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Fun Day

Look who is having a party. Sunday March 8 is Glen Eden's annual Fun Day, and this year will be extra fun because it's also the ski area's 30th birthday.

Activities of the day include a costume contest, donut eating contest, bubble gum blowing contest, ballon tag, snow throwing contest, and of course, birthday cake for everyone.

All events start at 11 a.m., with an awards presentation at 3 p.m.

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Others' eyes

Looking 'Through Other Eyes' proved to be an eye opener for Manor staff who stepped into the shoes of their elderly charges recently. The program simulates the physical limitations caused by aging. Find out how the shoes fit.

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Daycare cuts pass budget muster

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

After four hours of at times emotional and often polarized debate Wednesday, Halton regional councillors approved a 7.65 per cent property tax hike for 1992.

It means the average homeowner will pay \$22.32 more in property taxes to run Halton Region this year — which includes financing the regional police and paying a 20 per cent share of welfare expenses.

All told, regional charges go up \$39.67 for 1992, when the utility bill increase (\$17.01) and a fee for waste disposal (34 cents) are tacked on to the tab. The bottom line is that the average property taxpayer put \$703.18 into regional services during 1991, and in 1992 that will rise to \$742.85.

By way of comparison, homeowners paid out \$1,202 in education system property taxes in 1991 and an average \$523 for local municipal levies in Halton's four municipalities.

Councillors imposed a temporary freeze on their own salaries, although that will be reviewed in November with a possible retroactive increase. The same applies for the eight regional department heads. Non-union employees were held to a 1 per cent salary hike for 1992.

Regional council is prepared for a showdown with the Halton Regional Police Service, over the service's refusal to trim another \$95,000 from their budget of roughly, \$37.8 million. Halton voted to only forward enough money to the police to cover their expenses if they make the \$95,000 cut.

Lengthy debate erupted on a number of topics, but the most protracted discussion centred around the failed charge Burlington Mayor Walter ... see SHOWDOWN on page 5

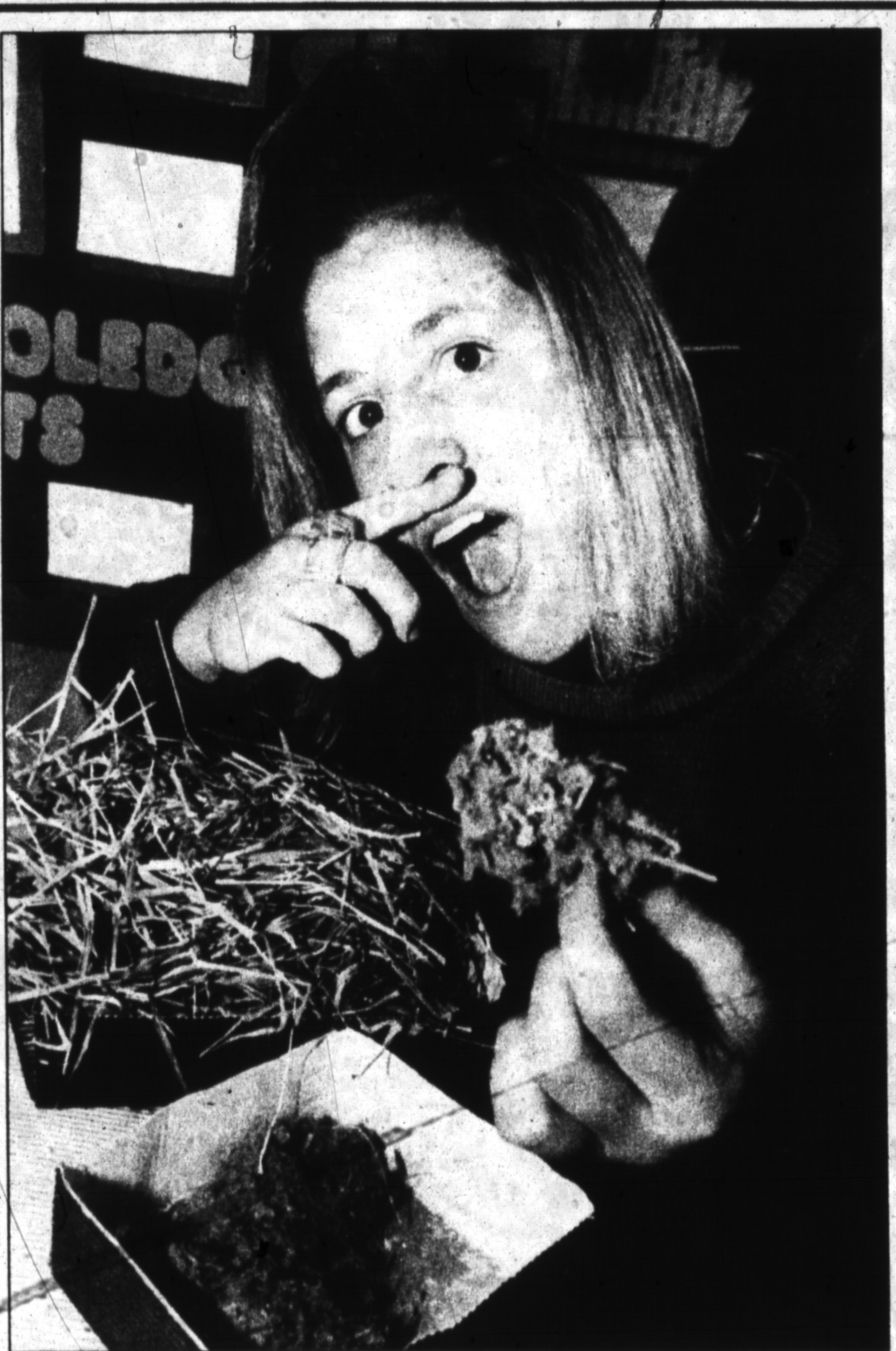


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Ahchoo!

Straw and household dust were part of Katherine Husar's science project on allergies. The 13-year-old Holy Rosary student took part in the Halton Separate School Board's regional science fair Saturday. More photos and story on page 3.

Mary Long's trial postponed until May

Former town councillor Mary Long's trial, which was scheduled yesterday (Thursday), was postponed until May 11 due to medical reasons. Mrs. Long, a town councillor from 1989 to

1991, faces charges of dangerous driving, failure to stop for police and driving while under suspension following a high speed chase involving Peel Regional Police in Brampton, March 15, 1991.

Mrs. Long's lawyer was present in Brampton Provincial Court yesterday. He explained his client's absence and provided Judge E. Allan with medical records to clarify her medical condition.

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