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Police auction

More than 75 bicycles and about 40 other items, including a canoe and leather coat, will be up for grabs at the Halton Regional Police auction tomorrow (Saturday).

Rain or shine, the live auction will take place at police headquarters at 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville at 10 a.m. Shoppers can sneak an early peak at the goods for an hour before the event gets underway.

Auction items consist of recovered stolen property that has gone unclaimed, said organizer Wendy Phipps, a clerk with the police service.

Cameras, golf clubs, fishing rods, bicycles and stereos are among the goods which will go to the highest bidders.

"It's just like a flea market," added Ms Phipps, noting the diversity of the items in the sale.

Proceeds go to the Halton Regional Police Service Board Trust Fund.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

McMoney for charity

Wednesday was McHappy Day at McDonald's as the popular fast food chain staged a cross-country charity fundraiser. One dollar from each big mac or pizza went to McDonald's sponsored charities. Helping out at the Milton restaurant were: (l-r) Halton Regional Police constable Ken Hannah, Julie Adams of McDonald's, Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy and Brenda Kearney, the principal of E.C. Drury High School.

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Halton Regional police chief James Harding accepted new force insignia from Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn in a ceremony at police headquarters earlier this week.

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Some will still resist Sunday opening

By **KAREN SMITH**
The Champion

Several Milton stores will open Sunday, but some merchants opposed to the idea are sticking to their guns and will remain closed.

Business owners in the town's core are divided on the issue, according to Sandy Martin, executive director of the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA).

"There is no way some businesses will open, period," she said. "Some merchants, on principle, won't open."

One of them is Robert Newman, who has owned his Main Street shoe store for 21 years.

"I don't think we need it," he said. "Shopping six days a week is quite sufficient. It's a family day. Your kids are only young once. We don't spend enough time (with them) now as we should."

However, merchant Anita McCaw, owner of Country Feelings on Mar-

tin Street and chairman of the DBIA, holds the opposite view. She said she hopes to be open Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

"I believe in choice. I believe I

should have the choice," she said. "I will see what it does for me."

Meanwhile, her neighbour, Lesley Goertzen, owner of Green Ginger on Main Street, is unsure. She doesn't

plan to open this Sunday, but hasn't made a decision about the future.

"I'm going to have to really consider it," she said. "All of this hap-

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People wanted it, survey said

Wide-open Sunday shopping will take place for the first time since December in Ontario this weekend with Premier Bob Rae's announcement in the legislature Wednesday sanctioning the move and approving a free vote.

Mr. Rae said the change "has the full support of Cabinet" although some members of the NDP caucus have vowed to resist it.

The free vote, rumoured to be taking place next Thursday, is expected to mean the end of Sunday shopping bans though, as Liberals, Conservatives and a sufficient number of NDP legislators to pass the bill join forces.

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan has gone on record against wide-open Sunday shopping. Mr. Duignan could not be reached regarding his intentions in the free vote at press time.

The provincial government's move to allow Sunday shopping is in line with public opinion, according to an in-depth readership survey conducted by Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distributing, the company which owns *The Canadian Champion*.

In Milton, more than 78 per cent of residents favoured Sunday shopping in some form prior to the government's announcement, according to the survey.

Released June 1, the poll indicated 62.7 per cent of Milton adults supported wide-open Sunday shopping, while a further 15.5 per cent said at least some stores should be open Sundays. Only 19.1 per cent of respondents were against Sunday openings.

The survey polled 204 residents in a market of 22,100 adults from Milton. It's considered accurate to within 1.4 per cent 19 out of 20 times.

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