

## NEWSLINES

### Street closing

Main Street between Nipissing Road and Wilson Drive will be closed on Tuesday, Mar. 17 and Wednesday, Mar. 18, so CP Rail can do some area track work. Motorists will have to detour. The railway company will be sprucing up the pedestrian walkways over the crossing too, according to a Town of Milton report.

### Reviewing the review

Residents will have a chance for an up close and personal look at the major planning study that's expected to shape Milton's future for decades to come Thursday night.

Regional and Milton planners will hold an information session on the Halton Urban Structure Review from 7 p.m. through 9 p.m. in the gymnasium at E. C. Drury High School, 215 Ontario Street South. There will be a formal presentation at 8 p.m.

The Halton Urban Structure Review work now underway is expected to change the face of Milton as area planners move to cope with an anticipated population boom that could see the town double in size over the next 20 or 30 years.

For more information call Kathy Kiehl at Halton Region (825-6000, ext. 7200) or Carla Roselle at Milton's Town Hall (878-7211, ext. 125).

## INSIDE

### Compost Pay-off

Peel Region may be trying to buy its way into a proposed regional compost facility at the Milton dump site. A contribution of \$10,000 to a Halton study by Peel has town officials concerned that the neighbouring region wants to make a contribution of compost down the line. See story on **5**

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## It's their day

Pancakes were the order of the day yesterday for those who celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Champion carrier Allison French, 13, digs into a heap of pancakes, smothered in maple syrup at Milton's McDonald's restaurant. Pancake Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent.

## Campbellville recession fighters recruit council

Tom Thekan wants to grab them by their hearts and minds, so their wallets will follow.

Mr. Thekan is a furniture maker in Campbellville by trade, but by avocation he wages a war on poverty by broadsiding economic doom and gloom. Locally, he wants to fight a guerrilla campaign for financial gain.

Outnumbered by bleak and bleary-eyed opponents, boxed in by opposing recessionary forces, flanked by competition and fielding only a small band of Campbellville cavalry, Mr. Thekan stopped by municipal council Monday night to ask for reinforcements.

Mr. Thekan and some business colleagues from

Campbellville are trying to have a little fun in the midst of the wrenching recession that is still storming across Ontario. They've appointed themselves the "War Cabinet" of Campbellville, and the war is against the economic downturn.

Monday's appearance before council was largely a publicity stunt, but it had its serious side. Mr. Thekan called Ontario's difficulties a "crisis." However, he stressed that he felt much could be done to improve the situation if all concerned attempted to be a bit more buoyant.

"There's only one way to change an idea, and that's with another idea. There's only one way to

change an attitude, and that's with another attitude."

Mr. Thekan said people supporting his group in Campbellville will be bending over backwards to make customers feel good about themselves by expressing a generally positive attitude. That same feeling could translate throughout Milton, he added.

"If 33,000 people realize they can collectively control their local economy, that is earth-shattering. That is newsworthy," he said.

Council adopted a resolution supporting Mr. Thekan. It amounts to a pat on the back, but that's all the group really wanted, he said later. "Even if they just give us moral support, I think that's important."



## Woman to abandon her home

By ROB KELLY  
The Champion

A Milton woman who lost in her bid to block the building of a church complex near Kilbride says she will abandon her home because there's no point trying to live in the shadow cast by her adversaries.

"I'm leaving," said Sharon Daniels Monday afternoon from her house on McNiven Road. "I'm walking away from my home. This has just ruined my whole life."

Recently Minister of the Environment Ruth

Grier ruled that the Serbian Orthodox Church was free to construct a bishop's residence, church and cemetery on the 42 acres of land it owns adjacent to Ms Daniels.

Initially the Niagara Escarpment Commission approved the project, but Ms Daniels, supported by 218 area residents who called themselves the McNiven Road Action Committee, successfully appealed. The church pressed the matter, however, raising the ante so that the ultimate decision was made by Ms Grier.

Ms Daniels said property values have plum-

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## Halton delays second highrise

By ROB KELLY  
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Ian Jones is having a hard time floating his idea for a second condominium tower in downtown Milton. The reason is, broadly speaking, a lack of water.

Mr. Jones is the president of Glasco Group Development Corporation, the firm that built Village Parc on The Pond. That's a new highrise condominium tower, shouldering the downtown Mill Pond. It's the first significant residential construction in urban Milton for years.

He also owns the property next door to his current 154-unit building on Millside Drive, and would like to build a second 86-unit, 13-storey structure on the vacant land. But Halton Region says there isn't enough extra capacity at Milton's sewage treatment plant to absorb such a project.

Milton Ward 2 councillor Art Melanson had difficulty absorbing the regional rationale, especially since he first heard about it Monday night at town council, after Halton's planning department had advised Mr. Jones that the project was, in effect, on hold.

Mr. Melanson said Mr. Jones "does deserve a lot more serious consideration from Halton Region. I think we have to go after the  
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