

Jubilee jubilation

Mayor Kathy Gastle and her two 'ladies in waiting', 6-year-old Bethany Rees (right) and 8-year-old Haleigh Rees, dedicate the first of three plaques to the citizens of Halton Hills who received Golden Jubilee medals during a ceremony Saturday. Seen behind are Royal Air Cadets from the 197 Acton Squadron Shannon Cox (holding the flag) and Mitchell Dunn. The town dedicated a woodlot off Barber Drive in honour of the Queen's Golden Jubilee and unveiled the three plaques honouring medal recipients, the Duke of Kent (who visited Halton Hills in 2001) and former Norval doctor Samuel Webster who delivered triplets early last century.



Photo by Trish England

Police blotter Cashier 'flashed'

Halton Police report a man who was at the cash register at Home Hardware in Georgetown buying motor oil Thursday evening exposed himself to the female cashier through a hole in his right pant leg, then left the store.

The man is described as white, 30-40 years old, 175 cm, slender, with dark brown shoulder length wavy hair. He was wearing a baseball cap, faded T-shirt, jeans and glasses.

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter into a 17 Sideroad home that occurred sometime Friday afternoon. Entry was gained through an unlocked garage door. The house was ransacked and approximately \$6,500 worth of electronic equipment was stolen.

Police are looking for a man in connection with damage done to a 1980 Ford pickup truck Wednesday morning at a 32 Sideroad home. The resident saw a man walking across the property then saw him smashing the windows in the pickup truck. A hydraulic pump was also missing from the back of the truck. The man is described as white, 20-25 years old, 6-feet, 160 lbs and wearing a baseball hat and carrying a brown backpack.

A Toronto man has been charged with assault cause bodily harm after an incident at a Trafalgar Rd. home Wednesday night. Police report a 23-year old man was pushed and punched in the eye when he asked a man for rent money. He was treated at Milton Hospital. Charged is Frank Vaz, 27, of Perth Ave.

Landowners Group seeks council support to build now

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He said one of the Group's consultants has reviewed the town's water situation and believes there is capacity in the current sources to provide for this development.

But Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis is more skeptical; he represents the area and says a farm within the development area has water trucked in.

"There already has been genuine concern about water (in that rural area) and you say this is going to be a well-based development," Lewis told Arnold. "I say this, this is fair warning, you know you are going to get a battle from the residents out in that neck of the woods."

Lewis was also displeased the public meeting was scheduled for a date when he said all the Ward 2 representatives (Lewis, Rick Bonnette and Joan Robson) have a previous commitment.

"This is something that's in Ward 2, ...I think it's very unfair that something will go ahead about Ward 2 when we've already said that none of us could be there."

But Mayor Kathy Gastle noted that Robson indicated she could attend. Robson, who did indicate that she could attend the June 4 meeting, said she has both a 7 p.m. meeting and then an 8 p.m. meeting that night.

Besides engineering and environmental consultants, the Landowners Group

also retained Clayton Research to study, and to present, the financial benefits for the town.

