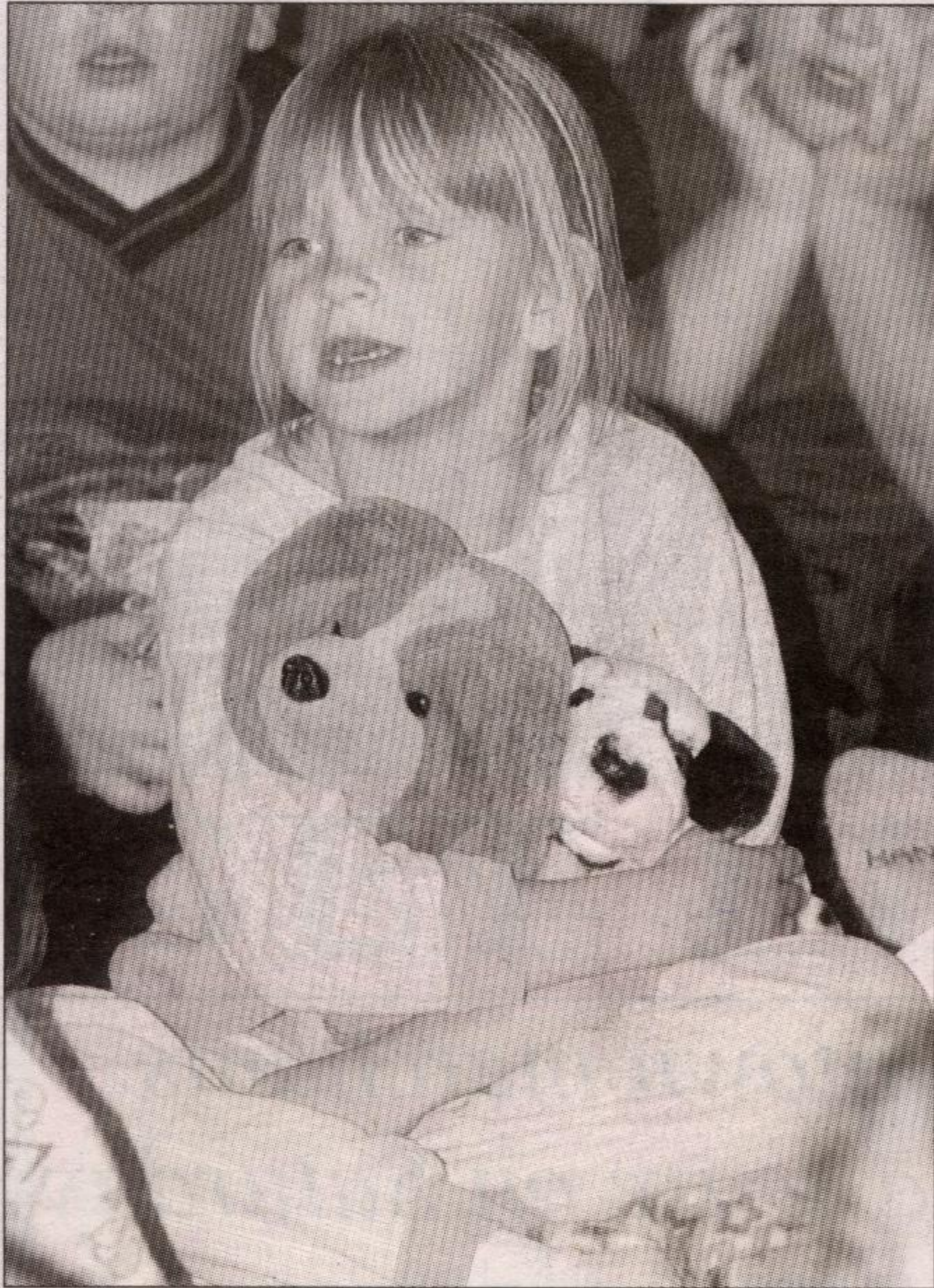


## First we snuggle...



## ...and then we read



Grade 2 student Katie Robinson (top) hugs a couple of furry friends while listening to teachers read stories during Holy Cross' Snuggle Up and Read night. Later, Shannon Plisek reads a story to her mom, Kim, in her classroom. The night was held to encourage students to read and for parents to read to their children.

Photos by Herb Garbutt

## Bags in newspaper Friday

# Organizers gear up for Nov. 6 Food Drive

Georgetown residents are being asked to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store for the 14th Annual Scout/Guide Food Drive on Saturday, November 6.

Urban Georgetown residents will receive a paper bag in their copy of the *The Independent & Free Press* Friday (October 29) and are encouraged to put their food bank donation items in it and set the bag out on their front steps by 9 a.m. the following Saturday for pickup by scouts and guides.

All the food collected will go to the Georgetown Bread Basket, which serves more than 212 families in town.

Darlene Moss, co-ordinator of the food drive in Georgetown, said between 100 and 200 area scouts and guides will be out next

Saturday (Nov. 6) picking up the food. They hope to collect the same amount— 35,000 lbs— or more than they did last year.

Scouts and guides will also be picking up food in Glen Williams and Stewarttown. Food will be collected from the Hall Rd. apartment building, but not the others in town, said Moss.

Moss said anyone who is missed in the pickup can take their food to a donation box at an area grocery store or directly to the food bank at 55 Sinclair Ave.

Residents can also give a financial donation to the youth at their door and receipts will be issued for \$10 or more.

