

# Local art gallery buys John Martin House from Town

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 • The John Martin House was sold. Town councillors opted to sell the Margaret Street property to local art gallery owners Peter Haight and Miriam Hynek. Mr. Haight and Ms Hynek are proprietors of Dorland-Haight Galleries on Main Street, specializing in fine art from across the globe. They were to use their new acquisition as a residence and art gallery.

• The jury in the Fred Sheppard murder trial was discharged and a mistrial declared after it was determined evidence wouldn't be heard until the new year. Judge Robert Zelinski declared the mistrial in Ontario Court (general division) in Milton. A new jury would have to be chosen when the trial started over again in early 1997. After two of the 12 jurors indicated hearing the case in January could cause them

extreme hardship due to work commitments, the judge decided a discharge was necessary, prompting the mistrial.

• Backed by a citizens' group called PACT (Parents Against Corrupt Teaching), Campbellville resident Jack Huisman intensified his efforts to remove Foxfire: Confessions of a Girl Gang from the Halton Board of Education curriculum. Opposed to the book being taught in the classroom for over a year, because it "glorifies violence, sex and male bashing," Mr. Huisman continued to voice his outrage to various trustees and board officials while PACT distributed flyers to local residents calling for a ban on the book. This prompted the board to take the book out of the classroom — temporarily — until an in-school review could be conducted.

• Miltonians looking for a family physician learned they might have a tough time finding one if disgruntled doctors carried out threats to stop accepting new patients. The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) was urging doctors to close their practices to new patients if no progress was made in negotiations with the provincial government. The protest would come to light if negotiations "fail to address widespread concerns that underfunding is seriously threatening patient care," said Dr. Ron Smuckler, chair of the OMA's section of general and family practice.

• Police were taking credit for chasing Satan's Choice out of town just six months after the outlaw motorcycle gang formed a Milton chapter. The gang appeared to have packed up and left their fortified Lawson Road clubhouse "due to

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heat put on by the police," said Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett, head of the Halton Regional Police intelligence bureau. The bikers were seen loading their belongings into a moving truck after police "virtually shut them down" since their arrival. Four of the six club members had been arrested on serious criminal charges including attempted murder, weapons offences and drug-related counts.

• Police swept down on a former Milton woman alleged to have committed five bank robberies following a hold-up at the Toronto-Dominion Bank. The woman was arrested as she was about to enter a vehicle in the Main Street bank's rear parking lot. A deaf man driving the car was not believed to be involved, Halton Regional Police said. Lorraine Chicoine, 18, of Brampton was charged with five counts of robbery in connection with four recent heists at Milton banks and one in Mississauga. The Milton robberies included hold-ups at the Toronto-Dominion Bank, the Bank of Montreal at Milton Mall, the Royal Bank at Milton Mall and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

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• An 18-year-old woman accused of robbing four Milton banks was told to stay in jail while awaiting trial. Justice of the Peace William Phipps denied bail to bank heist suspect Lorraine Chicoine of Brampton in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton. The weary-looking former Milton woman — arrested following a robbery at the Toronto-Dominion Bank on Main Street — sat with her head slumped down for most of the afternoon bail hearing. Testimony at the bail hearing could not be published under the ban requested by Ms. Chicoine's duty counsel lawyer — normal procedure for bail hearings to prevent prejudicing a future trial.

• A retired firefighter couldn't control his impulses when he set a series of fires in vacant Milton buildings, Ontario court (provincial division) in Oakville heard. Former City of York Firefighter Richard Hayden lost impulse control after suffering several strokes that caused brain damage, defence lawyer Fred Forsyth argued. Although Mr. Hayden, 57, of Churchill Avenue pleaded not guilty to six charges of arson and three of break and enter, he had not contested evidence that he torched vacant buildings such as barns and churches between April 7 and 29, 1995. The rash of blazes caused more than \$800,000 damage.

• Local war veterans said they felt slighted after the Halton Board of Education refused their request for students to participate in an annual Remembrance Day poster contest. It was the second year in a row the request was declined. "The Legion is quite disappointed," said Bruce MacNab, chairman of the veteran club's youth and education committee. "The Catholic schools welcome us with open arms." However, the board hadn't for years endorsed poster contests of any kind in its schools, said Bob Parry, superintendent of education services. Such contests consume classroom time that could be better spent, use up art supplies and wrongly create competition in art, Mr. Parry said.









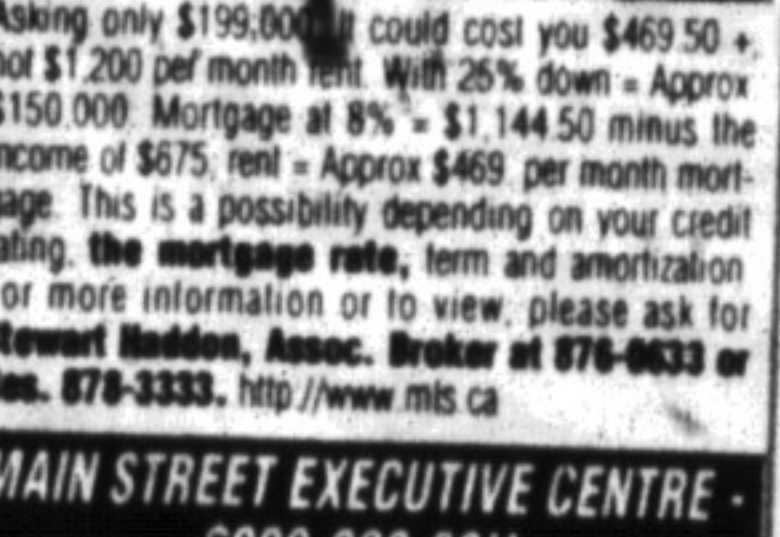







• Once a voice of moderation in a sea of dissent, local family physician Dr. Garnet Maley sounded the clarion call of protest. Dr. Maley, president of the Halton Medical Society, had preached a conciliatory approach to negotiations between physicians and the provincial government. But after 76 per cent of doctors voted against a pact negotiated with the province, he said provincial Health Minister Jim Wilson "turned up the heat" and tried to bully doctors through a letter to the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. He estimated close to 100 per cent of Milton physicians were refusing to see new patients, a position endorsed by the Ontario Medical Association.

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