By ROB KELLY The Champion

There may be a 'big pipe" solution not the one from Lake Ontario.

Wednesday Dave Russell, a vicepresident Pipelines, told a Halton regional miles. .

The company would own the groundwater too. pipeline, and sell water to municipal In Milton, plans are being scripted Kitchener-Waterloo, apparently.

growing jurisdiction in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), there is "a sense of urgency," Mr. Russell said. "The timing is sort of urgent. They need to have some solutions."

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these communities sink large with TransCanada municipal wells to provide water.

In Milton, which is entirely decommittee his company wants to pendent on groundwater, there is a build a \$500 million water pipeline growth freeze. In Halton Hills, it has from Georgian Bay south to York taken a decade to finalize plans to Region and west to Kitchener- tap into new groundwater sources Waterloo, a distance of roughly 115 for relatively modest expansion. \* Kitchener- Waterloo depends on

governments along its length. The which point to building a \$100 milcost would be higher than the eur- lion pipeline — the so-called 'big rent water price — probably \$4 a pipe' — from Lake Ontario to the when he pitches the idea to decisiongallon as opposed to \$1 a gallon, Mr. town. The \$4 million Halton Urban makers in the provincial govern-Russell estimated. But that hasn't Structure Review (HUSR) currently ment. dampened interest in York or underway will re-draw the municipal map in Oakville and Milton based be underway by the mid 1990s, he Particularly in York, the fastest- on massive projected growth in the predicted. "It's not impossible for wake of such a pipe.

While TransCanada Pipelines maintains a low public profile, the Calgary based company is a large ning director, said the concept is "an and active player on the internation-

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TransCanada Pipelines is prepared to "design, build, finance and operate" the \$500 million pipe system, Mr. Russell said, under some sort of government price regulation, similar to the way utilities function.

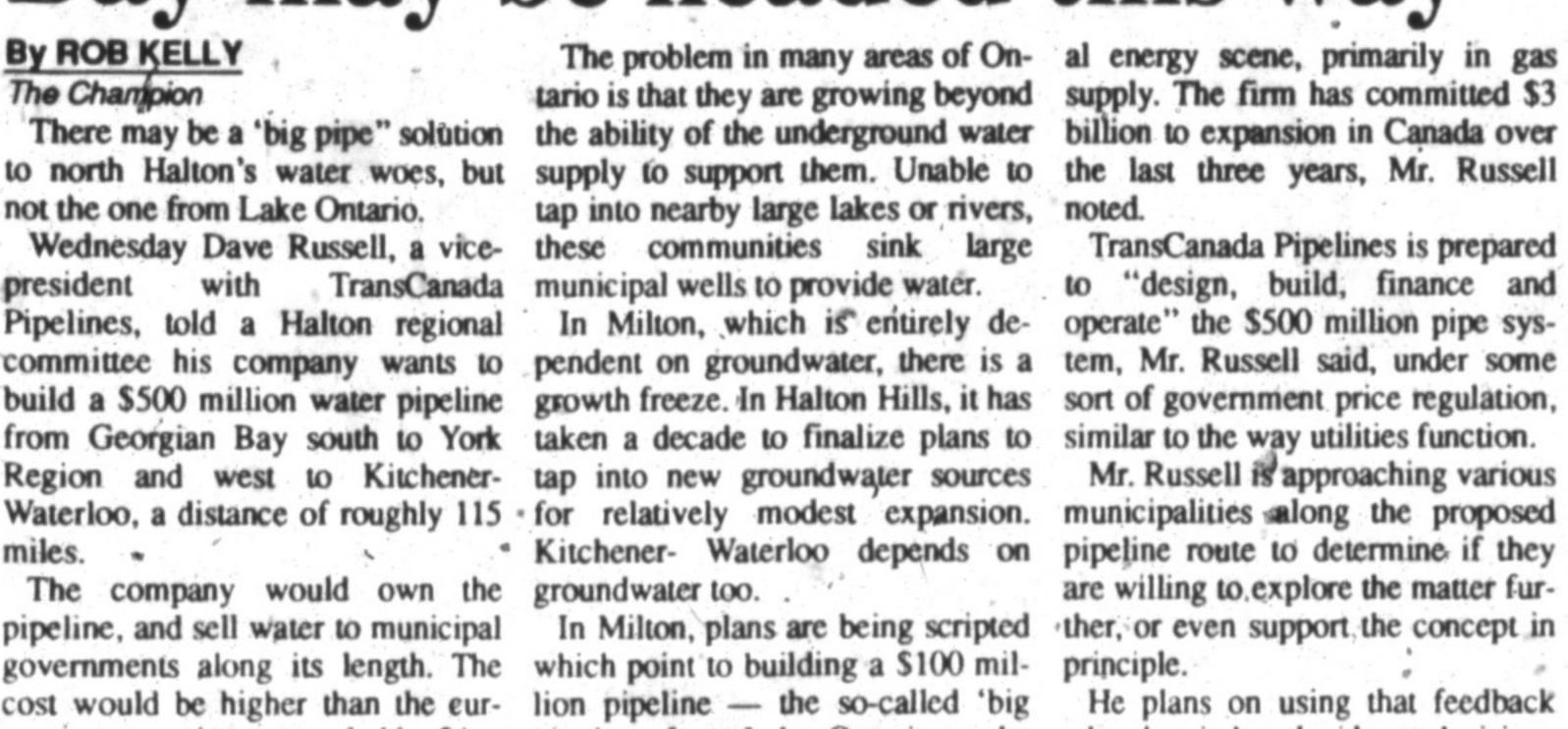
Mr. Russell is approaching various municipalities salong the proposed pipeline route to determine if they are willing to explore the matter further, or even support the concept in

