

OLYMPICS THEN



Joanne Malar looks back

Steve Milton talks to the much-loved Hamilton swimmer about her career and London's disputes.

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OLYMPICS 1948



Seems like yesterday

92-year-old Norman Lan of Hamilton paddled to a bronze in London's "austerity games."

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OLYMPICS NOW



Women's eight pulls in silver

The amazing women's eight rows to Canada's second silver of the London games.

SPORTS 1



BURLINGTON TEEN IN BACKSTROKE FINAL Steve Milton on Sinead Russell S1

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SPECTATOR EXCLUSIVE

Local prosecutor crafted controversial deals

Dropped gun charges against future Eaton shooting suspect; freed Silva

KEN PETERS
The Hamilton Spectator

Less than five weeks before Christopher Husbands allegedly opened fire in a crowded Toronto Eaton Centre food court, killing two and injuring five, he was in a Hamilton courtroom facing weapon charges.

Those nine charges involving a loaded .40-cal-



Christopher Husbands

ibre handgun were withdrawn and Husbands walked out of the courtroom a free man.

The prosecutor who withdrew the charges was Carey Lee, the same assistant Hamilton Crown attorney at the centre of a controversial deal now under review by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

That arrangement, which Lee struck with prominent Hamilton defence lawyer Dean Paquette, saw a Roman Catholic priest charged with a sex crime

escape prosecution by fleeing from Canada to Brazil.

The pact was never approved by a judge.

The Christopher Husbands and Father Jose Silva cases are not the only prosecutions by the unconventional Lee that have raised eyebrows.

Lee, 50, crafted a resolution so unique for former SISO boss Morteza Jafarpour that a veteran jurist said he had never seen anything like it in more than 20 years on the bench.

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CONSERVATION

A wave of concern about new area maps

Floodplain changes will impact building

MATTHEW VAN DONGEN
The Hamilton Spectator

The conservation authority will remap the floodplain of creeks across Hamilton, an exercise that could have implications for existing homes and new development across the city.

The \$500,000 project is expected to take at least five years and will re-examine flood lines — the flooding high-water mark during major storms — for Hamilton's creeks and smaller tributaries, including Red Hill, Battlefield and Spencer.

The province gave conservation authorities the mandate to regulate floodplain development after Hurricane Hazel destroyed buildings and roads and killed dozens of people in southern Ontario in 1954.

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For sale: A piece of our soul



James Street Baptist Church has a soaring interior. Now, the historic church, a defining feature of the downtown streetscape, is going up for sale.

BARRY GRAY, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Can Hamilton afford to lose James Street Baptist, a very special building?



JEFF MAHONEY
The Hamilton Spectator

I'm no realtor but let me take you through a very special building.

It's one of Hamilton's great historic stone landmarks, and its owners, ruefully acknowledging they can't keep it going, have just announced it's going up for sale.

As you consider purchasing James Street Baptist Church (that's right, THE James Street Baptist Church; listing goes up next Tuesday) you should know some things.

It's a fixer-upper. No, wait. That's not what you think.

The church is the one that's done the fixing up. People have come to it, for as long as it has stood (130 years), but especially lately, when they're broken and in need.

The building, right downtown, has reached out its workshop hands and gathered them in. It has fed them, clothed them, made repairs.

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