

DATELINE

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Wednesday Aug. 4

Parents of Children with Cancer meet to share information and offer each other support at the Milton Canadian Cancer Society office, 751 Main St. E., at 7 p.m. For information, call Kim Thomas at 878-1206.

Thursday Aug. 5

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a **foot care clinic** at Milton Community and Information Services in the Optimist Centre from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15. For further information or an appointment, call 875-INFO(4636).

The **Living with Cancer Group** meets at the Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, 751 Main St. E., from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Group discussions provide emotional support and practical guidance to patients, family and friends. For more information, call 878-5228 or 878-1876.



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Friday Aug. 6-15

The Ontario Agricultural Museum features more than 100 quilts and related items at **Country Quilt Fest '93** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event includes "open classic" competition, hands-on activities for children, and fashion shows. Admission costs \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students, and \$9.50 for families. For more information, call 878-8151.

Saturday Aug. 7

Everyone is welcome to Milton Children and Youth Centre's **Mid-summer Blast** — a swim and barbecue. Swim at the Milton Leisure Centre from 11 a.m. to noon and come to the centre for barbecue afterward from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person. Call 876-1244 for details.

Sunday Aug. 8

The Canadian Red Cross Society in Milton holds a **first aid course**. For more information or to register, call 875-1459.

Spend an evening at Mountsberg Conservation Area **learning about bats**. Learn about the mystical creatures and watch them flutter in the night air while staff explain their myths and behaviour from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

The Halton Region Museum holds

Kids' Carnival from noon to 4 p.m. The event features old-fashioned carnival games of skill and chance, prizes, fortune telling, pony rides and much more. Admission is free. For information, call 875-2200.

Monday Aug. 9-12

Children aged 10 to 12 years can join Milton Children and Youth Centre for a **week of summer fun**. Make new friends, take part in arts and crafts, swimming and hiking and enjoy "escarpment discoveries." Visit Kelso, the leisure centre, and more. Call 876-1244 for details.

Tuesday Aug. 10

Halton Regional Health Department holds a **free community immunization clinic** at its Milton office, 251 Main St. E., from 3:30-6 p.m. For an appt. call 878-7261. For information, call 825-6060.

Thursday Aug. 12

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Cops trim \$3 million

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are losers, they are the police employees, he added. "Over the next three years the record will be clear. They will have \$3 million less in their pockets than they normally would have. They deserve credit for helping the taxpayers of Halton in dealing with the severe economic times."

Highlights of the contract:

- From Police Chief James Harding on down, uniform and civilian employees included, a one per cent raise earmarked for 1993 was given up, for a savings of \$298,000.

- A clothing allotment for officers will be cut by 50 per cent, to save \$35,000 each year.

- The no-overtime stipulation is expected to save \$150,000 for the remainder of 1993, and \$386,000 annually in 1994 and 1995.

- Taking time off instead of holiday pay is expected to save \$203,000 annually.

- As of 1994, a floating holiday will be dropped to save \$99,000 annually.

In return, police employees received a measure of job security.

In the security clause, the Police Services Board committed to supporting "the principle of job

security" and said if layoffs loom, job sharing would be explored first.

The clause also states that layoffs won't occur without consultation with the employee associations, and that no layoffs will be generated as a direct result of social contract reductions.

"It is not the position of this board to solve the financial problems of the economy on the backs of the employees," said Mr. Lafleur, noting, "I for one am sick and tired of picking up the newspaper and finding out that thousands of workers have been laid off."

A failsafe condition states that if the requisite savings aren't achieved, all parties will meet for further negotiations.

Because the contract was agreed upon prior to the August 1 deadline (extended to August 2), the Police Services Board saved 20 per cent off originally stipulated social contract targets. Had negotiations failed, cut-backs would have amounted to \$3.6 million.

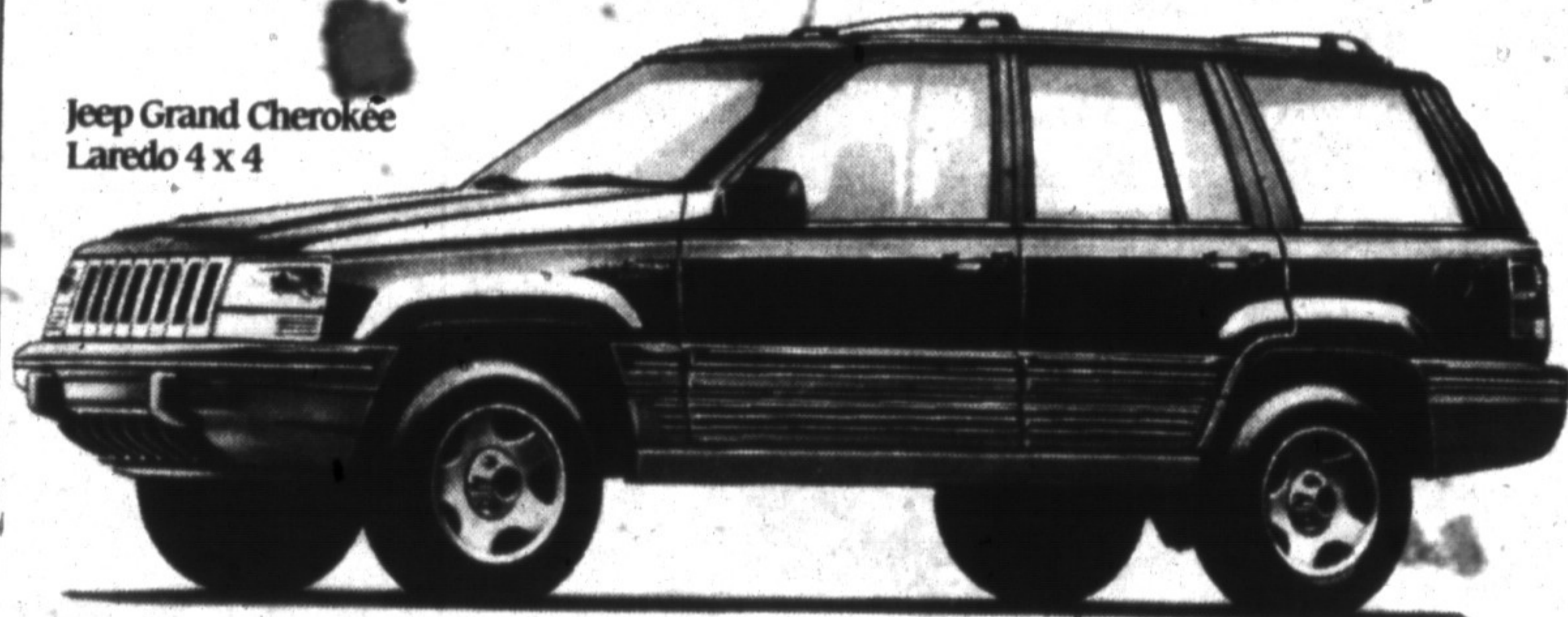
"That would have had serious implications," Mr. Lafleur said. "Layoffs would have been entertained and everybody would have been frozen in their job categories."

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