

Bannockburn's unique housing will be finished

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
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May or June.

Asked about a new sales sign on the property, Royal City Realty broker Damian Nikic said on Monday that Finoro Homes have purchased the lots and will complete the project of unique homes designed like early settlement buildings.

Nikic is a partner, along with Acton developer Fred Dawkins and others, in Haltwell Developments which is also using Finoro Homes to build in its subdivision beside the new plaza, and adjacent to the West Meadows subdivision.

Nikic said one prospective buyer in Bannockburn who made a deposit in excess of the \$20,000 guaranteed by a provincial homebuyers program, lost \$30,000 in the bankruptcy. Nine homes were sold prior to the bankruptcy. Two of those are occupied and four others are sold. The partially built house near the highway will become a model home, Nikic said.

Robert Bradley, the bankruptcy trustee for Peter Zions' Construction, Pat Stuart Developments and West Meadows Investments, said those with a proof of claim in the bank-

ruptcy would receive an accounting of property sales, like the Bannockburn land.

"We do need and will get an accounting of a disposition of each property owned by the companies to see, you know, what is happening to make sure there wasn't any surplus monies available for unsecured creditors," Bradley said on Monday.

He said the auction sale of the companies' machinery and equipment was "very successful," but wouldn't say how much money was realized.

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Drunk driving arrests down

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The number of drunk drivers arrested this holiday season in Halton is "dramatically reduced" from last year with just two motorists being charged with impaired driving.

One motorist was nabbed at a R.I.D.E. spotcheck and one driver was charged by an officer on regular patrol in District One that includes Acton, Georgetown and the rural areas.

In all, Halton police stopped 32,402 vehicles dur-

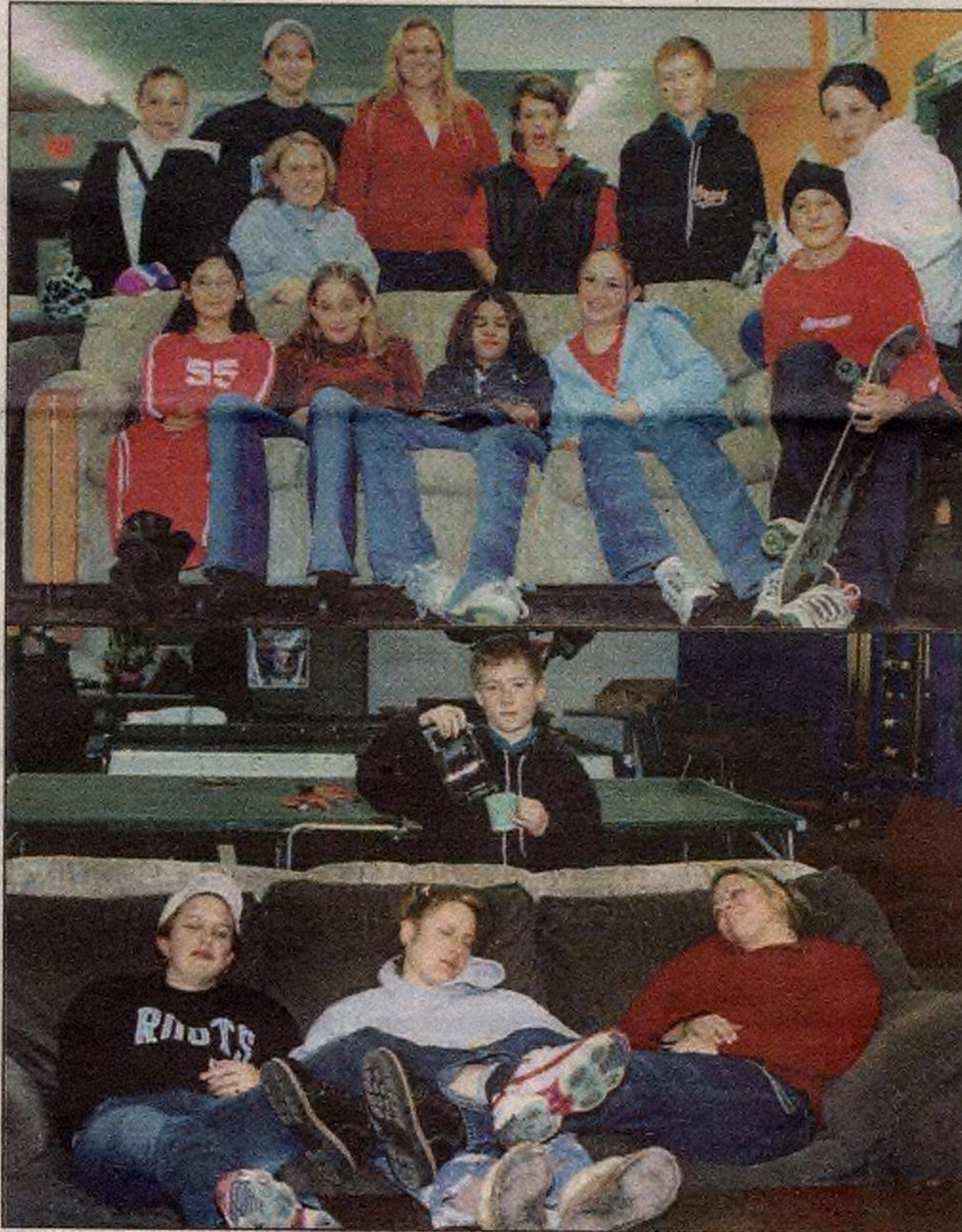
ing December and laid just six alcohol-related criminal charges, including the two for impaired, three for having over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-milligrams of blood and one for refusing to provide a sample.

