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## NEWSLINES

### Kids raising anti-drug money

Halton students are being asked to help raise \$375,000 to ensure a drug education program is taught to all grade 6 pupils in the region.

Recently, Halton Regional Police turned over the financial responsibilities of the DARE program to DARE Halton, a non-profit, charitable fundraising organization.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a 17-week program which has been taught by police officers to grade 6 students in both the Halton Roman Catholic School Board and Halton Board of Education.

For the past four years, the program has received financial support from both school boards, various service clubs and business corporations. That support will continue, said Len Warrington, chairman of DARE Halton.

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board held a walk-a-thon Saturday at many of its schools.



Bonnie Brown called her win in the Oakville-Milton riding "sweet" during her victory speech Monday night. Here, she celebrates with her husband Ron Coupland.

## Jubilant Liberals laud Brown, sweep

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Special to The Champion

"After all these years, how sweet it is!"

Those were the first words Bonnie Brown declared as she took the podium Monday night to formally acknowledge her winning role in the Liberal sweep of Canada and her huge margin of victory over second-place finisher Ann Mulvale.

Addressing her campaign team and a crowd of ecstatic well-wishers, the new MP for Oakville-Milton said the election results were a direct reaction by Canadians against the greed and dog-eat-dog attitude of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's years.

"Tonight, the people of Canada have rejected that in spades," said Ms Brown.

The tumultuous reception was a far cry from the day Ms Brown first entered the nomination race for the local Liberals, when she announced her candidacy to a pair of reporters over cups of coffee in her kitchen.

Monday night, however, there were few in the room who felt she hadn't earned every accolade, placard and balloon. In turn, Ms Brown was quick to thank her "tireless" team, who had "walked the million miles" of the campaign alongside her.

"That faith has really sustained me," she beamed.

Ms Brown's 34,273 votes exceeded the wildest expectations of even the most dedicated workers like Henry Pant, who predicted three weeks ago that his candidate would claim 24,000 ballots and win the riding.

"You could see the sweep coming," said Mr. Pant, treasurer and chair of the Oakville-Milton Liberals' selection committee. "You can imagine how happy I am. We worked very hard."

Mr. Pant, who was decked out in matching Liberal hat, shirt, scarf and buttons, said he worked seven days a week for Ms Brown.

"It is my heart and soul," he said.

Ms Brown backer and Oakville regional councillor Liz Behrens was equally incredulous at both the national and local results.

"I didn't believe that it would go this way at all. I thought originally there would be a Liberal minority," said Ms Behrens. "Locally, that surprised me even more. Not that Bonnie was winning, but how close the Reform and PC's were."

Ms Brown was gracious and calm during her acceptance speech, telling the crowd that when the Liberals assume power, they will sell a mes-

sage of community and of helping one another — not harp on Mr. Mulroney's "bogeyman" of the deficit.

While she says she's looking forward to working with other Liberal MPs, Ms Brown maintained they don't have a monopoly on good ideas and will be open to suggestions from the other parties.

"We have to get back to some really basic civility," said Ms Brown, who exhorted her troops to enjoy the moment as much as she was. "Join in the joy of Liberals across the country tonight."

Initial poll results for Oakville-Milton made it clear that the evening belonged to Bonnie Brown. One of the first polls to report had her way out in front with 273 votes, compared to the Reform's 50 and the Progressive Conservatives' 42.

"People would slam the door in your face four or five years ago saying they're dyed in the wool Tories," said campaign worker Paul Anderson. "Now look. This is amazing, especially when you consider how we lost in 1984 by 20,000 votes."

Mr. Anderson said, however, that he understood what the Mulvale camp was going through. "I can empathize. We've been through that ourselves."

Ms Brown agreed, but having been on the losing end before (she lost to Otto Jelinek in 1988), she simply wanted to enjoy herself.

"I've won and lost before as a candidate and a campaign manager but this feels very different," she said.

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### Brown paints town red

Here's a quick look at federal election results in Oakville-Milton:

Bonnie Brown (Liberal)	34,273
Ann Mulvale (PC)	19,153
Richard Malboeuf (Reform)	17,251
Willie Lambert (NDP)	1,756
Harry Bright (Natural Law)	543
Ken Campbell (Independent)	432



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