

# Young to be dealt out of riding by his own government's plan

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Despite having his riding pulled out from under him before the next provincial election, Halton Centre MPP Terence Young says he will definitely run again.

A plan by Queen's Park is in the works to reduce the number of provincial ridings from 130 to 103 to conform with new federal boundaries. This means Halton's four provincial ridings will be reduced to three, leaving Mr. Young in limbo.

Mr. Young's riding contains parts of southern rural Milton, below Derry Road.

Recently Mr. Young said he's all for the new initiative, which was a Mike Harris campaign promise and part of his Common Sense Revolution.

"I am very, very pleased to have a premier do what he said he would do," said Mr. Young, who was first elected to Halton Centre in June, 1995.

While Mr. Young is not worried about the impending changes, he said he's "not thrilled" with the idea of no longer dealing with the constituents he has served in his first term.

The job of an MPP is such a rewarding challenge, Mr. Young continued, that it's a sure bet his hat will once again be in the ring.

"If I didn't run again, I would feel that I'd only done half a job," he said.

As for running head-to-head against another Tory MPP, Mr. Young explained there is no guarantee that the other incumbents will seek re-election. If they do, that's one bridge he'll cross when he comes to it.

"The last thing I'd want to do is run against one of my colleagues for the nomination," he said. "But there is no sense in worrying about that. My job is to deal with the concerns that face the government now."

One of these issues, Mr. Young said, is the Harris

mandate to trim back the cost of government. Cutting 27 MPPs from the payroll will save at least \$10 million per year, he explained, when one takes into account everything from salaries and benefits to offices, staff and expenses.

"We are leading by example," said Mr. Young. "We're downsizing the bureaucracy across the board."

Matching the federal boundaries will also alleviate much confusion among voters as to which riding they live in and what level of government has jurisdiction.

"It's less confusing and more democratic," he said.

At the federal level, the Electoral Boundaries Commission decided in January to split Oakville in two at Upper Middle Road for the next federal election.

A 1994 Commission report stated the existing Oakville-Milton riding is "too populous."

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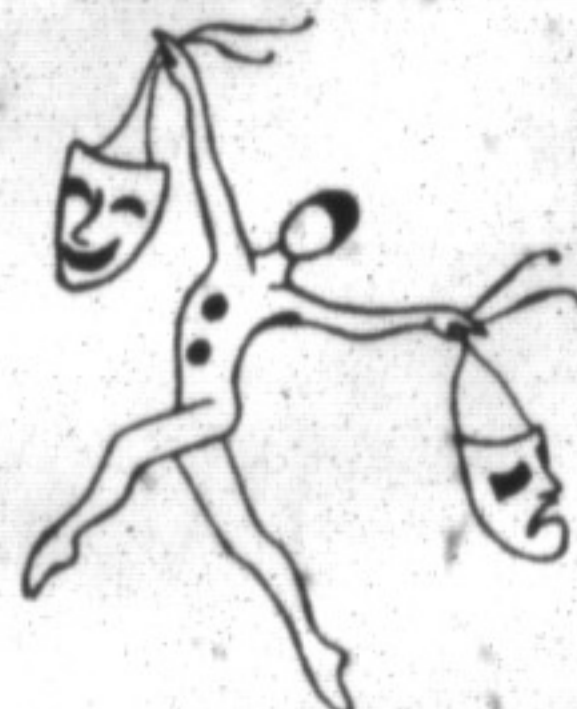
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Mr. Taylor was a passenger in a vehicle that went out of control on No. 15 Sideroad, just west of Fifth Line, shortly after 2:30 a.m. August 5. The vehicle went into a ditch a struck a tree.

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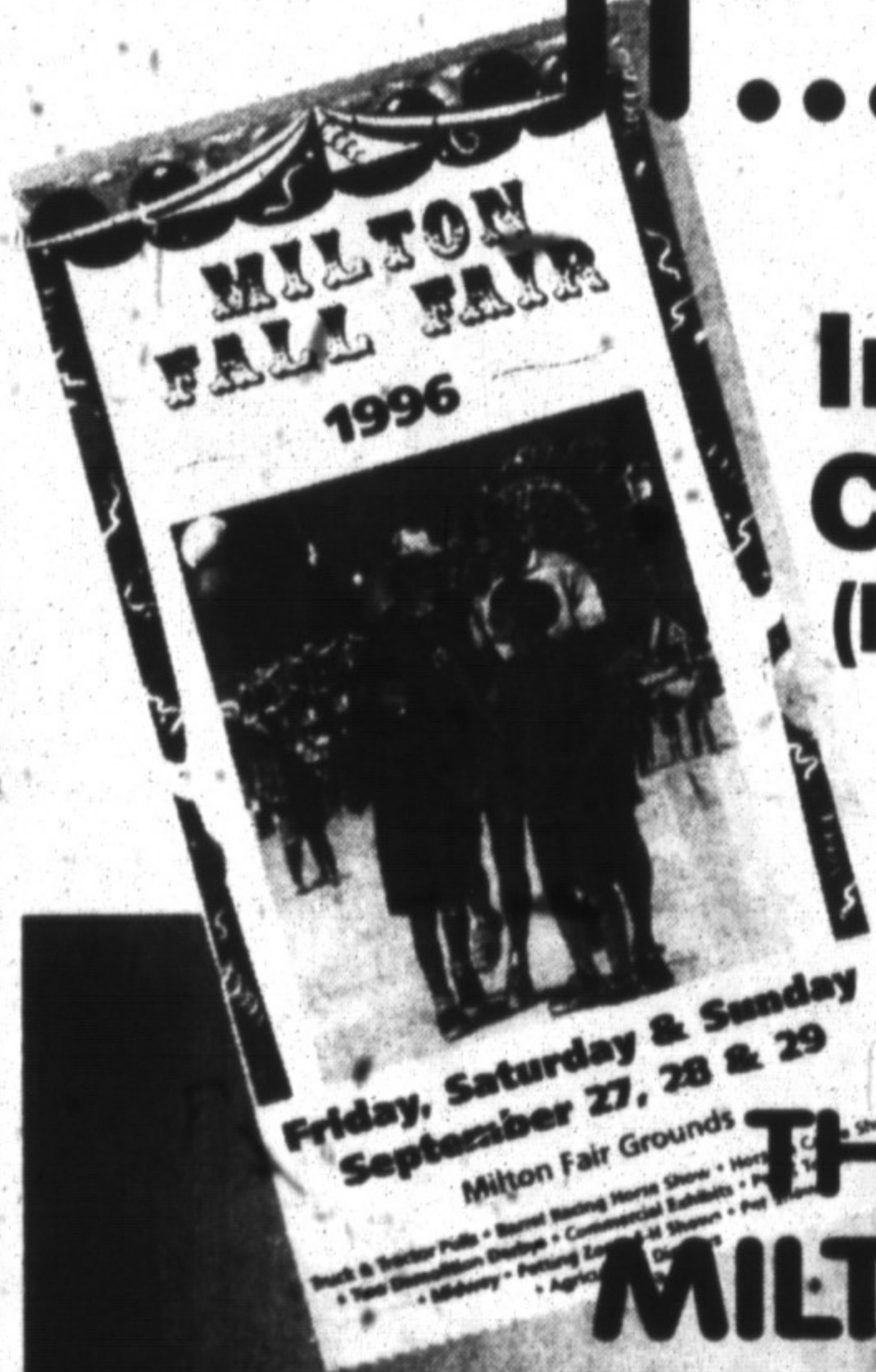
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