

News at a Glance

War of words at Region meeting

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Halton Hills Regional councillor Marilyn Serjeantson obviously doesn't take kindly to being referred to as innocent.

When described as a "little innocent in the world of land transactions" at Wednesday's Halton Regional Council meeting by Oakville Regional councillor John Graham, Coun. Serjeantson lashed back saying sarcastically, "It sounds like you (Coun. Graham), are telling me I'm stupid and belong in the kitchen."

Both Councillors' comments were made in connection with a staff report outlining the work that has so far been done to find alternative water supplies to service growth in Georgetown.

Coun. Graham questioned whether the Region was being pressured by developers to find additional water to service the planned expansion of Georgetown West.

The Oakville councillor said he had obtained provincial documentation first released in 1988 indicating if the Region abandoned a plan to establish a well in Silver Creek Valley because it would be harmful to the surrounding environment, the province would not reimburse Halton for the money it had spent on the project.

Coun. Graham was referring specifically to Test Well 15 located in the Valley. Regional staff is currently carrying out tests to determine what, if any, negative environmental impact Test Well 15 will have on the Valley.

The councillor then went on to say a piece of property located south of North-Halton Golf and Country Club, commonly known as the Arbor Valley Estate, that was purchased by a numbered company in 1981 for \$350,000, has since been sold to another numbered company for \$11 million.

He pointed out the land was sold unserviced for water and sewage. Coun. Graham continued by saying he has been informed by someone connected with the purchasing company that the property was bought because promises were made that servicing would be in place so the property's development could start in 1993.

Coun. Graham wouldn't reveal the name of the source or who said development could happen in 1993.

Since studies are being conducted on Test Well 15 in light of the possible environmental problems that could result and servicing is being promised for the Arbor Valley Estate property, there appears to be "terrific pressure being applied by developers on the Region to find water," said Coun. Graham following the meeting.

In response to Coun. Graham's

comment's, Coun. Serjeantson said, "I don't make it my business to know about the sale of private tracts of land."

She continued by saying it is common knowledge the province wouldn't reimburse the Region for work done in connection with Test Well 15.

Although the project is expensive, it is not as costly as similar projects relating to the growth of Milton, she said.

Coun. Serjeantson reassured Coun. Graham the Region has no intention of permitting Test Well 15 to be installed permanently if current testing shows it will negatively impact Silver Creek Valley.

"You should be thankful you are part of a council that is doing the job right," said Coun. Serjeantson.

Councillors failed to respond to Coun. Graham's request that a special committee be established after the municipal election to review the work that has gone on concerning the search for water in Georgetown.

Following the meeting, Chairman Pomeroy said the Region is receiving no pressure from developers to find additional water supplies in Georgetown.

When Georgetown's urban boundary was extended to include Georgetown West during the 70's, it was common practice to identify an area for residential development without first determining if there was sufficient water to service the area, explained Chairman Pomeroy.

