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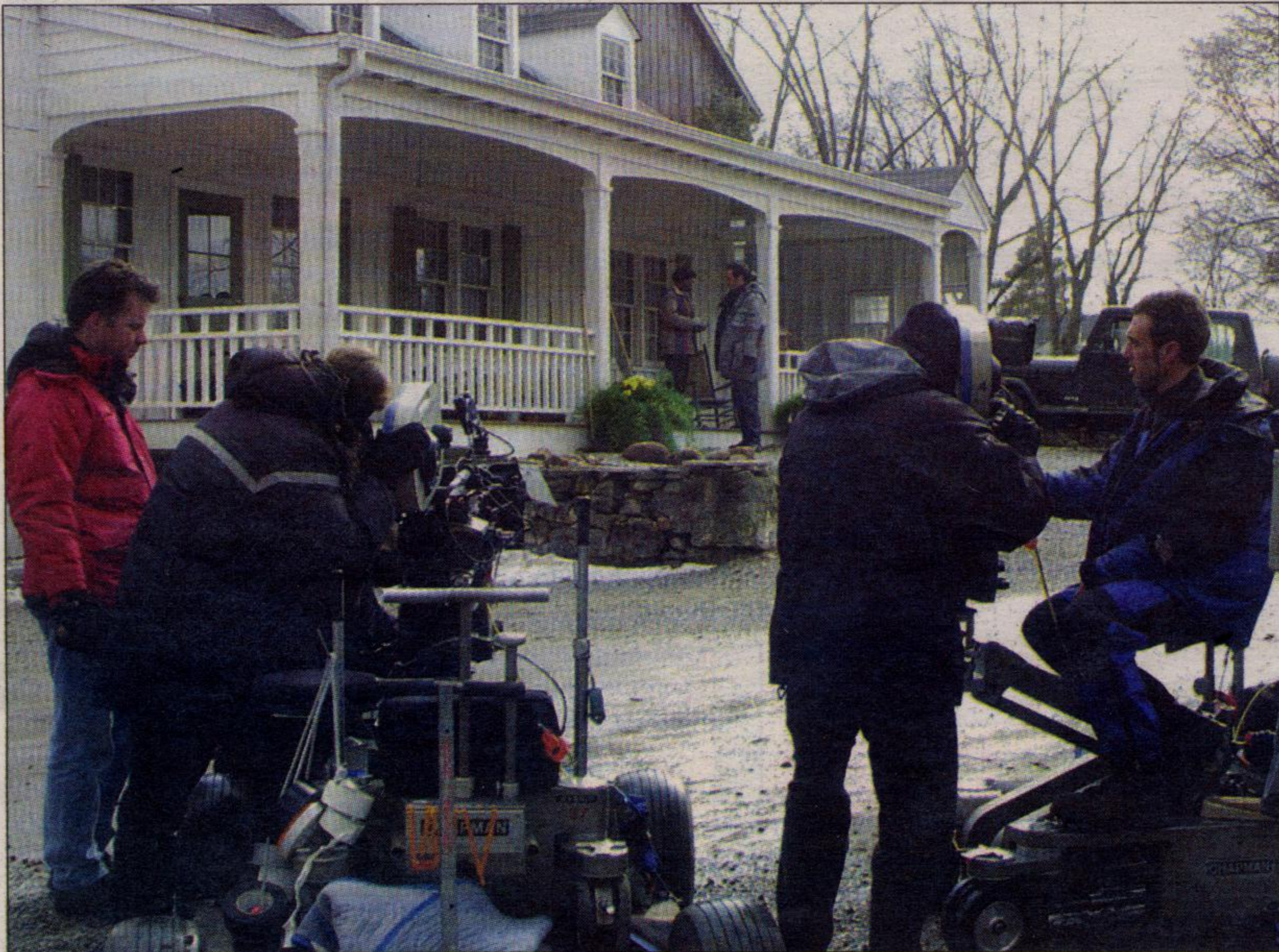
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Lights, camera...ACTION!

Scotsdale Farm was posing as a farm in Virginia during the filming of a TV pilot tentatively titled *Secret Service* Wednesday. A spokesperson for Millennium Canadian Productions East Limited, a subsidiary of 20th Century Fox, said the U.S. pilot which will be pitched to networks next month is about the Secret Service unit that guards the vice-president. There are no major name stars in the show, and pictured in a scene Wednesday were Canadian actor Lili Francks and British actor Paul Blackthorne. Director Rupert Wainwright (second from right) is behind the camera.

Photo by Ted Brown

Proposed subdivision in east Acton would see 245 homes on 55 acres

Area residents learned new details about a proposed subdivision to be built on the east side of Acton at a public meeting earlier this week.

Rinarin Ltd./Rinada Ltd. is proposing to build a 245-home subdivision on 55 acres, located on the north side of Hwy. 7, east of Churchill Rd.

It's just part of the growing development in Acton East. Last month, a public meeting was held on Acton East Housing Corporation's plan to build a 441-home subdivision on a 103-acre site, across the highway.

The Rinarin plan also includes a 2-acre park, 10-acre open space/wetland and a landscaped area at the Hwy. 7 entrance. One block adjacent to the park has been set aside for potentially eight more lots, although the staff report suggests the applicant proposes to leave it as undeveloped open space that the town may purchase in the future.

The subdivision will be bisected via a collector road—Monex Dr. that will continue into the Acton East Housing Corporation site. Monex will

intersect with Churchill Rd. North. The plan also calls for the existing Somerville Rd. to be extended into the subdivision to provide an alternative vehicle access to Acton High School.

The number of lots originally approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 1997 was 190. The new plans call for a 55-home increase.

The change results partly from the utilization of lands that had been set aside for future development in an OMB-approved plan and partly from a revised lotting pattern and frontages.

The plan calls for a variety of lot sizes, including the incorporation of 128 wide-shallow lots. Fifty-foot lot homes will back onto the Churchill Rd. North homes to maintain continuity for the existing residents.

Bob Macaulay, Rinarin planning consultant, said "it's fair to say, although there are a number of technical detail revisions to the plan, the basic concept remains the same as it was when it was originally draft approved by the OMB in the mid-90s."

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Sludge spill missed creek—region

A sludge spill at Halton Region's waste water treatment facility in Georgetown Tuesday was contained by region staff and did not get into the nearby Silver Creek, says a Halton spokesperson.

Ric Robertshaw, director of environmental services for Halton Region, said the spill of approximately five cubic metres of sludge occurred about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday while staff were transferring it from one digester to another.

Robertshaw said one of the access chambers was leaking and some of the sludge spilled onto the driveway area at the facility and into an adjacent swale.

He said when the spill was noticed the transfer was shut down and region staff used dirt to make a dike around the spill. A vacuum truck

was brought in to remove the material and Robertshaw said it was cleaned up by 6:30 p.m.

"It was contained at that point," said Robertshaw, who estimated the spill was at least 100 metres away from the creek.

He said none of the sludge got into the drainage system.

John Budz, district manager for the Ministry of the Environment office in Burlington, said they were notified of the spill but did not respond.

He said they only respond to incidents where the spill has moved off the site and this one did not.

"We only respond to emergencies where there is an adverse effect," said Budz.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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