

## Police charge 39 in major drug bust

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Police have laid 156 drug charges against 39 people following a four-month undercover investigation in Milton.

Drugs with a street value of \$25,000 were seized when police executed search warrants at seven Milton residences Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

Cocaine, LSD, hash, hash oil, marijuana, and

psilocybin (known as magic mushrooms) were recovered in what is being called one of the largest drug sweeps in the history of the town.

Police raided residences on Bronte and George streets, but at press time further details had not been released.

The investigation was a combined effort of 40 Halton Regional Police and OPP officers who named the operation Project Zircon.

The undercover operation, "aimed at street level and middle level traffickers" began in

March, as a result of Crime Stoppers tips and public concern about drug problems in the area, said Halton police spokesperson Sgt. Carey Smith.


Twenty people were taken into custody early Wednesday night and after 7 a.m. yesterday. Warrants for the arrest of 19 others have been issued and further charges may be pending, added Sgt. Smith.

The arrests will have a "major effect on the illicit drug trade in Milton," he said.

## Canada Day celebrations expanded for 125th birthday

Canada's 125 years will be celebrated in a big way at Rotary Park Wednesday.

To accommodate Canada's many years, Halton Region Museum is constructing a 125-square-foot birthday card. Visitors to the Town-run festival, which opens at noon, will be invited to sign the card.

A chronological history of Halton is depicted inside the card which will be on display at the  museum from July 2-7 before being sent to the birthplace of Confederation — Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

For those who enjoy a bit of humorous nostalgia, a photographer will be on hand taking pictures of the crowd among historical cut-out backdrops created by local artists.

Main Street shop Something Special will make the event a real birthday celebration by serving a giant, three-layer cake. The bottom layer alone is six feet long, says Leslie Marcucci who works in the family business owned by her parents Liz and Danny Marcucci.

The cake, being created by six family members, will be decorated with the Canada 125 logo and, of course, the Canadian flag.

Lots of other things to eat, as well as kids' games, community displays, and entertainment will highlight the day. Milton band Class of '59, the Milton Springers gymnasts, and Audrey Meredith dancers will take the stage.

While the annual festival at Rotary Park is the town's main attraction on Canada Day, a few other activities will be happening nearby.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum will host craft workshops, wagon rides, and musical entertainment on its 32-hectare Town Line site. Organizers suggest patrons bring their kites, or kindle the spirit of the past by participating in organized 19th century games. At 2 p.m., visitors will be invited to participate in the Canada 125 Unity Circle and parade led by an RCMP corporal.

Coronation Park in Oakville will be the centre point of the Halton Multicultural Council's national birthday celebration. Citizenship court, multicultural performances, ethnic foods, beer garden, Multicultural Olympic Challenge, and Children's Festival are among the activities.

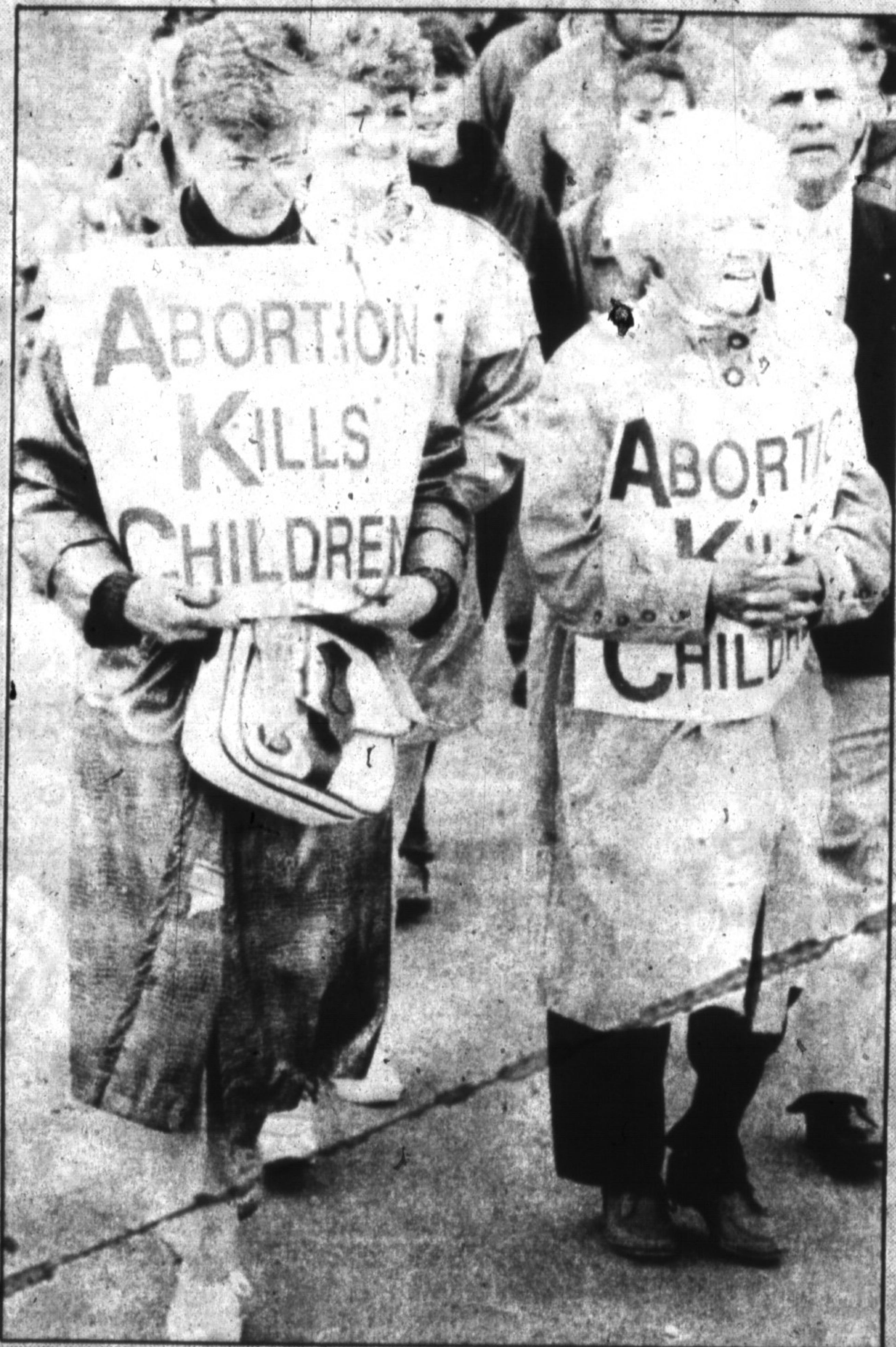


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### Walk of life

A small group took part in the Father's Day Vigil and Walk to protest abortion June 21. The group marched from Our Lady of Victory School along Derry Road from Commercial Street to Milton District Hospital which performs abortions.

### NEWSLINES

#### Art in the park this weekend

Canada 125 continues to be celebrated by Miltonians.

This time local students are organizing an art show in honour of Canada's 125th birthday.

Creative Arts Students of Milton (C.A.S.M.) will show their work at Victoria Park (Town Hall) Saturday, June 27 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The art will be available for sale. A barbecue will also be held. Money raised will go to the Milton Historical Society.

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