News Digest

Man charged

A 47-year-old Acton man has been charged with fraud, forgery an uttering forged documents in connection with cheques that were cashed at a Georgetown bank. Police say the cheques were deposited to an account at the bank, money was given out, and the cheques were returned indicating signatures and amounts had been altered. The man is to appear in court on Monday, Feb. 26.

Blood donor clinic

Don't forget! A Red Cross Blood Clinic will be held Feb. 12 at Holy Cross Church Hall, 1:30-8 p.m. Please have photo/signature ID with you.
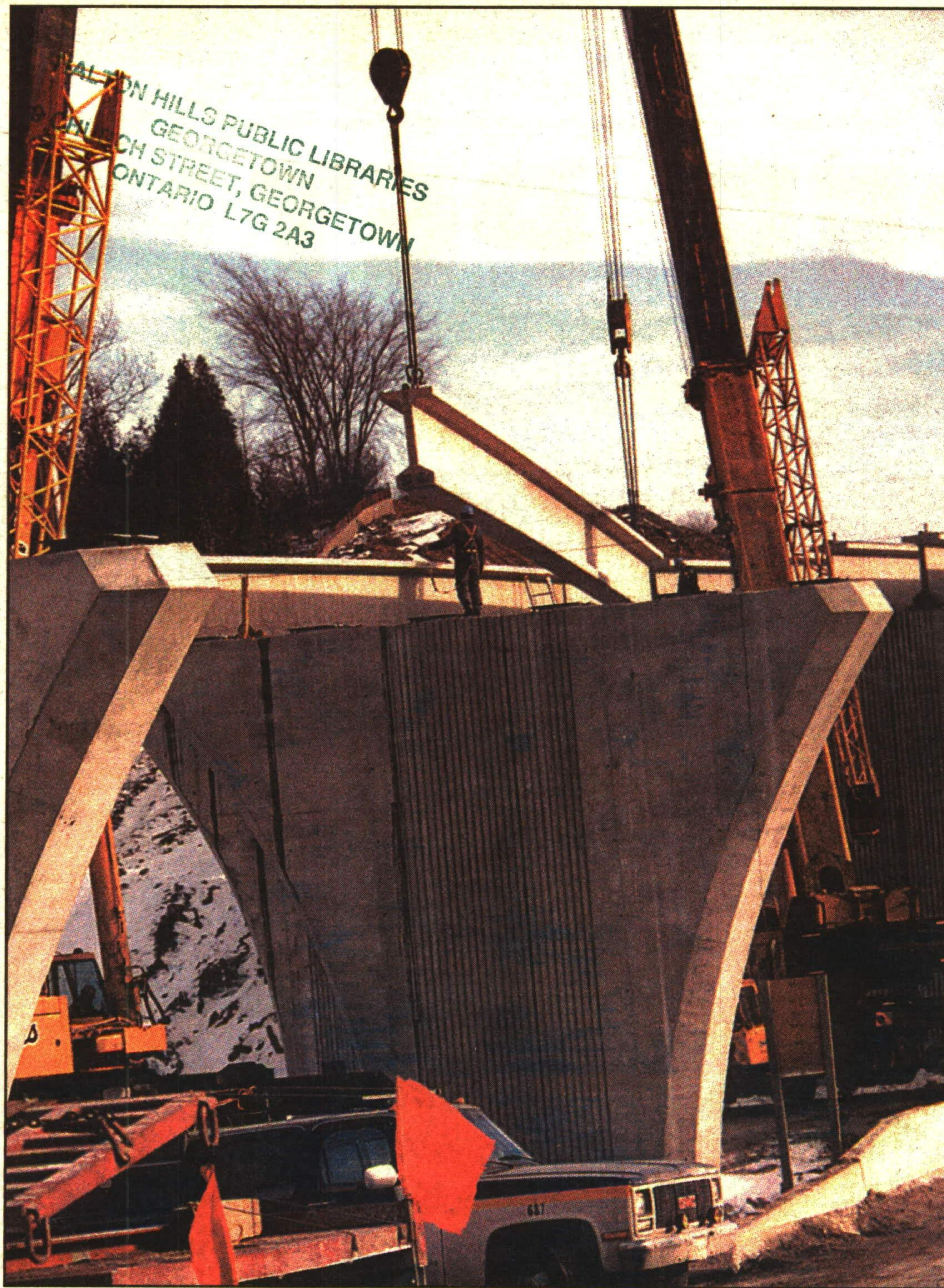
New people for committees

Georgetown Hospital is always looking for members of the community who are interested in sitting on committees or becoming part of the board of directors of the hospital. While most changes are made in June, people may be needed during the year as well. If you are interested, contact Ron Noble at 873-0111.

Meters vandalized

Police report two parking meters located on Mill St. near Back St. in Georgetown were damaged sometime overnight Monday and Tuesday. The damage, which appeared to have been done by a vehicle, is estimated at $1,000.

Building bridges

A worker was dwarfed by one of the 98,000 pound concrete girders as it was hoisted into place on the new Mountainview Road South bridge, in Hungry Hollow, earlier this week. Traffic was diverted around the construction site for the week as the 48 girders were placed on the bridge, in four sections of 12 each. The girders, which were trucked from Woodstock, range in length from 24 to 36 metres, the longest weighing 98,000 pounds and the shortest 78,000.

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Residents have woes about water

By LISA TALLYN
Staff writer

Concerns about water and septic runoff were raised by Acton area residents at a public meeting Monday night dealing with an application to extend the Bannockburn rural cluster.

The application proposes the creation of eight new lots on the Fourth Line, north of Hwy. 7 and east of Acton. In order for the rural cluster area to be expanded, the property would have to be rezoned from Rural to a General Residential Special zone which would permit eight residential lots.

Town planner Arvin Prasad said after the application was circulated to various agencies only Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee did not support it, on the basis it did not agree with the agricultural impact assessment. The Halton Region Health Department had no concerns as long as the proposal was for eight lots.

Angelo Cianfarani, who lives adjacent to the property, said he has had nothing but problems with his well since drilling began on the property.

Another area resident was concerned about septic runoff affecting well water quality and the stream which runs through the rear of the property. Another resident also raised concerns about water.

Area farmer Frank Anthony said he supported the application.

"The land is not that productive (for farming)," said Anthony. He added it was gravelly and land locked, making it difficult to bring machinery in.

Paul Bowen, a hydrogeologist (hired by the applicant) with Terra Probe, said test wells were drilled in Oct. 1991, however pumping didn't begin until Nov. 7, 1991. He said Cianfarani had already experienced a problem prior to the pumping and the Ministry of Environment and Halton Health Department found the problem was due to sand in the well, which was not related to Terra Probe's pumping test.

Council is expected to discuss the application at an upcoming meeting.