

Police pursue stolen van into Milton

Speeds reached 120-km/hr as Halton police pursued a stolen van south on Regional Road 25 (Hwy 25) to Milton early last Thursday morning.

An officer observed a

Arrest two suspects from K-W with tools stolen in Acton

suspect fleeing the scene of a theft from a vehicle on Highway 25 and 15 Side Road, at 4:26 a.m.

Police pursued the vehicle to Main Street in Milton where it ended with the arrest of two

suspects, one from Waterloo and one from Kitchener, on a number of charges including fleeing police, theft and possession of the stolen van, and possession of tools stolen from a vehicle on Elmore Drive.



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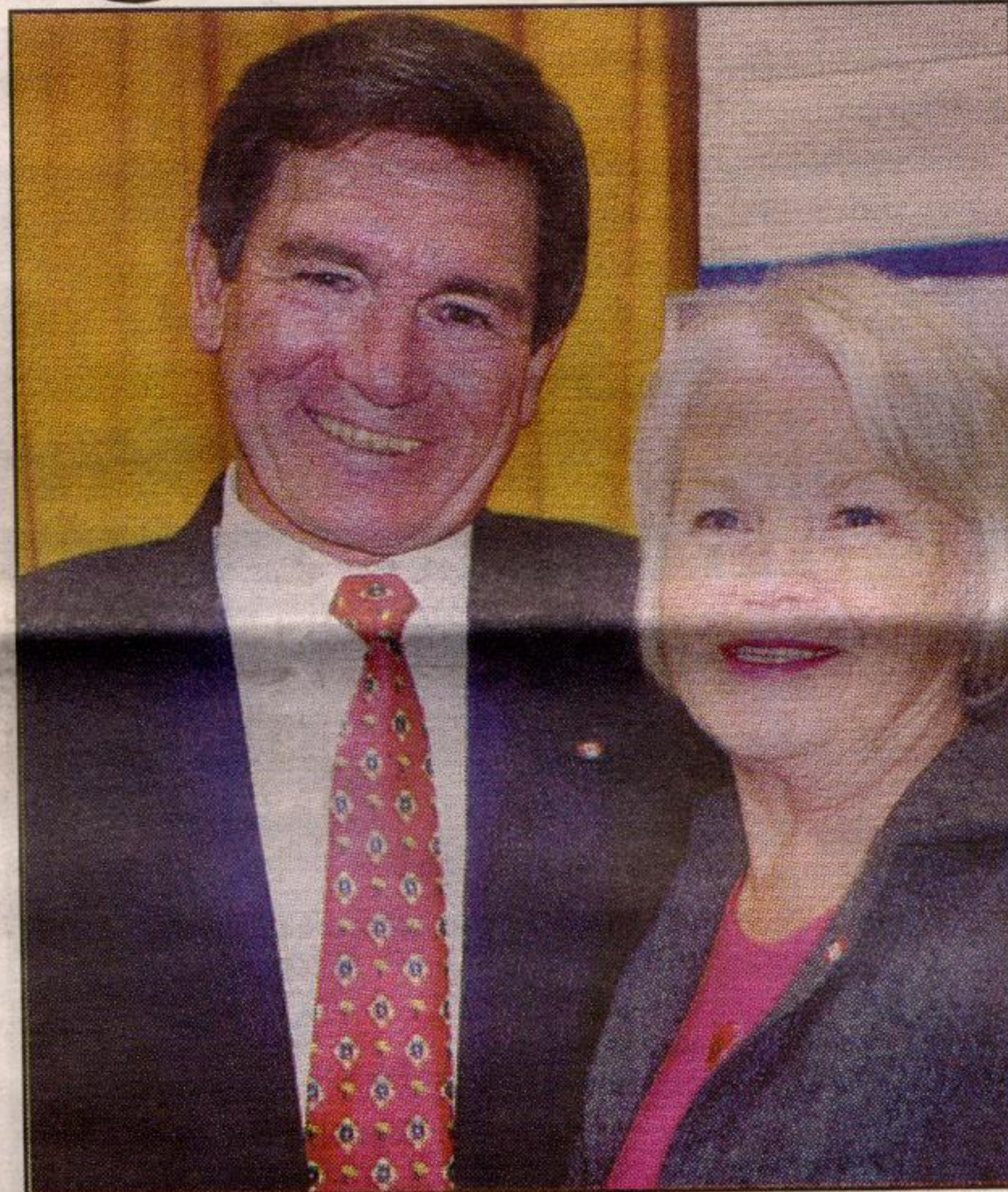
St. Patrick's Day was yesterday (Wednesday) but Sobey's celebrated Friday with traditional Irish garb and a band. See Page 9.

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Bruce Hood gets Liberal nod



HE'S THE WINNER: Fergus area resident Michael Chong, seen with his wife Carrie, was chosen as the Conservative candidate in the riding of Wellington-Halton Hills on Tuesday evening. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo



LIBERAL CANDIDATE: Bruce Hood, seen with his wife Daphne, will be the Liberal candidate for the new riding of Wellington/Halton Hills. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Opponents say vote was 'cooked'

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

Former NHL referee now living in Erin, Bruce Hood has won the nomination as the Liberal candidate for the riding of Wellington-Halton Hills but many questions are being raised about anomalies in the process.

Hood's opponent Campbellville area farmer Gary Zemplak believes the vote was "cooked." Zemplak was nominated by Julian Reed.

Even before the nomination meeting was held on March 10, riding association executive members sent Prime Minister Paul Martin a letter questioning irregularities in the way the nomination process was being handled for the new riding.

The letter has not been answered nor have The New Tanner calls to the Prime Minister's office been returned.

The letter also included a copy of an affidavit from Peter Gregg, the president of the old Halton riding association, stating that he had told Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) chair Carl

Mill St. reconstruction starts in spring

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Downtown Acton will be greener, more people friendly with fewer on-street parking spaces, and underground, it will have a new water and sanitary sewer system when a joint Region/Town project is complete in July.

Final approval for the \$1.9-million project is expected in mid-April when Halton's contractor will begin a \$1.5-million project to replace the spine of Acton's water and wastewater system under Mill Street, from Main Street to Bower Avenue at the CN tracks.

Halton will also replace pipes on

Frederick, John and Elgin Streets from Mill Street to Bower Avenue and on Wilbur Street from Bower to Church Street.

When the underground work is complete, the Town will spend \$338,000 — with a 90 per cent provincial subsidy because Mill Street is a so-called connecting link between sections of Highway 7 — to reconstruct and resurface the roads, including storm sewer and curb work.

On Monday, Halton design supervisor Brenda Kingsmill said the tender has closed, and they hope to announce the contractor within weeks.

She said construction will be phased,

block by block, to reduce traffic problems. Through traffic will be detoured to Wallace Street and the former Highway 25.

Ron Goddard, the Town's manager of capital works, said construction won't cause "total chaos" as one lane will always be open.

He said the project also includes improvements on John Street, and \$25,000 for cosmetic work requested by the Acton BIA, including construction of six so-called bump outs which are one-metre sidewalk extensions into the street, at the corners of Willow and John Streets at Mill Street.

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