He plans on using that feedback

If all goes well, the project could the province to fast-track it. What I don't know is if they will."

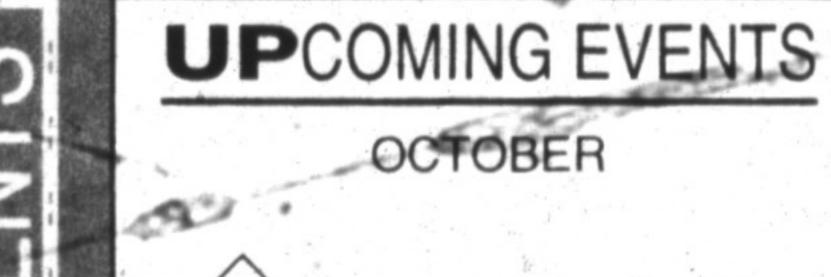
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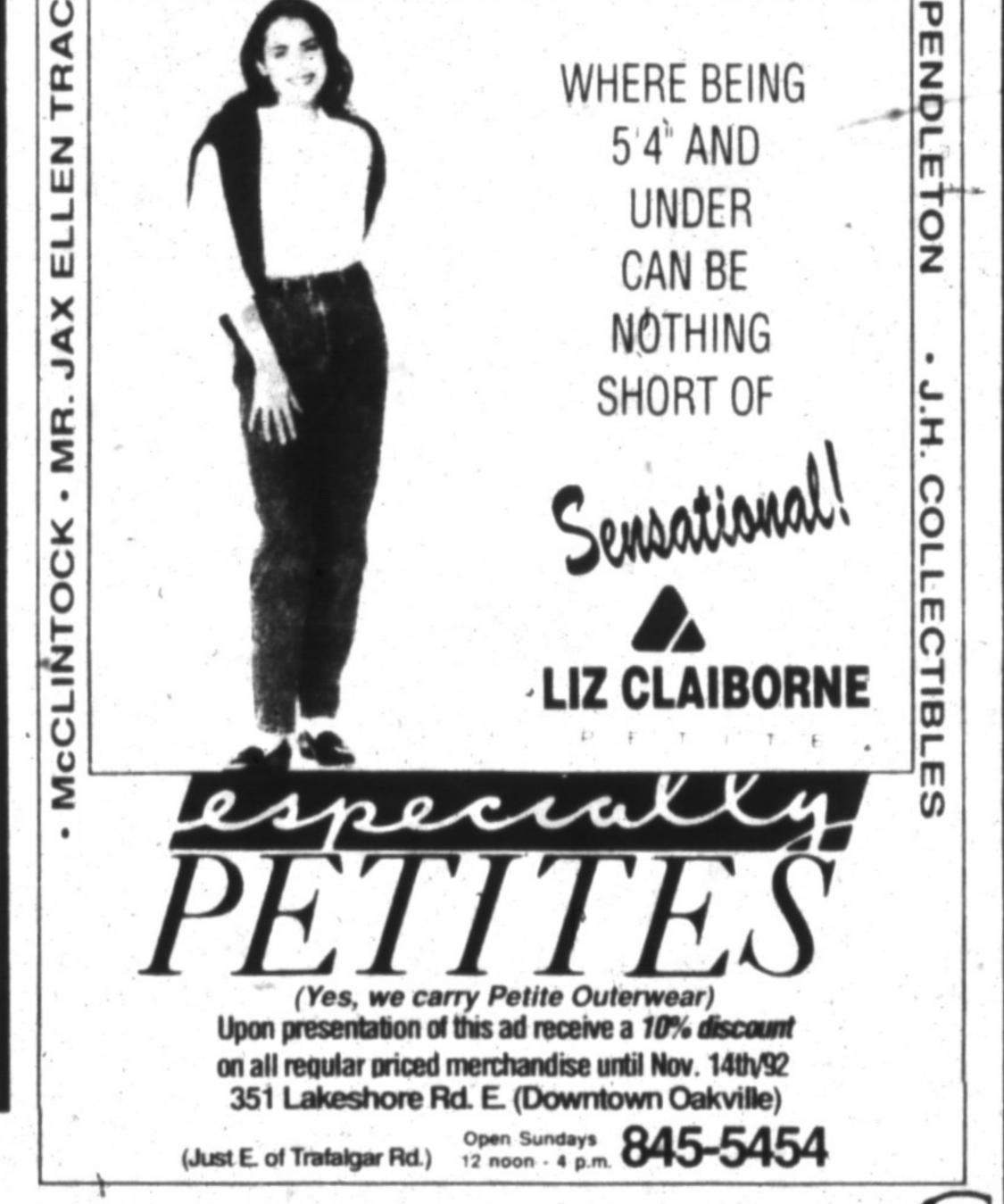
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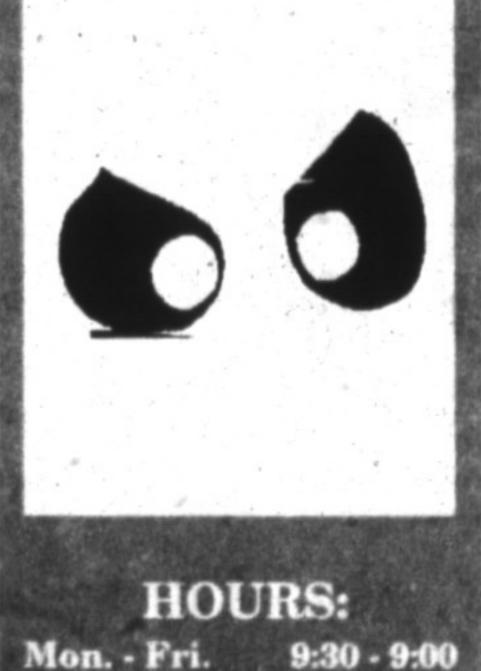
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