

Bell says it'll split 416 area code into different exchanges

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MARCH

Milton municipal councillor Brian Penman, who is also the vice-chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA), blasted Halton Region for "really irresponsible government" in refusing to ante up with money the HRCA said the Region must pay for conservation authority operations. The two bodies appeared headed for court to fight the dispute out.

Bell Canada announced that Milton, along with much of the surrounding area, will get a new area code in 1993. The 416 code is getting full, the giant communications com-

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pany said, so only Toronto will retain it. All other 416 exchanges will be re-numbered.

Two young offenders and a 23-year-old man were charged in mid-March following an investigation into a spectacular and dangerous act of vandalism at Milton Mall. The trio faced 52 charges in connection with the event, which saw vandals smash a burning van into a mall

store in the fall of 1990. The three were also charged for a rash of break-ins.

In Betty Zelinsky's 14 years as a Salvation Army family services worker, she has never seen as many desperate people, the Friday, Mar. 15 issue reported. Already in March, more than 70 Milton families had made emergency requests for food.

Milton municipal councillor Mary Long was charged with three driving related offences following a high-speed chase in downtown Brampton the previous Friday, the Wednesday, Mar. 20 issue recounted.

Lifelong Milton resident Lloyd Chisholm was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of

Fame, the March 22 issue noted.

The Town of Milton and a man who put a second storey on a new building without written municipal approval reached a costly compromise, the Wednesday, Mar. 27 issue reported. Roy Fabianitis agreed to pay \$84,000, which he preferred to think of as a fee, while town officials liked to think of it as a penalty.

APRIL

Sparks flew between Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek and his provincial counterpart, Halton North MPP Noel Duignan, in the Wednesday, April 3 issue. The topic was Sunday shopping. Mr. Jelinek said Mr. Duignan was "out to lunch" in his defence of the NDP government's ban on Sunday shopping. Mr. Duignan said Mr. Jelinek was attempting to divert public scrutiny from failing federal economic policies.

Halton Region appeared to hear the cries of construction developers and more than halved its proposed increase in fees for development permits. Originally the rate had been \$2.30 per square foot. That was cut to \$1.10.

The Reform Party, a new federal political movement born in western Canada, announced it will field candidates in Ontario for the next federal election, in 1992 or 1993. Oakville-Milton riding president Rita Bucher said she was "ecstatic" over the news.

Campbellville businesswoman Oriana Currie claimed Guelph Line — a road maintained by Halton Region — was crushing her buildings, which hunker into the sharply sloped hill that is topped by the road as it curves into Campbellville. Mrs. Currie wanted Halton Region to remedy the problem. The rear wall of one building had partially collapsed, apparently due to the pressure exerted against it by the embankment onto which the structure backs.

Bruce Hood, the chairman of the DBIA, quit the group and walked

out of a meeting after a heated squabble with DBIA members determined to disband the group, the Friday, April 19 issue reported.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae, in Milton for an NDP fundraising dinner, hinted broadly that he would throw provincial money into fighting the recession on a large scale when he delivered his budget the following week. "I can only say we have our responsibilities to live up to and we know what they are," Mr. Rae told *The Champion*.

Bill Johnson, a lifelong NDP supporter, bashed Environment Minister Ruth Grier for the provincial government's stand against energy from waste (EFW) garbage disposal systems, which are basically incinerators that use garbage for fuel and produce heat for energy.

Mr. Johnson said Ms Grier was "ill advised, ill informed and unbelievably naive" in the matter.

MAY

E.C. Drury High School students took some of the top honours at a national cooking contest at Toronto's George Brown College in early May. Robyn Taylor and Richard Conway won gold medals while Mark Zechel and Brigett Gregory earned silvers.

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan defended his decision to take part in a protest at a Brampton heavy equipment manufacturing plant. Caterpillar of Canada laid off 350 workers and shifted production to the United States. Milton's Bruce Dolson, a senior executive in an auto parts firm, said Mr. Duignan "needs a kick in the ass."

Milton District High School history teacher David Hamilton was named one of the top 10 teachers in the province in a contest sponsored by a Toronto daily newspaper. Student Jodi Zanatta wrote the letter which nominated Mr. Hamilton.

Provincial Liberal party leadership candidates competing in the still unofficial contest to replace David Peterson delivered a sales pitch to

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