



Milton Station 2 firefighter Tony Taziar and the rest of the Milton crew work feverishly to remove the body of a dead truck driver from the wreckage of car crashes which stretched along Hwy. 401 from Fifth Line to Kelso. Heavy fog is blamed as starting the chain reaction Monday. Story, pictures page A9. (Staff photo by Jan Borgstrom)

Daren Eliot in the gold?

Milton's Daren Eliot might just be taking part in some history.

The Milton resident is the back-up goaltender for Canada's Olympic hockey team, which officially advanced into the medal round with its 8-1 win over Norway Monday after-

noon at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, at the Olympic Games.

So far, much of the goal-keeping duties have fallen on the shoulders of Mario Gosselin who responded with a hot hand in key wins over Finland and the United States.

Mr. Eliot's duties thus far have included two third-period stints against Austria and Norway, surrendering a goal each time, although the stints were intended solely to keep Mr. Eliot ready.

Mr. Gosselin has been spectacular and although the two goalies shared the goalkeeping duties throughout the exhibition season, Canadian coach Dave King has elected to go with the Quebec Junior League graduate.

Mr. Eliot was named to the team back in the summer and has trained with the club since then.

Lougheed is leaving

Milton Treasurer Don Lougheed has accepted the position of administrator for the Town of Orangeville.

The 41-year-old Sudbury native made the formal announcement to Milton councillors Monday evening at the conclusion of a general committee meeting.

Mr. Lougheed had come to Milton just over 10 years ago.

Lighter side of news

Lights, camera Campbellville

Diane Keaton is ready! Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer/United Artists is ready!

Halton Region and the Town of Milton are ready!

But the snow is definitely not going to be ready and on location for the movie shoot scheduled this Friday in Campbellville on the pond and the Crawford Lumber property.

All the necessary plans for halting traffic and even \$5 million in insurance was in place until the warm weather came this past weekend and cast a silence over the people at MGM.

For the shooting they need a snowy winter scene with skaters, and they didn't have that as of press-time Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for MGM/UA said the filming is "on hold" but it may be cancelled until we have enough snow to cover the group and ice on the pond.

A decision on whether to shoot or not to shoot will be made later this week.

If chair itches . . .

Halton's new chairman can finally sit back in his chair and feel comfortable with his new job.

The first few days were miserable. It seems the new regional chairman Peter Pomeroy is allergic to wool and the four chairs in his regional headquarters' office didn't make the job any easier.

Working in a chair that doesn't agree with your nose isn't anything to sneeze about so the regional staff arranged for his four office chairs to be reupholstered in a nice comfortable synthetic material.

The only problem was, staff did not wait until regional council approved the \$1,600 expenditure.

The announcement came as a surprise to a couple of administration and finance members who questioned the validity of going ahead with a re-upholstery job before getting the okay from regional council.

"I appreciate the health hazard but council could have put it through quickly if it had been asked," said Oakville Councillor Carol Gooding.

Burlington councillor Jim Grieve, angered over the amount of time councillors spent debating the issue said "It's amazing how the committee can zoom in on the real important issues. . . You can't expect the chairman to work in an area hazardous to his health do you?"

"The room has to be re-upholstered anyway," he added.

Snow dome still best

A domed stadium in Downsview is an invitation to disaster, according to Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett.

All that's needed is one airplane from the nearby Downsview airport to come crashing into the stadium to have a major disaster, Mayor Barrett told The Champion after being informed the provincial committee studying a dome location chose east Toronto location.

"The committee is out to lunch," said Mayor Barrett. "Why build the dome stadium in a flight path where airplanes are being tested?"

"It just doesn't make any sense."

Family gains from big win

Nelson Howard who is 93-years young is enjoying playing Santa Claus in February.

Mr. Howard, of Robert St., won \$10,000 in the Feb. 2 Wintario Mystery Bonus. He said he has "a lot of family" and he has given money to them plus "a little for the church."

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Testimony begins in fraud case

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

Charges of shady business practices and illegal operations in the United States were heard at Milton county court as the fraud trial involving Milton business colleagues Louis Nadalin, Terrance Alty, Bevan Stewart and John Dier continued during the first full week of testimony.

