

New Marketplace a hit with area shoppers

It appears that the new Georgetown Marketplace is a big hit with area residents.

All of the the people who came out for the centre's official opening on Tuesday morning who were asked for their opinion of the mall said they were very impressed.

The centre court area of the facility was packed for the official opening ceremonies.

Oakville town crier Betty Kading was on hand to extend congratulations on the new mall from the town of Oakville, and officially declare the mall open for business. Halton Hills mayor Russ Miller congratulated the mall's developers and management on the

facility and wished them the best. Then he and the mall's executive vice-president Cliff Levy cut the ribbon.

Several stores and eateries in the mall's food court were open for the mall's first day of business, but construction work continued at other stores in the mall.

About 60 stores should be open in the mall when it is completely leased.

Terry Jackson, manager of Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, was among the many who turned out for the opening. She was



impressed with the centre.

"It's great," said Jackson. "It's good for Georgetown and will encourage people to stay home and shop, because now they have choices."

"The developers did an excellent job on the facility,"

said Bob Malcolmson, president of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. "I think that you will find people from out of town coming to shop here. The whole community will benefit from the mall."

Donna Thompson, a Georgetown resident

who was there opening day, agrees with Malcolmson.

"I think we have needed something like this for a long time. It will be good for the community. In the past I have gone out of Georgetown to shop, but I think I will be shopping here more often in the future."

Brampton residents Carol Lindsay and Carol Savoie were at the mall's opening. They were both impressed with the mall and said they would likely visit the mall often.

Opening week activities were held in the mall through Friday with different events each day.

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Fall Fair season

Both the Georgetown and Acton fall fairs are fast approaching, so don't miss out on the fun. September 11, 12 and 13 is slated for the 145th Georgetown Fall Fair at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Friday night will kick off with a concert by the Grapes of Wrath, and the following two days a whole raft of attractions are in store.

On the following weekend, September 18, 19 and 20, the 79th Acton Fall Fair will kick into high gear. Evening entertainment on Friday includes the Miss Acton Pageant and the Guse Family musical group.

Bettridge in court

Keith Bettridge, the 35-year-old Georgetown man who was charged with first degree murder in connection with the June 26 death of his common-law wife, Kimberly Lynn Thompson, appeared in Milton court on Monday.

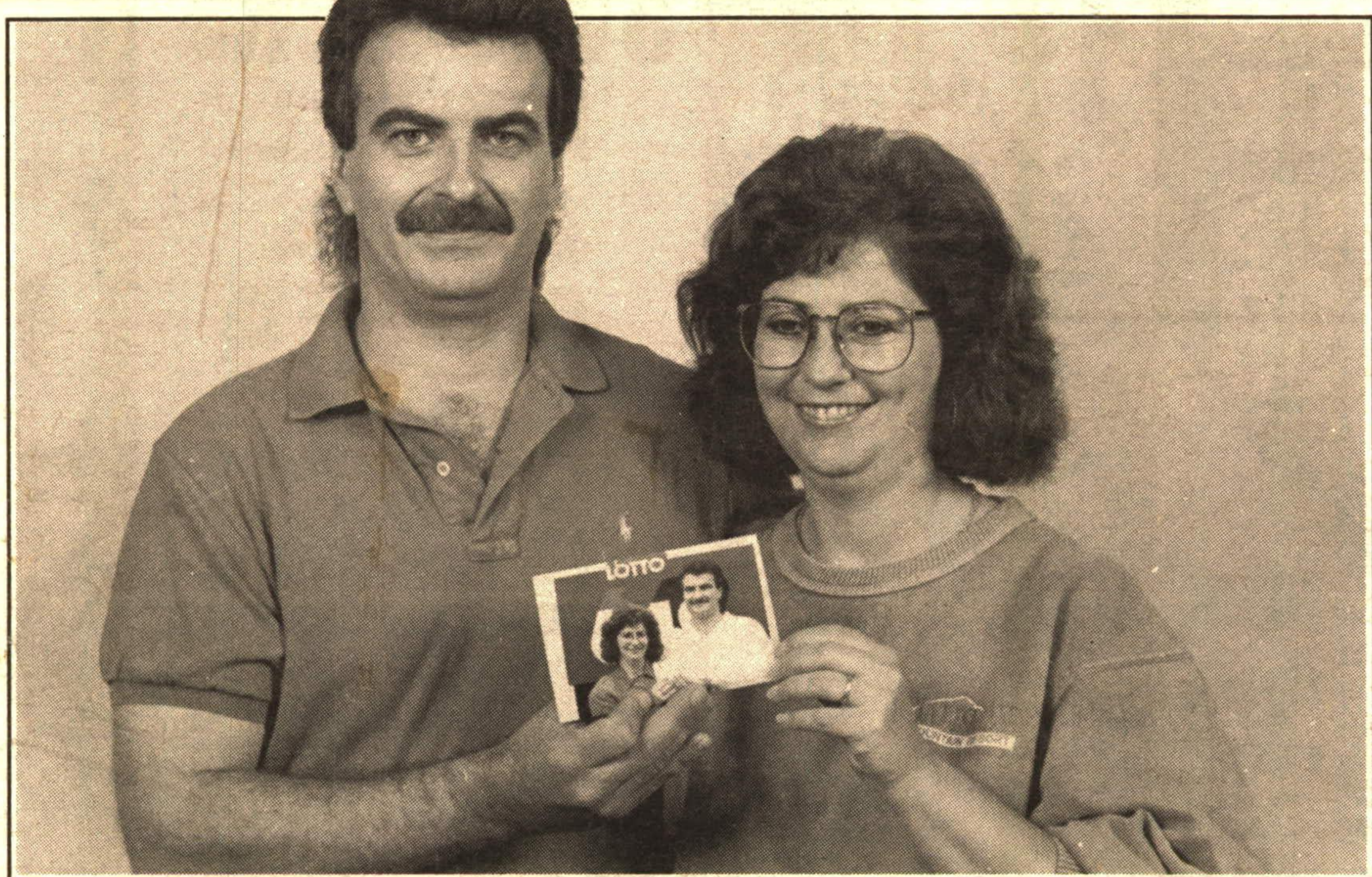
He will be back in court on Monday Sept. 14 to set a trial date.

