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Vintage sounds and wine samplings

Vintage grapes and music will be highlighted as Milton's Red Cross Society presents its Winefest fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 15.

The event gets underway at 8 p.m. and runs through midnight. Six of Ontario's finest wineries are taking part, and will offer superior selections from their cellars.

The Thornhill Swing Band will provide music from the 1930s, '40s and '50s. It's a 17-member group.

Businesses from Milton and Niagara-on-the-Lake are donating raffle items for the fundraiser, including the grand prize of a night at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

The dance and wine sampling takes place at Halton Hills place, 3090 Steeles Ave., and admission is \$10 per person. Wine coupons are three for \$5. Light appetizers will be served. For more information, call 875-1459.

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Joan Woodall is spearheading a new women's group in Milton.

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Big Blue on rebound, says Harris

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Ontario is "Ours to Recover" according to Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leader Mike Harris, who spoke at a fundraising dinner at Mohawk Raceway Tuesday night.

Playing on an old Ontario tourism slogan, Mr. Harris was preaching to the converted when he spoke to about 250 people on what he sees as the mismanagement of the province by Premier Bob Rae and the New Democratic Party, and his management of the Ontario PCs.

It was a campaign style rally, with balloons, slogans on posters, and pulsing music. Mr. Harris worked the crowd, pressing the flesh before taking the stage in front of a huge Ontario flag.

"Bob Rae has painted this province so red that we'd be lucky to get a line of credit at the Bank of Argentina," Mr. Harris joked.

He told the gathering that Bob Nixon, finance minister in the former Ontario Liberal government, was unexpectedly in the gallery at Queen's Park just prior to the most recent budget announced by NDP finance minister Floyd Laughton. "We figured Nixon was like Gordie Howe following Wayne Gretzky until he broke his record."

Mr. Harris said his party has forged new ideas, established a solid financial position and attracted strong people to fight the election expected in 12-18 months.

He praised the 42-year-old on Ontario by the Conservative Big Blue Machine, saying those governments built Ontario's prosperity by balancing taxes and the need for infrastructure and programs. He mentioned the community college system, the social safety net, health care and protection of the environment as positive achievements.

"When people earn a buck, government has to leave them with enough of it that they want to go back and earn more," he said.

The fundraising event was organized by Ron Joyce, president of Tim Horton's Donuts.

Mr. Harris thanked everyone for their support. "To paraphrase Bob Rae... we're forever in your debt."



