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Youth faces assault charge

A 17-year-old youth has been charged following an assault on a Milton girl at a local school.

A female student, 16, reported to police Sunday that a male youth grabbed her by the arm and made sexual comments to her after school hours.

A suspect, who lives in Halton Hills, faces assault and breach of probation charges in connection with the incident.

He was also charged with committing an indecent act after a 16-year-old girl reported that a boy exposed himself in front of her Wednesday at a Georgetown residence for deaf students.

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Patricia Pearce is headed to the U.S. to compete in an international science fair. Her project involves a water filtration system.

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Brown edges out Hood for Liberal party nomination

By SAL BOMMARITO
Special to The Champion

An elated Bonnie Brown predicted a federal election victory after narrowly defeating Milton businessman Bruce Hood for the Liberal party nomination in the Oakville-Milton riding Wednesday night.



Bonnie Brown

"I think it's my time," Ms Brown said, standing among a crowd of well-wishers and supporters.

"I'm very excited and very enthusiastic for the election," she said. "I'm very grateful for the competent

people who formed my team and I'm delighted with the numbers attracted to the nomination meeting," she said.

Around 11:30 p.m., one hour after voting ended, with the four candidates — including

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Accident claims life of popular hockey coach

By JANET BAINE
Special to The Champion

A local hockey coach was killed in a car crash Tuesday, while on his way to Alcott Arena in Georgetown.

Frank Hardy, 37, of Anderson Road in Milton was driving east on 10 Sideroad at 6 p.m. Tuesday. He was going to conduct a tryout for the minor bantam team he was to begin coaching next year.

A 1990 Toyota Tercel travelling south on the Eighth Line struck Mr. Hardy's 1991 Chevrolet Astro van. Mr. Hardy's van rolled over several times, and came to rest in the north ditch.

Mr. Hardy was trapped in the van for a short

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Frank Hardy



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Bunny bounce

Children at Family Place children's centre jumped into fund-raising for muscular dystrophy Tuesday by holding a hop-a-thon. Marisa Connors, 6 months, hops in her Jolly Jumper while Susan Gaetan lends a hand.

Abuse ruined future intimacy, women tells court

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A woman told a jury a student counsellor who fondled her as a teenager has ruined her sex life.

"I've lost interest in sex," said the woman in

Milton general division court yesterday. "I've tried but I felt nothing because of him."

The 35-year-old woman, who is deaf, testified through an interpreter in the trial of Ronald Hackett, 55, of Wallenstein.

The former teacher and guidance counsellor at

the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf faces an indecent assault charge.

In her third day of testimony, the woman who attended the provincially-run school as a teenager, told the 12-member jury how Mr. Hackett

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