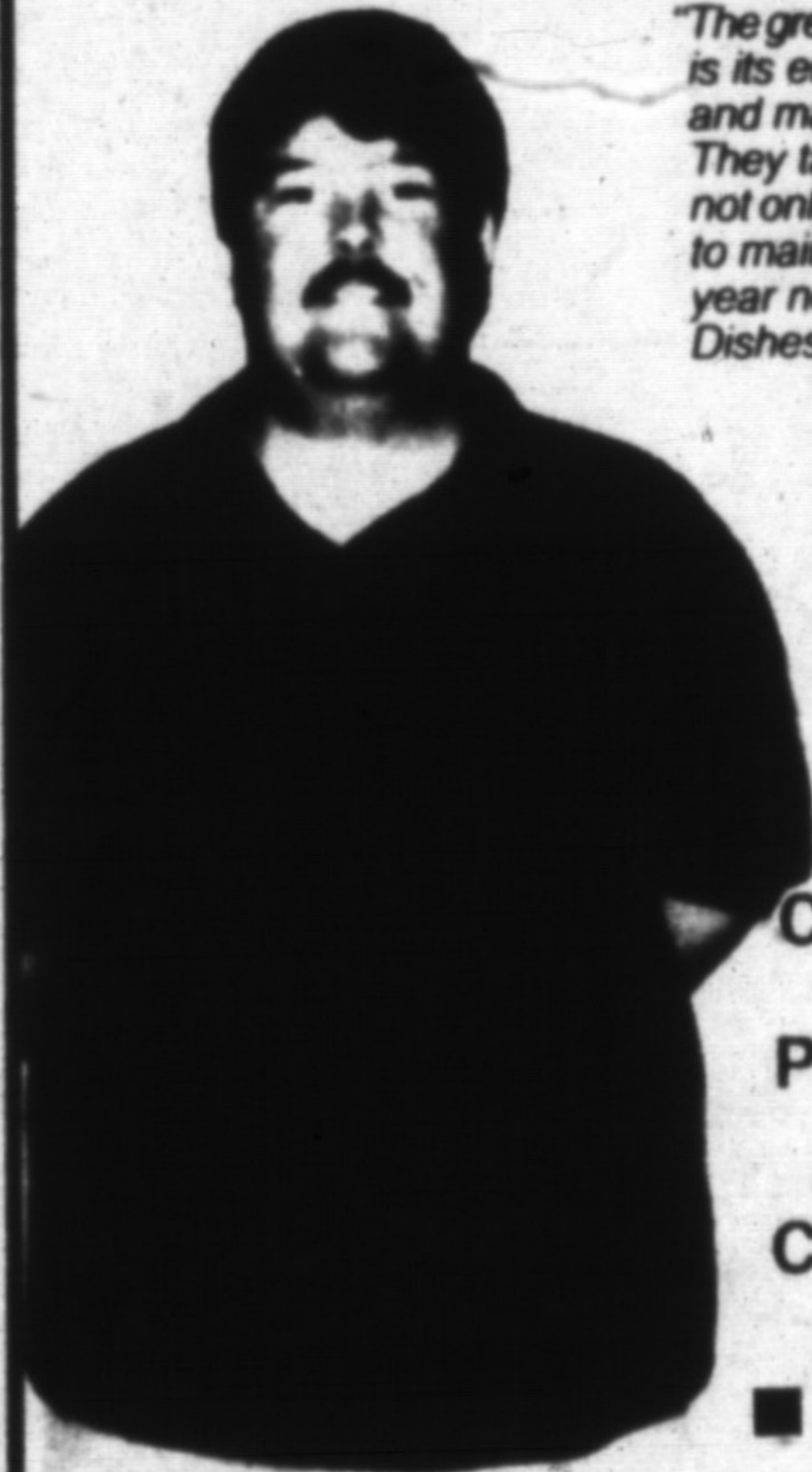
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