### Sunday Jan. 26

The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society meets at the second-floor meeting room of Brampton's Chinguacousy Library, 150 Central Park Dr., at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 843-2076.

#### Monday Jan. 27

Halton Centennial Manor holds support group "I am not Alone" from 7-9 p.m. Focusing on the needs of the care giver, the group is for people caring for aging relatives. For information, further contact Lauraine Andrews, social worker, at 878-4141, ext. 167. Everyone is wel-

## Tuesday Jan. 28

The Hamilton-Wentworth/Halton Vaginal Birth After Cesarean provide information and support to interested parents. The next meeting takes place at 8 p.m. For more information and directions, call 842-3385 or 854-2623.

Museum meet at Hugh Foster Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

takes place at Milton Public Library Jan. 28 and Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Topics include tax planning, investing for the '90s and retirement planning. The speaker is Frank Trolio of the Investors Group. Space is limited. Visit. the library, 45 Bruce St., or call 875-2665.

#### Wednesday Jan. 29

Senior Citizens Club 88 hosts an open euchre at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Charles Street at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

# Manning lists reforms

 from REFORM on page 1 and a throng of national and Toronto media.

Mr. Manning said the Reform Party aims "to bring about a reduction in government spending in absolute terms to the point where it reflects itself in lower taxes, a lower cost of living and a lower cost of doing business in this country."

He took aim at government subsidies to the private business sector saying the annual \$4 to \$5 billion in direct government subsidies could be as much as \$25 billion a year indirectly through other tax concessions and subsidies.

"I think most business people would accept if it was done in such a way that it was applied vigorously and right across the board," said Mr. Manning.

The Reform Party, he said, would also trim the size of the federal civil service. He called for "downsizing (VBAC) Group meets monthly to similar to what many corporations and manufacturers have had to go through to be internationally com-

By way of comparison, Mr. Manning said Canada has 40 ministries The Friends of the Halton Region and departments while Britain has 22 departments and the United States has 14 federal departments.

A financial planning seminar "I don't advocate throwing large streets," said Mr. Manning, who suggested a relocation, retraining, refinancing program for such program of civil servants willing to participate.

The Reform Party leader suggested money for such a program would ideally come from the private sector. Under Mr. Manning's proposal, the private sector would also pay for retraining in a 'labour adjustment mechanism" that would by part of a

three-part solution (tax level equalization with the U.S. and economic equalization) that would make free trade workable.

Business, labour and the government would have to reach agreement that would facilitate movement of employees from one sector to another, he said.

Mr. Manning was critical of the 60 per cent of federal government expenditures on social programs. He charged there's no way spending will be cut until some social programs are cut.

"We should target social spending to those in need not to indiscriminate universality," said Mr. Manning.

He went on to say the children of most of the middle-aged audience members Tuesday, will discover that they can't afford the senior population in the future anyway. The burden should be lifted off them now, he said.

On constitutional reform, Mr. Manning said, "The Reform Party supports constitutional reforms that will strengthen economic performance, property rights entrenchment, constitutional limits on unbalanced budgeting; strengthening the federal power to break interprovincial barriers to trade."

The Reform Party leader said the numbers of civil servants out on the constitution should be taken "off centre stage". Hearings and debate over the complete re-writing of the Constition should be conducted by workers. He even called for a pilot, an elected national Constituency Assembly whose findings would be subject to a national constitutional referendum, according to Mr. Man-

> The Reform Party believes a completely re-written Constitution would see the emergence of a new Canada and a new Quebec, if it wanted to stay within Canada.

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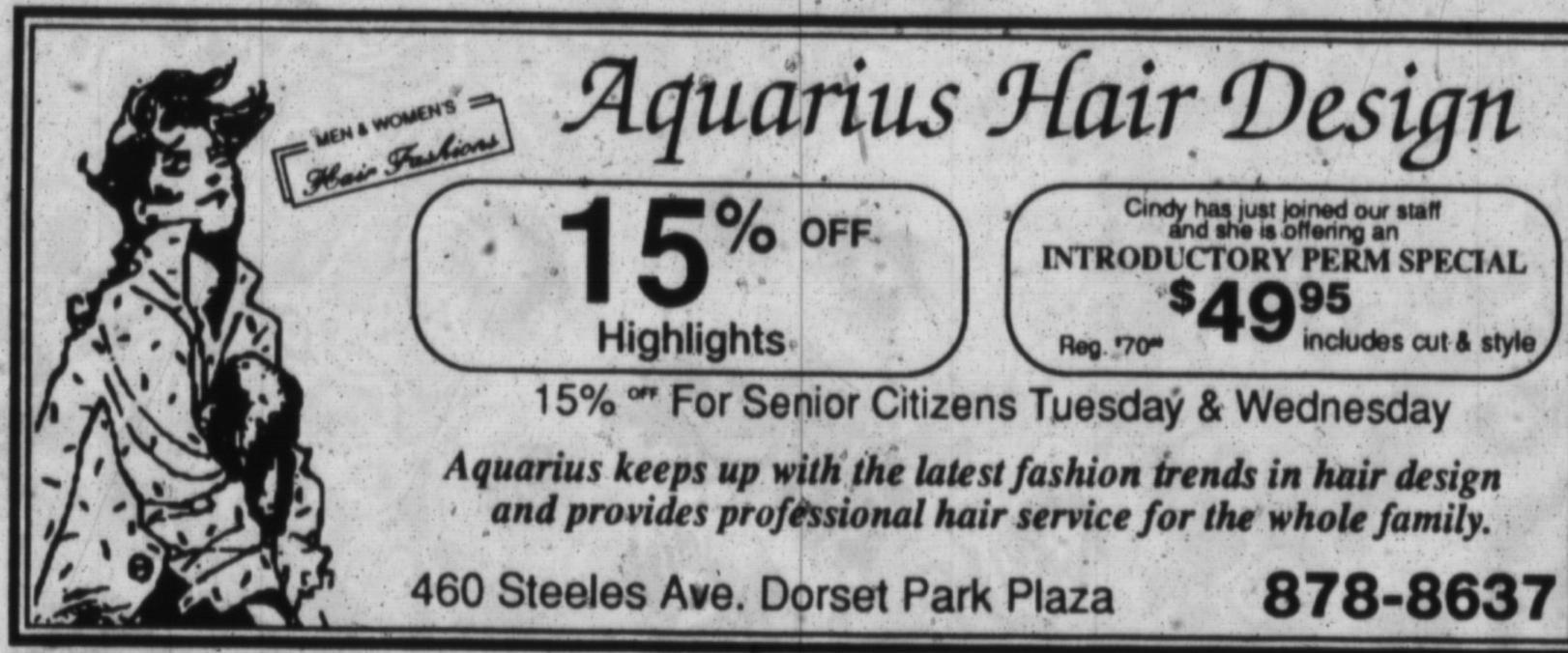
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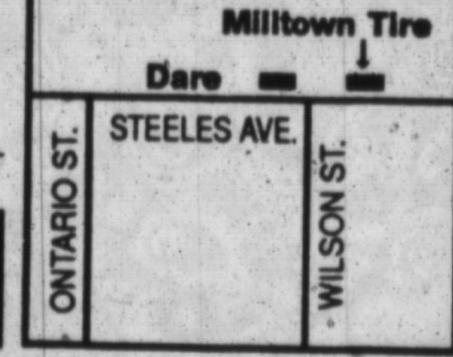
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