

# RCMP opens new headquarters north of town

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under the banner of the Natural Law Party of Canada in the federal election.

Two Milton youths were charged with mischief in connection with vandalism which marred a cenotaph and other areas of Victoria Park. The youths, 15 and 16, were arrested as a result of "information received," said Halton Regional Police. Vandals spray-painted the statue of a soldier at Victoria Park Square overnight September 17-18.

The morning was full of excitement. Pride was evident, and the weather was perfect. Hundreds of residents came out Oct. 7 to see Canadian heritage at its best during the official opening of Milton's RCMP detachment on High Point Drive.

The provincial government's plan to charge user fees on some services provided to troubled and disabled children had Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) up in arms.

Community and Social Services Minister Tony Silipo said earlier in the month the user fees would raise \$11 million over the next two years, beginning in November. Mr. Silipo said the fees would only be charged on non-essential services, such as trips or recreation programs currently being provided by children's aid societies or child services agencies.

However, the minister refused to guarantee basic services such as counselling wouldn't carry a fee. "We have been told that everything a CAS does is under consideration for fees and there are no guarantees that even the most basic services will still be available at no cost," said Ron Coupland, executive director of the Halton CAS.

He added, "our services are legally mandated. We are required by law to investigate abuse and protect children. What will happen to these vulnerable children if their families are unable to pay, or refuse to pay?" Action was taken to clean up and

secure an abandoned chemical warehouse on Main Street East, town council was told. The warehouse, the former location of Pigment and Chemical Inc., had been abandoned since 1990 after the company went into receivership.

Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells told Bishop Reding Secondary School's voting-age students he was standing before them out of "concern for the future of the country." The premier and provincial Liberal leader, who was speaking before audiences across Canada, said he had never before gotten involved in such a capacity for a federal election. Mr. Wells addressed the school on behalf of the Oakville-Milton riding's Liberal candidate Bonnie Brown.

"After all these years, how sweet it is!" Those were the first words Bonnie Brown declared as she took the podium 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.

Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding announced he was retiring after 13 years as head of the force and was taking over the helm of the Ontario Special Investigations Unit, a police watchdog operation he was instrumental in establishing.

## November

In November, battle-weary municipal councillors charged once more into the fray as they resoundingly asked Halton Region to re-evaluate financial impacts on property owners near the landfill site on Highway 25.

"It's easy now for those council-

lors involved in the 15-year battle over the dump to say 'I told you so' regarding well water, truck traffic and property devaluation," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, summing up comments by several councillors.

Complaints of lower well levels, increased traffic and massive devaluation of property compelled Ward 1 councillor Brian Penman to request that regional government open the books on the financial impact of the landfill. "First Line and Highway 25 property owners are getting offers much less than the appraised value of their properties — in some cases as much as \$110,000 less than fair market value."

Derlan Aerospace fired the first shot in its 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.

The *Champion* learned the local Canadian Cancer Society office would close in 1994 despite pleas from several volunteers. The office at 751 Main St. E. was closing and moving to Halton Hills, where a new central facility for the organization's Milton, Acton and Georgetown units would open. The volunteers — many who worked out of their basements before Milton obtained its own facility in the mid-1980s — were outraged by the restructuring move.

The discovery of a duffel bag containing child pornography led to the arrest of a Milton Scout leader. Pornographic magazines, books and polaroid photographs of two Milton boys were found inside a bag in the parking lot of a Bronte Street plaza October 29. Identification information in the bag resulted in seven

sexual assault and child pornography charges against Joe Cassidy, who was known for his work in the Scouting movement.

An Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf employee was acquitted of all sexual assault charges. A judge found the 47-year-old Milton man not guilty of sexually abusing three female students when they were 12, 15 and 17 years old. The judge said

"reasonable doubt" and discrepancies in testimony existed in the Milton general division court case. The man was charged in October, 1991 with two counts of rape and one count each of carnal knowledge of a female under 16, indecent assault, and possession of a dangerous weapon.

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