Bridge repairs

Canadian Construction Controls of Breslau, Ontario has been hired by Halton Region at a cost of \$217,000 to repair the River Rd. bridge over the Credit River in Georgetown. The contractor is expected to complete the repairs by Nov. 20.

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Maxine and Gerald Presseault of Georgetown are \$1.8 million richer thanks to their Lotto 649 quick pick Wednesday's draw. They picked up their cheque in Toronto on Thursday.

Couple wins Lotto-cash

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
Staff writer

Gerald and Maxine Presseault of Georgetown are still numb with shock.

The Baylor Cr. couple discovered first thing Thursday morning that they are now \$1.18 million richer, thanks to a quick pick Lotto 649 ticket.

"I'm not sure what I feel right now," a shocked Gerald said from the Toronto lottery office Thursday afternoon. "It hasn't really set in yet. My wife and I are pretty calm, but most of our family are more excited than we are right now."

The winnings couldn't have come at a better time, as far as the Presseaults are concerned.

Gerald, 35, was laid off as an assistant manager at a Concorde graphics firm last September, and has been struggling this past year to find another job. In fact, his unemployment insurance ran out at the end of August, and he was just waiting for his last cheque to arrive by mail.

Maxine, also 35, is employed at Varian Canada on River Dr. in Georgetown.

Gerald has been living in Georgetown since 1972, while Maxine is a life-long resident of the area.

They have been playing Lotto 649 twice weekly for some time, but Wednesday's draw really paid off, Gerald said. Five "quick pick" tickets were purchased from the Quick-Pik Variety store on Guelph St., but it wasn't until the Thursday morning as Gerald scanned the newspaper that they discovered their good fortune.

"First thing I do in the mornings is check the classifieds for a job, but my wife asked me this morning if I had checked the numbers yet," he said. "She told me I should, just in case she didn't have to go to work today...I guess she was right."

The jackpot is \$1,181,581.40.

Still numb with shock, Gerald said they haven't decided what to do next, other than head straight to the bank and make a hasty deposit.

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Residents express arena site concerns

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
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"Anywhere but Prospect Park" was the general feeling expressed by a capacity crowd in Acton Wednesday night during a public meeting on the future location of the community's new arena.

"The Prospect Park site concerns me," one Knox St. resident said. "It's a green area here, and I think you're losing sight of the park side of it. There's going to be less green here if you keep paving it over. We have a beautiful park here, and I don't want to lose that."

About 60 residents and council members crowded into the Acton arena to hear recreation and parks director Tom Shepard and his staff outline the three options they're faced with to relocate the new sports facility.

Councillors must decide in two weeks between rebuilding the 67-year-old rink in Prospect Park, behind the current facility; in Acton east (north of Hwy. 7, east of Churchill Rd.) where new development is slated; or in Acton north, on a parcel of land at the corner of MacDonald Blvd. and Wallace St., donated to the town by Ron Heller and Fred Dawkins.

However, most residents were critical about keeping the arena where it is, citing lack of space and poor road access as the main reasons. "This is a bad spot for traffic - it's next to impossible to exit that location after a game as it is," resident Dugald Dick argued.

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