Mike Harris

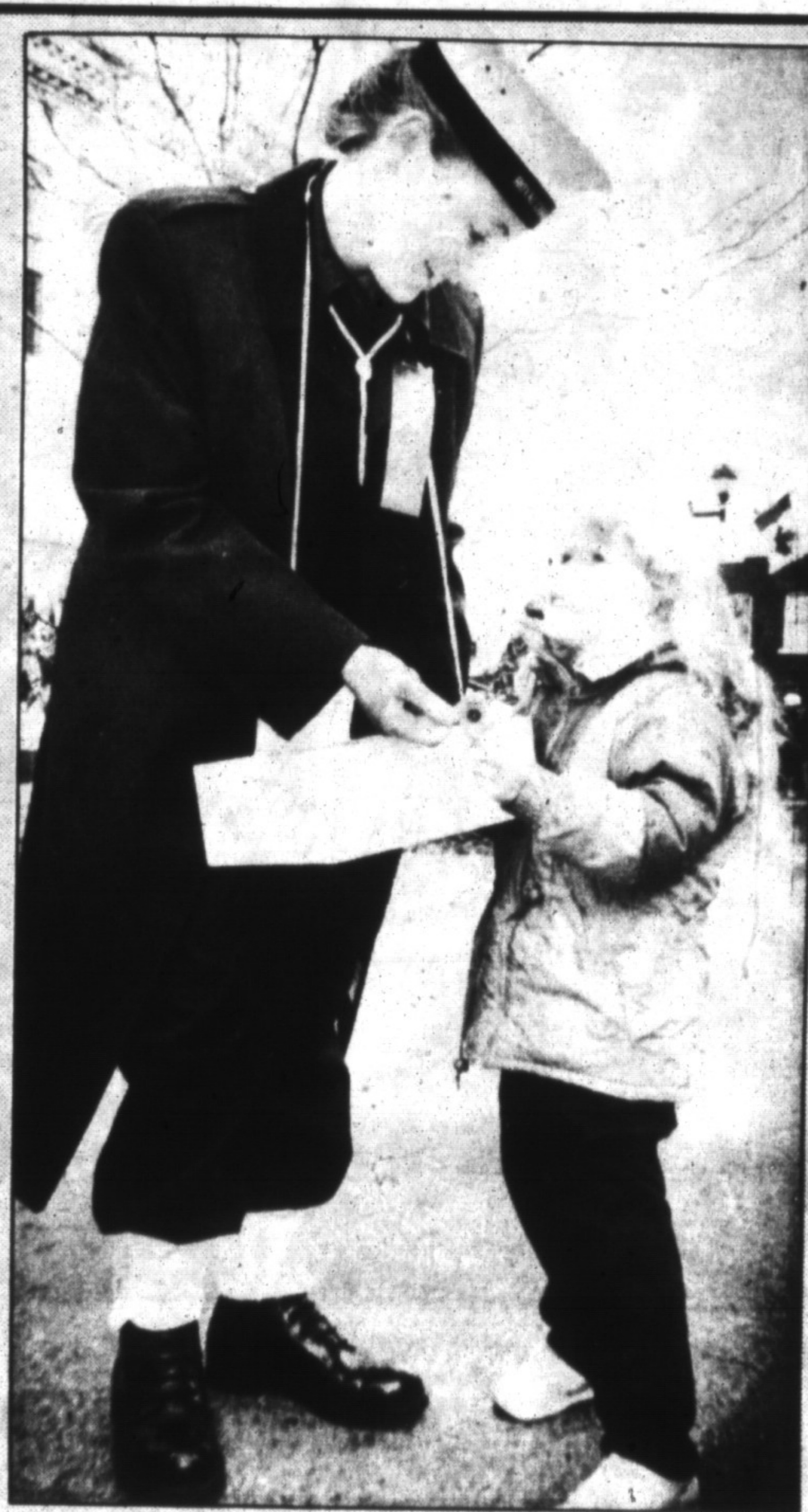


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Lest we forget

Milton sea cadet Jody Smith hands a poppy to four-year-old Stephanie Laughton on Main Street in memory of those who lost their lives fighting for their country. Poppy Week runs until Nov. 11, followed by the Remembrance Day Parade downtown Sunday, Nov. 14.

Seniors, have your say

The opinions of Milton's senior citizens will be especially valued Tuesday.

As part of "Destiny Milton," the Town's long-range plan for the future of the municipality, a meeting has been set up for seniors to have their say.

Local seniors are invited to meet with Gerald Grant Associates, consultants who are assisting the Town in preparing the plan, at the Milton Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre, 21 Charles St., at 10 a.m.

The Town would like to know:

- What seniors like most about living in Milton?
- What are the most important features and characteristics that should be preserved for future generations?
- What services or facilities could Milton offer that would improve the way residents live, now and looking to the future?

For more information, contact Robin McPhail at 875-1681.

Derlan workers fire off protest letter

By BRAD REAUME
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Derlan Aerospace has fired the first shot in their battle to convince newly elected Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chretien to review his opposition to the EH 101 helicopter deal negotiated by the outgoing Progressive Conservatives.

The Market Drive company sent a letter to Mr. Chretien urging a review of the campaign promise to cancel the contract for 50 British EH 101 military helicopters. The letter was signed by 107 local employees.

Derlan stands to lose a \$35 million contract if the deal is scrapped and a possible \$8 million deal which they had hoped to be awarded. Derlan won a contract from the British firm Westland Helicopters to manufacture replacement rotor heads for the British Lynx helicopter.

The contract was awarded to Derlan because, under terms of Westland's deal with the Canadian government to build the EH 101 aircraft, Westland had to invest \$1.16 in Canada for every \$1 spent by the Canadian government. If the EH 101 deal falls through, then it is anticipated that Westland would withdraw its contract to Derlan.

"We have been told by Westland that our contract is at risk if the Canadian government withdraws from their contract," said Derlan Aerospace president David Gee earlier this week.

Derlan had anticipated a further \$8 million contract to manufacture intermediate gearboxes for the EH 101 helicopter, which would have meant 10-15 new jobs at the company.

Mr. Gee was unable to quantify possible layoffs if the deal with Westland is withdrawn, or a time frame because it is dependent upon the outcome of Mr. Chretien's decision.

"It's all hypothetical right now," he said regarding layoffs. "We haven't been formally advised of any changes, so it's all idle speculation."

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