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Reform Party seed planted in riding

By MARIANNE TAKACS
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The Reform Party which is striking fear into the hearts of mainstream Conservative and Liberal politicians in western Canada is coming to Oakville and Milton.

Local Reform organizer Rita Bucher is going ahead with her plans to establish a Reform riding association in Oakville-Milton even though the Calgary-based party has yet to decide whether it will expand east of the Manitoba-Ontario border. That decision will be made at a vote next April at the party's annual meeting in Saskatoon.

Boudreau returns to face charges

By NORMAN NELSON

The father of a four-year-old Milton youth who became the object of an intensive six-month search by both police and public earlier this year is due to appear for a bail hearing at the provincial courthouse in Milton at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Halton Region police said Brian Boudreau, 35, was deported from Hawaii by United States immigration authorities, arriving at Toronto international airport early yesterday afternoon.

There, according to police, the suspect was handed over to Halton Regional Police by two U.S. immigration officers, and subsequently charged on outstanding Canada-wide warrants for extortion, abduction and breach of probation.

As well, he was further charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

As a result of their investigation, police have also charged Mr. Boudreau's half brother, Kenneth Boyle, 43, of Cambridge, for obstructing justice, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and being an accessory after the fact.

According to Ms Bucher, a straw vote held three weeks ago shows 75 per cent of western members are in favour of going national. In the meantime, she says people in Ontario are practically pounding at the Reform Party door in their haste to join.

In response to all the interest, the party has established an Ontario headquarters in Kitchener and set up an Ontario expansion committee to organize volunteers in the province.

"The riding associations are popping up like mushrooms here," said Ms Bucher.

As an example of the enthusiasm, Ms Bucher cited the experience of party organizers in Mississauga West. They rented a room which could seat about 35 people for a

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Photo by JOHN WARREN

Symbols of remembrance

At Milton's cenotaph on Sunday, a large crowd paid their respects to our war dead during the annual Remembrance Day service. Among those who laid wreaths at the monument was veteran Marie Clements.



Santa's \$13,000 bill half paid

By KAREN SMITH

The success of this year's Milton Santa Claus Parade depends on the amount of time and money donated between now and the Nov. 25 event, say organizers.

The parade lacks corporate sponsorship and also needs about 30 people to volunteer as clowns, said Shelagh Dobson who is joined by 11 other members on the Milton Santa Claus Parade Committee.

To date, about \$7,000 has been raised for the event, but that number must almost double, said Mrs. Dobson. "We need \$13,000 really to make it run."

The 27 entries so far in the parade include 16 floats. The remaining entries are made up of marching bands and walking groups.

With the theme *Environmental Awareness — Our Gift for the Future*, the 1990 Milton Santa Claus Parade will take the same 2.3 kilometre route as last year.

The action will begin at the Milton Fair Grounds and travel north on Hugh Street. From there, the parade will travel west on King Street and north on Bronte Street.

The parade will then make its first appearance on Main Street, travelling east. Next, it will turn south on Ontario Street, go east on Childs Drive and travel north to the finish at Milton Mall.

Owners of businesses that make donations of \$500 or more will see their company's name presented prominently on a sign in the parade.

The usual store window contest will be judged on the Saturday before the parade. Shops with the best window displays will receive plaques.

Tony D'Anato of Milton Rental, 375 Steeles Ave. W., is offering free rental of electrical equipment for floats. Call 878-8484 or 878-7781. Flatbeds are available at Beeline Transport (878-4193) or Aggregate Dispatch (878-0433).

It's still not too late to enter a float. Entry forms may be obtained at Town Hall, or from Wendy Ferguson by calling 875-1671.

Also, anyone wishing to volunteer as a clown, contact Barb O'Keefe at 878-5356. Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to Bob Pell, 6552 First Line, Milton, Ont., L9T 2X5.

Optimists get leisure centre fund in shape with \$100,000

By KAREN SMITH

The Town of Milton's capital campaign for the \$8.6 million leisure centre received its first boost Monday.

The Optimist Club of Milton has committed itself to donating \$100,000 over the next three years to help build the planned Main Street recreation centre.

Rose Harrison, chairperson of the community group division of the volunteer campaign committee, called the donation "thrilling."

"It kicks off that big number we have to get to," said the former Milton councillor. "It's setting the tone for the whole thing."

"That big number" is the Town's \$1.7 million fundraising goal in the campaign named *A Fitting Beginning*. The money is being raised through public appeal.

Gerry Bronstein, president of the Optimist Club of Milton, said the \$100,000 was raised through Bingo games over a two-year period. He called the leisure centre "something the town really needs."

On the capital campaign committee led by Campbell Thompson, development consultant in the Milton area for the last several years, Mrs. Harrison is joined by several other

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Photo by JOHN WARREN

The fundraising campaign for the new leisure centre is \$100,000 richer now that the Optimist Club has promised to donate the money over the next three years. Celebrating are (from left): Bruce Nicholson and Gerry Bronstein of the Optimist Club, Rose Harrison, chairperson of the community group division of the fundraising committee, and Campbell Thompson, committee chairperson.