High school altercation

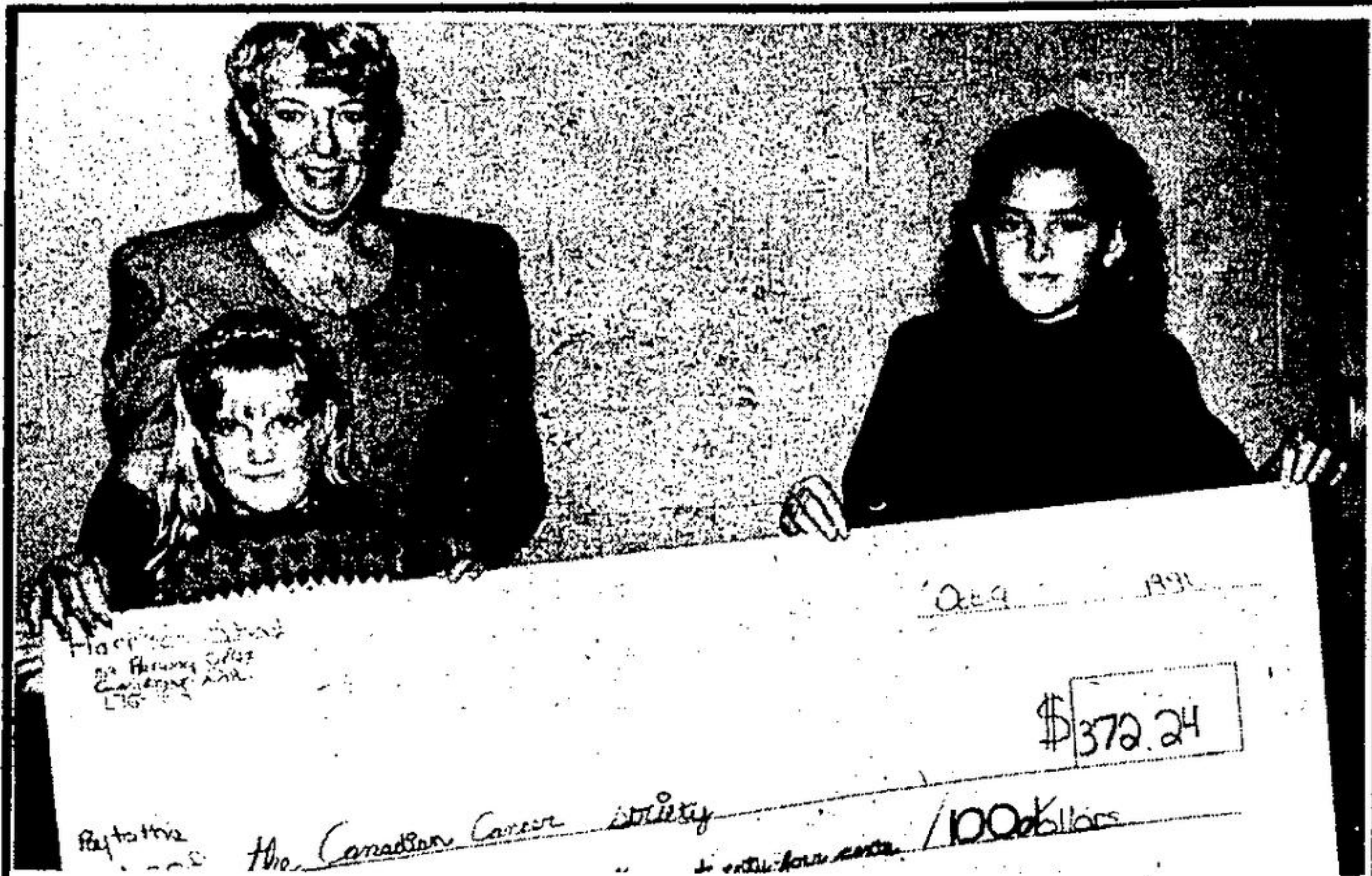
Halton Regional Police have charged an 18-year-old Limehouse male with assault level 1 after he allegedly punched and kicked a Georgetown District High School student last Wednesday (Oct. 9) morning.

Police say the incident occurred at 8:45 a.m. while the victim and his girlfriend were standing in front of the school. The victim alleges the accused approached him without warning and punched him in the mouth and forehead.

The victim told police he fell to the ground and the suspect repeatedly kicked and punched him until the vice-principal of the school came outside. Then, the suspect fled the scene say police.

The victim was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and treated for bruises to the head and a cracked tooth say police.

The accused will appear in Milton court Oct. 28.



Big cheque

Georgetown cancer society member Elaine Chaten received a big cheque, in size and monetary value, from her grand-daughter Jennifer Davis (left) and student Rebecca Sargent. The girls

presented the cheque on behalf of all the students at Harrison Public School in Georgetown who raised money for the cancer society during a Terry Fox Run held at the school. (Herald Photo)

Willow Park residents win another round

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A Brampton judge ordered the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Tuesday to pay the legal costs incurred by residents of Norval's Willow Park for filing a motion to extend their eviction deadline.