Halton Sergeant Val Hayes said police are "very encouraged" with the continued reduction in impaired driving arrests.

Last year, Halton police stopped 18,235 vehicles during a nine-day R.I.D.E. program. This year, 26,885 vehicles were stopped during a 21-day program. As well, officers on regular patrol stopped 5,517 vehicles to check for impaired drivers over the holiday season.

A total of 190 roadside screening tests were administered resulting in 41 12-hour licence suspensions, one liquor seizure, five Liquor Act charges, 75 Highway Traffic Act charges, 20 other charges and 347 warnings.

While Hay couldn't provide statistics for Acton alone, he said in District One, 950 vehicles were stopped, resulting in 28 roadside tests. Two 12-hour suspensions were issued along with 50 warnings and one non-alcohol related charge.



NO SLEEP: The wake-a-thon at the Off The Wall youth centre on Friday began with eager kids and staff and ended 12 hours later with an empty coffee pot. The participants, who helped raise approximately \$500 in pledges for the centre included, front from left: Kristen Wright, Sarah Martin, Rachel Mohammed, Amie Ross and Curtis Stoehr. Back: Danielle Goudie, Clair Longridge, Ruth Eddolls, Vanessa Box-Jones, Nick Glover, Alex Martin and Matt Williams. - Frances Niblock photos

Total failure of system predicted

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Years of frugality appear to have caught up with the Halton Hills Library where the antiquated computer system is on the verge of "total system failure."

But, despite warnings of impending problems with the 13-year-old computerized/cataloguing system, Town Councillors did not support several attempts to move all or some of the \$80,000 needed for a new integrated system from next year's wish list to this year's budget.

During recent budget talks, library board member and Georgetown Councillor Bob Inglis said library budget requests always seem to come last and, it may have cost the library board because it has managed its money in a very fiscally responsible way, and gets "forgotten" in the budget process.

Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis, who said the computer system has been glued and pasted together for years, suggested the money be put back into this year's budget.

Town CAO Steve Andrews said he was "the guilty one" who shifted the project to next year, adding the Town has a lot of tough budget decisions to make and many priorities.

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Guelph/Eramosa Council has decided to hire the Humane Society for canine control although the cost is steep. See Page 8.



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