All face charges in connection with a \$7 million vending machine enterprise which operated out of a building at 25 Steeles Ave. in 1980 and 1981.

Cover story Shoplifting

Shoplifting is a crime. There are some who feel those convicted of shoplifting would be dealt with leniently; and there are those with the opposite idea.

The Canadian Champion writer, Linda Kirby, has looked at all sides of the "theft under \$200" question and has filed a report on how it affects Milton.

That story can be found this week on page 8.

Reunion needs you

If you went to Milton District High School, you're needed to drum up that old school spirit again.

An organization meeting for the May 10-12 MDHS reunion will be held Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, and people are going to be needed for a host of jobs to ensure the big get-together is one to remember.

If a reader is unable to attend the meeting but wants to pre-register or help the committee, that reader can send his or her name, address and telephone number to: MDHS Reunion, P.O. Box 1985, Milton, Ont., L9T 1P0.

A fifth man, Oakville lawyer Peter Winn, also charged with fraud offences, has been granted a severance and will be tried in April at a separate trial.

During testimony last week, former office manager Maria Meikle testified she was warned by her boss John Dier, that she would end up dead if he landed in jail.

That statement was made during a telephone conversation between the two when Mrs. Meikle told him she had gone to the police and "told everything" shortly after police began their investigation of several vending companies operating from the Steeles Ave. location, in 1981.

Mrs. Meikle who was hired by Terry Alty Jan. 22 of 1980 as a receptionist and secretary, was responsible for sending out brochures to prospective customers who telephoned in response to ads for various vending companies advertised in daily newspapers.

The companies which operated during the two year period included Direct Beverages which was phased out and replaced by Ideal Vendors, Dominion Lighter Sales, which later became Dominion Lighter Sales Inc. and Ideal Pizza.

Mrs. Meikle told the court that salesmen from the various companies would invite potential investors, some from as far away as the east coast, to the Steeles Ave. plant where the vending machines were manufactured to discuss the purchase of a distributorship.

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Despite fears warm weather might dampen the 1984 Milton Winter Carnival, it did just the opposite as people came out in droves to enjoy the many fun activities like this group at the tug-of-war contest. For lots of pictures and story on what Winter Carnival 1984 was like, turn to page C1.

Council changes mind . . .

Region backs Pierre's peace junket

Halton regional council wants peace afterward.

Last month members of the administration and finance committee refused to accept a proposal by the City of Stoney Creek to support Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's peace initiative, but at last Wednesday's council meeting the Prime Minister

received an unanimous show of support.

But it didn't come without a fight. Several council members reiterated earlier arguments that Trudeau's peace initiative was being done for the wrong reasons.

But others contended that any at-

tempt to bring peace was an important step in the right direction.

"I will support anyone who is trying to bring peace and tranquility to this troubled world," Milton councillor Bill Johnston said.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett urged councillors to support the Stoney Creek resolution citing per-

sonal experience as his reason for supporting the peace plan.

"All Stoney Creek is doing is trying to get support for peace. Personality has nothing to do with it."

"I happened to be there (war) and am in total favor of promoting peace," said Mayor Barrett.

Inside

Hospital Happenings
There is news on two fronts regarding the Milton District Hospital Expansion. All this week telephones will be ringing as the fund operates its person-to-person campaign. At the same time, an artist's rendering has been released which shows what the new wing is going to look like.

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Milton is blitz target for door-to-door drive

The Salvation Army will hold its first-ever residential blitz of Milton as part of the Red Shield Appeal April 30.

In the past, the Salvation Army, which serves the needs of the town, has made its appeal through the mail. But rising need in town has left no option but a more direct approach.

Salvation Army Captain John Norton says the request for assistance rose 25 per cent for January alone. The Army, with its facilities in Oakville to serve that town and this, handled 119 families in January.

The purpose of the April 30 blitz is to raise funds the Army requires year-round to assist the needy.

Capt. Norton said money is sometimes used to expand services and including, possibly, a store with regular pick-up service and a drop-box. He said the store is slated for the downtown area of Milton. The Army is already looking downtown for a spot to purchase or rent.

Richard Zelinski (827-5324) is blitz organizer for Milton and he is looking for volunteers to help go door-to-door. Anyone interested is asked to call.