Coat collection program ready to kick off

By Jamie Harrison

A Glen Williams resident has continued with her charitable ways which earned her the title of 1980 Citizen of the Year.

Vi Haines has teamed up with Mani Mitera, owner of Barrager's Cleaners to help provide coats to the needy in the Halton Hills-area.

While working in her kitchen one day in September of 1991, Haines knew she had to do something to help those less fortunate, figuring "there has got to be something we can do."

After the success of last year's coat-drive Haines said she and Mitera "thought we'd give it a try again this year."

The pair plan to collect, clean and distribute coats and jackets for the upcoming winter season.

Haines approached Mitera last year about the coat drive, a project that was put together in only a few weeks. The 1991 drive netted about 300 coats which were cleaned by Mitera at a cost of about \$3,000.

Though many of the coats were sent to Toronto via the Love In Christ Food Bank, Haines said "quite a few" stayed within Halton Hills, indicating that the recession which has been plaguing Canadians has not left many residents of Halton unaffected.

Mitera said he had always hoped to do something similar to this project, but hadn't done anything about it until he was contacted by Haines, through his involvement with the Lions Club.

Haines and Mitera hope to involve several commu-

nity service groups in the project which will benefit the needy in Halton Hills.

The coats were given freely to those who were in need, "the idea was never to sell them," Mitera said.

"Sometimes something new like this takes a while to catch on, but it helps someone in the end," Haines said.

After last year's drive, Haines found that some of her colleagues at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, where she volunteers, had coats to donate, but were unaware of the coat drive.

"I hope they still have (the coats) this year," Haines said.

Mitera expects that the 1992 drive will net more coats, citing a "100 per cent improvement in the organization" of the campaign. Mitera said he hopes for about 1,000 coats to be donated to the drive.

Of his partner, Mitera said: "she's the community workaholic...she gets an idea in her head and she flies. She's a bundle of energy."

Though the exact date of distribution has not been determined, Mitera will be collecting coats at his two Georgetown locations until the middle of October.

Other drop off points include Halton Hills Town offices, and St. Alban's church in Glen Williams.

Distribution of the clothing is planned for either late October or early November. Haines wants to hold the distribution day on the weekend before Georgetown's Santa Claus parade.

The date will be announced in the near future.

Police beat

\$60,000 trailer theft

A 24-foot flatbed trailer carrying three custom machine lathes all worth about \$60,000 was stolen from Acton sometime Monday night.

The green trailer was chained to a tree at an industrial complex on Frederick Street, a Halton Regional Police report showed.

The lathes all weighted approximately 18,000-pounds and the trailer was custom fabricated. The unit was used for "machine grinding," the report said. The investigation continues.

Police seek suspect

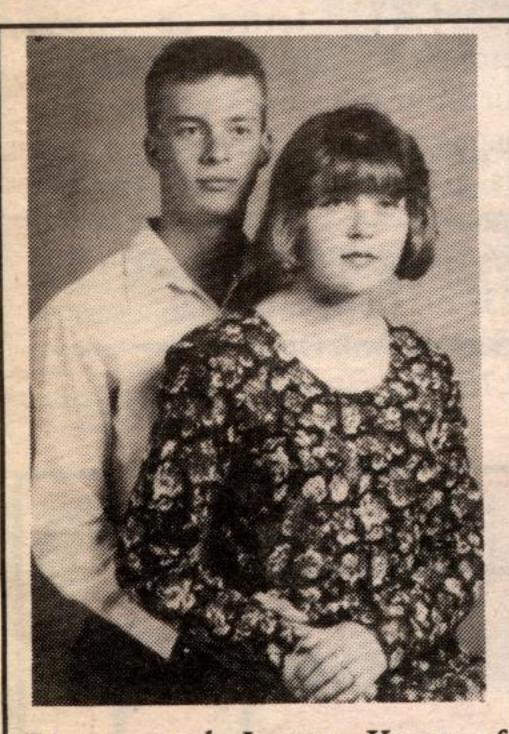
A 16-year-old Milton girl was waiting for a ride outside John Tonelli Arena on Lauier Avenue when she was attacked by a man Wednesday at about 8:45 p.m., when a lone male approached in a vehicle.

The suspect got out of the white Honda Civic, grabbed the girls arm and attempted to assault the youth.

The victim broke free and when a tow truck entered the parking lot, the suspect fled in his car.

The suspect fied in his car.

The suspect is described as a male, 30 years about 5'9" tall. He had short dark hair, a beard and mustache.



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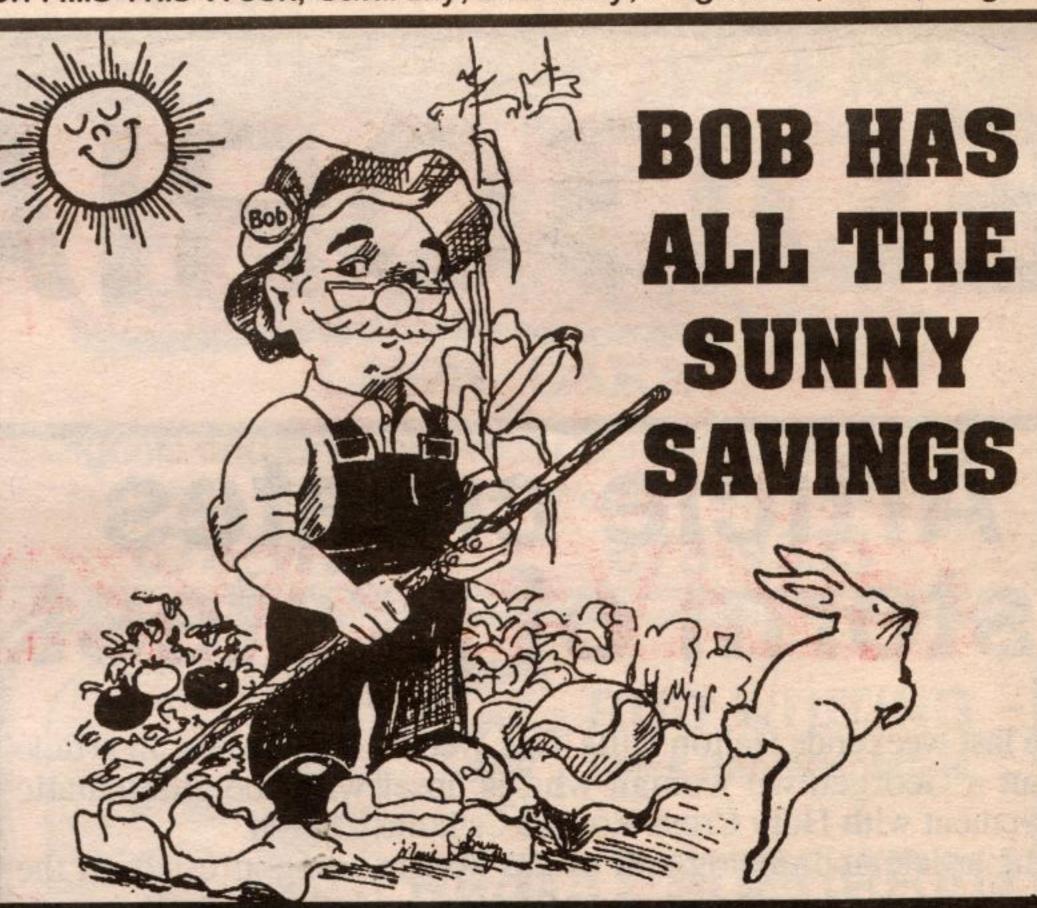
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