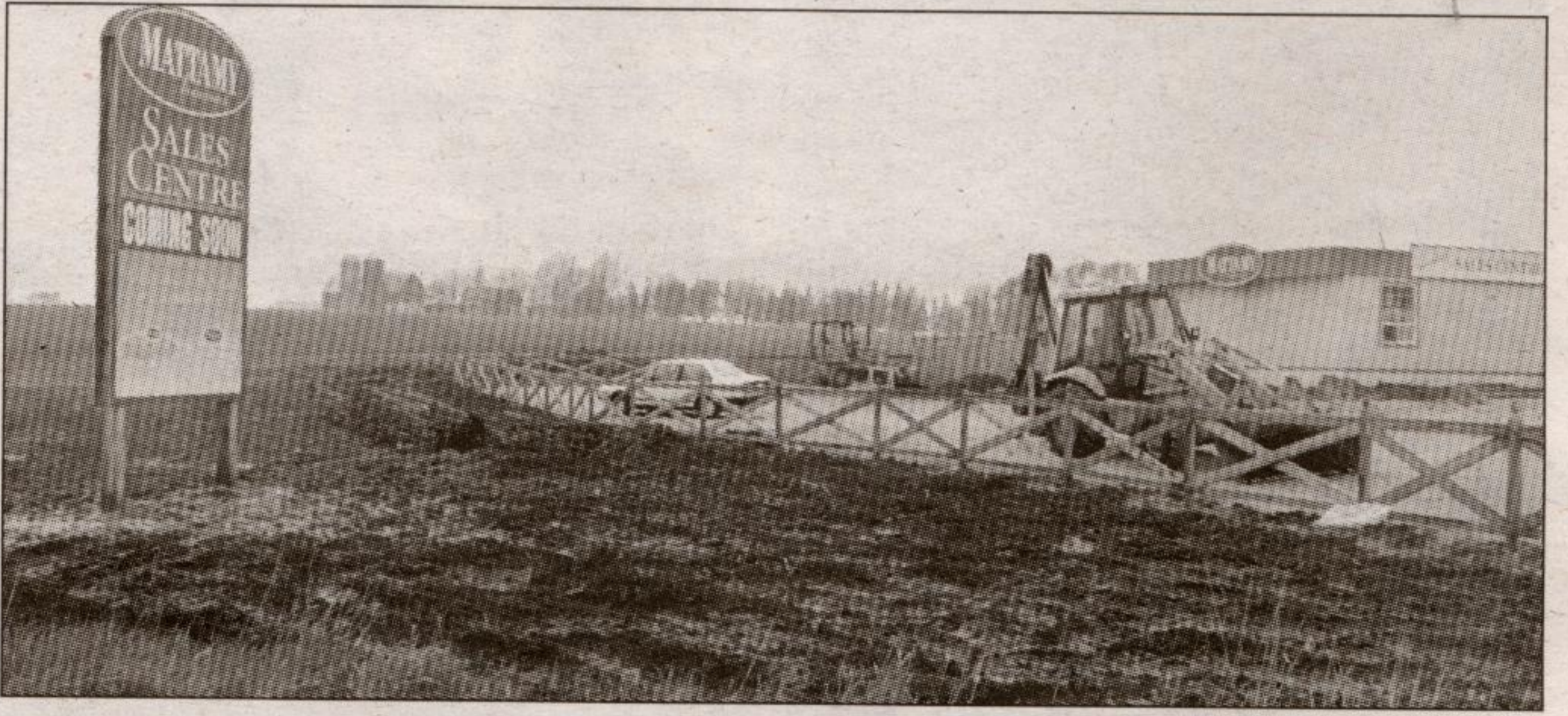
"As part of the presentation to council, we will explain how this development will not only pay for itself but benefit existing taxpayers by contributing to community-wide projects, including projects that have not yet made it into the town's capital forecast," Arnold said.

"I can't help but be cynical," said Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson, "The history of development in Georgetown seems to be wonderful master planning ... and before you know it, we're at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). I guess cynical is a mild term for sometimes how I feel about these things. They all come here in the blush of newness sounding great but in the end we have no say and we've given away the farm."

Arnold said previous Halton Hills developments lacked ongoing discussion with the town and the Group wants to correct this with this development from the outset.

Bob White, manager of development review, warned that although council is obligated to listen to the proposal, if council acceded to the Group's request for 90 minutes other developers could queue up for similar hearings. (See sidebar (right) for other proposals).

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



A recently-constructed sales office for Mattamy Homes currently occupies a section of a 1,000-acre block of land which a local landowners' group would like to see developed.

Photo by Ted Brown

Others also seeking boundary expansion

- Urban boundary expansion requests have come from:
- 276895 Ontario Ltd., 88 acres on the west side of Winston Churchill Blvd., north of the CN Rail line, for industrial development
 - South Georgetown Landowners Group, 2,900 acres, south of 10 Sideroad, between Trafalgar Rd. and Tenth Line. Permission for a golf course already granted for a portion of the lands.
 - Watch Tower, 193-acres on Hwy. 7, west of Georgetown. Wants connection to Halton Region's wastewater main
 - Acton East Housing Corporation, just east of current development, south of Hwy. 7 and Churchill Rd., for residential.
 - John Moroz, 165 acres, west side of Regional Rd. 25, south of Acton, for residential.
 - Halton Region has applied to the Ministry of Environment (MoE) to obtain 2,500 m³/day (average annual flow) from Lindsay Court Well. This additional capacity translates into approximately 2,500 homes— Halton Region has given draft approval to only 1,250 homes, the new Four Corners development in Georgetown South. MoE approval is expected sometime in June.

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