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## Hats off

The Milton Sea Cadets were among local organizations promoting themselves at Information Milton's Community Open House Saturday. Here, cadets Melissa Weatherhead, Mike Meyer, Angela Yaworsky, Melanie Hepburn, and Melany Hugo were on hand at the mall event.

## Food bank fare needed at fair

Visitors to next weekend's Milton Fall Fair will help Tilt the depleted Salvation Army food bank by donating nonperishable food items at the gates.

Donation bins will be set up at the entrances to the event at the fairgrounds from September 25 to 27. Volunteers from the United Way of Milton and the Children's and Youth Foundation of Halton will assist at

the donation bins.

The 139th Milton Fall Fair will feature a truck pull Friday evening, pet show on Saturday morning and an evening demolition derby and on Sunday, Jim Parker from the Mr. Dressup show. Other attractions include the midway, petting zoo, horse shows, arts and crafts, student entries and flower show.

## Protest fails to stop new tax plan

By ROB KELLY  
*The Champion*

The first round of the final battle over implementing market value assessment (MVA) at Halton Region went to the pro-MVA side Wednesday, despite the best efforts of 70 vocal protesters.

Even though Halton's administration and finance committee supported the MVA property taxation plan by no means makes it a sure thing at regional council.

The same angry property owners, largely from Oakville, are almost certain to vent their emotions. And the rift that MVA created at the committee level will probably be played out at full council this Wednesday (Sept. 23) too.

While Halton politicians supporting MVA, and regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo, depicted it as a fairer tax system because it's linked to the true current value of properties, opponents said it was the wrong tax at the wrong time and will likely lead to an expensive bureaucratic nightmare.

Market value assessment will shift more of the residential property tax burden to Oakville and away from Burlington because home market values are seen to be higher in Oakville. The study uses 1988 for a base.

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## Terry Fox Run has special meaning for McFadzean family

By KAREN SMITH  
*The Champion*

Karen and Rick McFadzean will pedal their bicycle built for two Sunday for a cause they say has saved their son's sight.

Coming along for the ride will be the Milton couple's three children — Leah, 7, Lauren, 4, and 22-month-old Stephen who was born with retinoblastoma.

Research on cancer of the retina has meant Stephen will retain his sight — unlike his mother who, at the age of six months, lost her eyes to the disease before doctors knew how to treat it.

That's why the Wakefield Drive family won't miss Sunday's Terry Fox Run which raises money exclusively for cancer research.

"It's amazing what's happened in the last 10 years," says Mrs. McFadzean, 34.

"The survival rate for children with cancer is something like 80 per cent now. It used to be 20 per cent."

Because retinoblastoma is hereditary, the couple's children have a 50 per cent chance of developing cancerous tumours in their eyes. So far, Leah and Lauren are free of the disease, and will likely never be affected.

Stephen wasn't so lucky. He started receiving chemotherapy treatments at the age of two months, soon after being diagnosed with retinoblastoma.

It was an uphill battle, Mrs. McFadzean recalls.

Her son suffered a severe reaction to

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The same cancer which robbed Karen McFadzean of her sight when she was a baby is being treated successfully in her son.

### NEWSLINES

#### Bush party witnesses sought

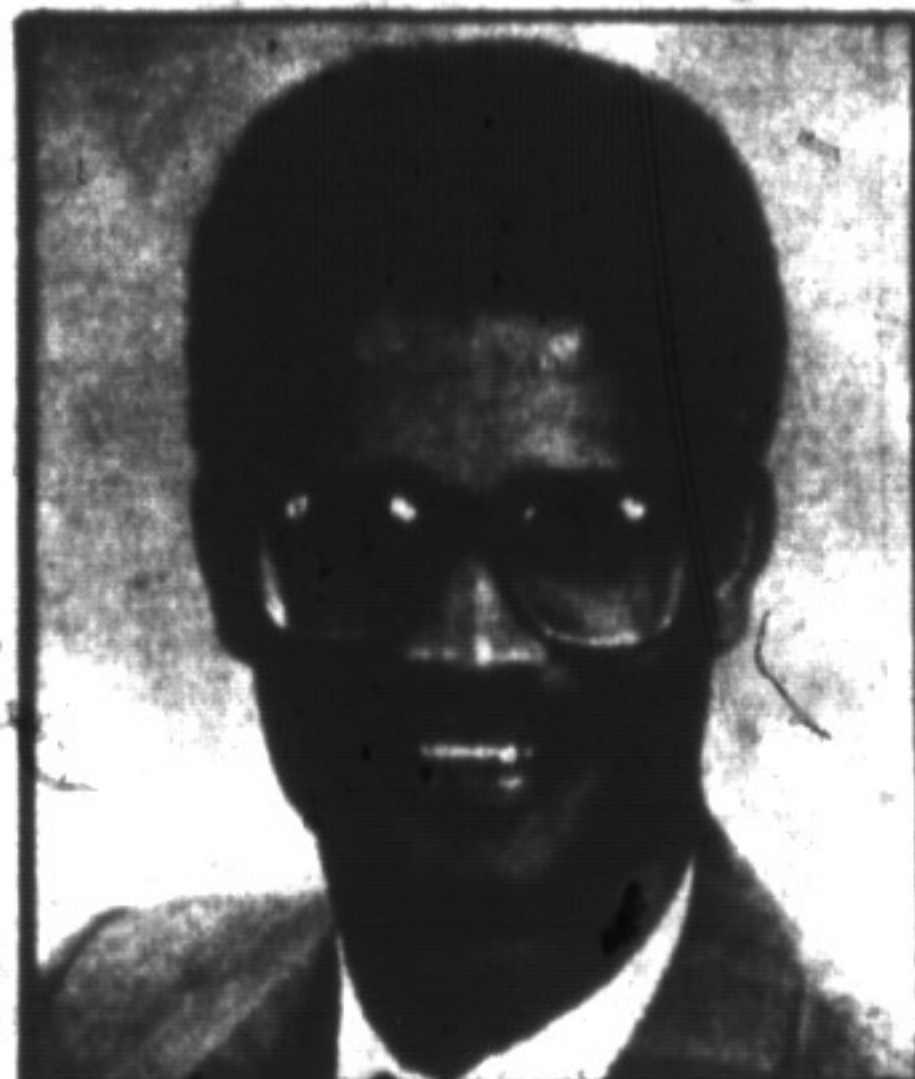
Regional police would like to talk to anyone with information regarding an assault on a security guard near the site of a bush party last Friday night.

The guard was driving his pick-up truck by a wooded area at the back of the E.C. Drury High School complex where teenagers were partying when he was hit in the neck with a piece of asphalt.

The asphalt came smashing through the rear window of the truck at about 9 p.m., police said. The guard was not injured, but \$200 damage was caused to the vehicle.

About 100 youths — some of them shouting obscenities and smashing bottles — fled the Ontario Street site when police arrived.

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Dr. Allan Sommersall will be the first candidate to run in the Oakville-Milton riding for the Reform Party.

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