The residents are required to vacate the park premises because the park lies in the Credit River floodplain, leaving the residents exposed to the possibility of dangerous flooding.

The CVCA ordered the residents off the property last May, but the residents refused, saying they had not been properly compensated for being evicted.

At Tuesday's hearing, the judge ratified an agreement between the authority and the residents recognizing the premises will be vacated a minimum of four months following an upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing to determine the residents's compensation. The OMB hearing is scheduled for February.

The agreement was based on a motion filed by the residents concerning the eviction deadline. The agreement reflects the contents of the motion.

"The judge understood our point of view because he awarded us costs for the motion," said Willow

Park resident Heather Croft following Tuesday's hearing.

The amount of the costs wasn't available at press time.

The residents' motion came in the wake of two previous motions filed by the CVCA. The first CVCA motion called for the residents to

vacate the property immediately. That motion was withdrawn and another motion was filed in which the residents were to leave a month after February's OMB hearing. However that motion was also withdrawn after it was opposed by the residents.

Accidental death

Halton Regional Police have confirmed that Greg Stewart, the 13-year-old boy who was found dead in an outhouse at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area Oct. 2, died of accidental asphyxiation.

"He died of asphyxiation as a result of being suspended from a steel bar in the outhouse," said Detective Sergeant Michael Eacrett.

He said police have also learned the boy did hitch a ride somewhere between the Peel Children's Centre at Hwy 10 and King St. in Caledon where he escaped from to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

"The people who picked up Greg read the story in the Halton Hills Herald which indicated we (Halton Regional Police) didn't know how the victim got to the conservation area," said Det. Sgt. Eacrett. "They called us to tell us they picked him up and dropped him off at the Terra Cotta Conservation area."

Det. Sgt. Eacrett said the people who picked up Greg in their car noticed he wasn't wearing any socks or shoes and called Peel Regional Police to inform them about the boy.

Greg Stewart had been reported missing by councillors at the Peel Children's Centre Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. after he escaped their care. He was found in the Terra Cotta Conservation area at 10:45 p.m. by a

group of girls who had gone to the outhouse.

The death has been ruled accidental and up to now, no inquest has been called into the accident.

Election update

With the Nov. 12 municipal election less than a month away, two more local residents have declared their candidacy in what is turning out to be a crowded election race.

Halton Hills residents Al Pilutti and Kathy Gastle have declared their candidacies for Ward 4 Regional Councillor and Ward 2 Town Councillor positions, respectively.

Ms. Gastle couldn't be reached for comment at press time.

Long-time Georgetown resident and well-known local developer and builder Al Pilutti said he has decided to run because "the incumbent (Marilyn Serjeantson) has been in the position too long. It's time for a change."

Mr. Pilutti says the major issues during the election campaign will include planning, development, taxes and the environment.

A more detailed story on both Mr. Pilutti and Ms. Gastle will appear in the Oct. 16 edition of the Herald.



Reverends' reward

Rev. Carol Skidmore (left) of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams, is congratulated by Arlene Smith, owner of Office Magic at 134 Guelph St. Rev. Skidmore won the 20 inch television

in a draw Arlene and her husband Douglas held to celebrate the store's relocation to Sinclair Plaza. Former manager of Office Magic, Ruth Mitchell (right) drew the winning ticket. (Herald Photo)

Thanksgiving Monday What's Open

- All convenience stores
- All restaurants, bars
- All video rental stores

What's Closed

- All major retail outlets
- All grocery stores
- All department stores
- All doctor's and professional offices
- Halton Hills recreation facilities including Georgetown and Acton indoor pools
- Halton Hills Civic Centre
- The Halton Hills Herald business offices