Marian Viant of Georgetown Bread Basket said the most needed items are canned meat and stews, canned fish, jam, cheese spreads, juice and juice boxes, powdered

milk, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, mini fruit cups, children's snacks, sugar, salt, flour, pasta and sauce, Kraft dinner and condiments such as ketchup. Other items needed include soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack food the day of the food drive at Georgetown Alliance Church, 290 Main St. S., between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Those interested in volunteering can call Moss at 519-833-9882 or the food bank at 905-873-3368. Alternatively, they can just show up at the church on Saturday.

In the past, Acton residents also participated in the food drive, but Acton FoodShare volunteers have decided to postpone their food drive until the spring.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Habitat For Humanity Halton selects Dayfoot Dr. site for next home project

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Through the square foot program a \$65 donation covers the cost of building one sq. ft. of the Acton home.

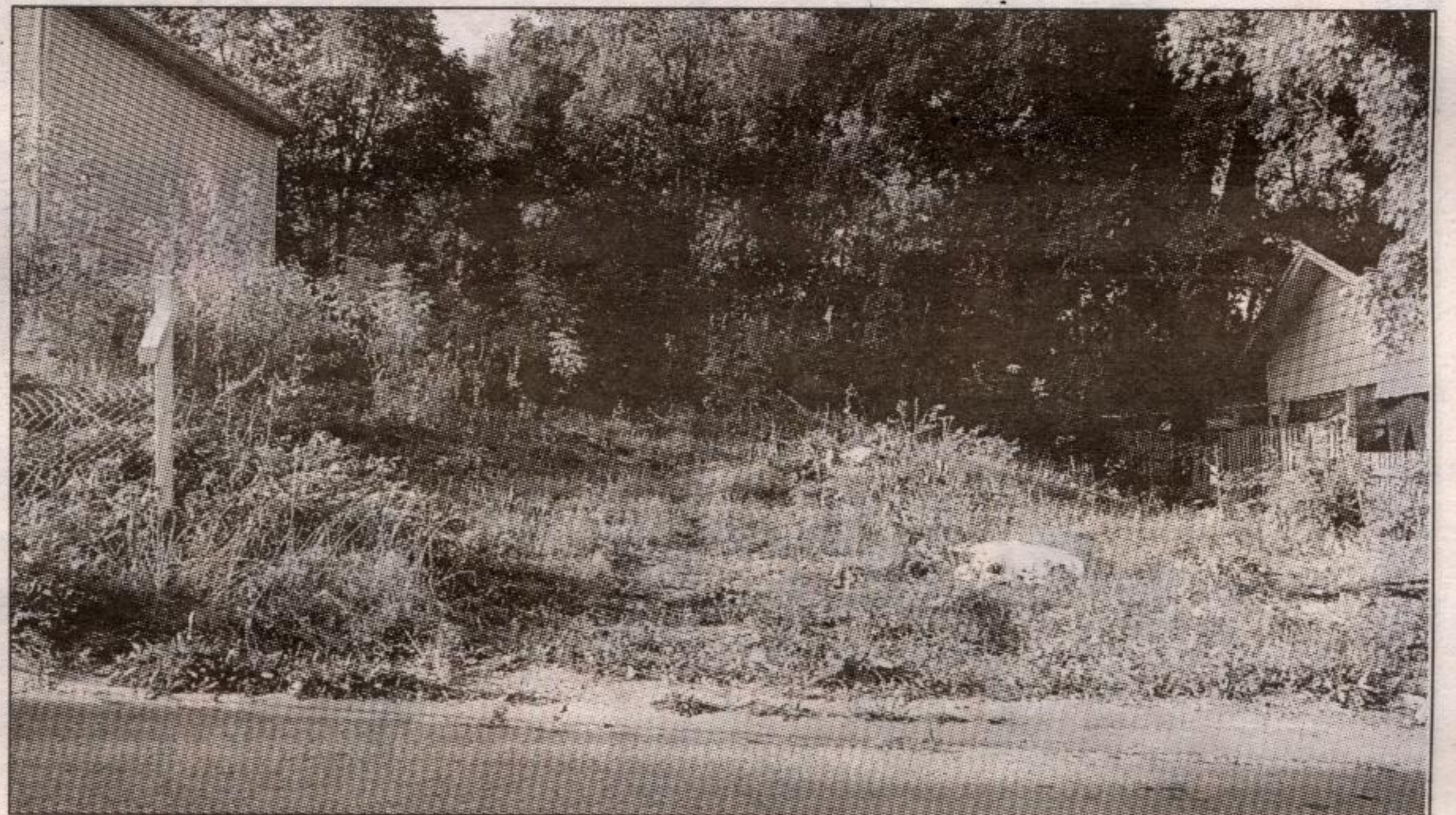
"We are still looking for donations of lumber to complete this home. The lumber will cost approximately \$10,000 or 20 donations of \$500 each."

She added Galvcast Manufacturing has already made a generous donation of lumber, said Martin, and she is hoping other area companies and individuals will assist in topping up the lumber fund.

HFHH has already built two homes in Burlington, has the one home in Acton under way and along with the Georgetown home next year plan to build another home in Burlington.

"We are expecting to do three houses next year and five the year after that," said Martin.

The non-profit organization works in partnership with busi-



This now-empty lot on Dayfoot Drive in Georgetown will be the site for a Habitat for Humanity home, scheduled to be ready for occupation by one lucky family by January 2006. Photo by Ted Brown

nesses, churches and community people from all walks of life to serve those in need of decent, affordable housing by building or renovating houses so families in the community can break free of the poverty cycle.

For more information on HFHH or to find out how to become involved, become a partner family or make a donation of cash or building materials go to [www.habitathalton.ca](http://www.habitathalton.ca).

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Firm hired to test for new well in Georgetown

A Barrie firm has been hired by Halton Region to explore, test and drill for a new well to replace Cedarvale Well No. 3 in Georgetown.

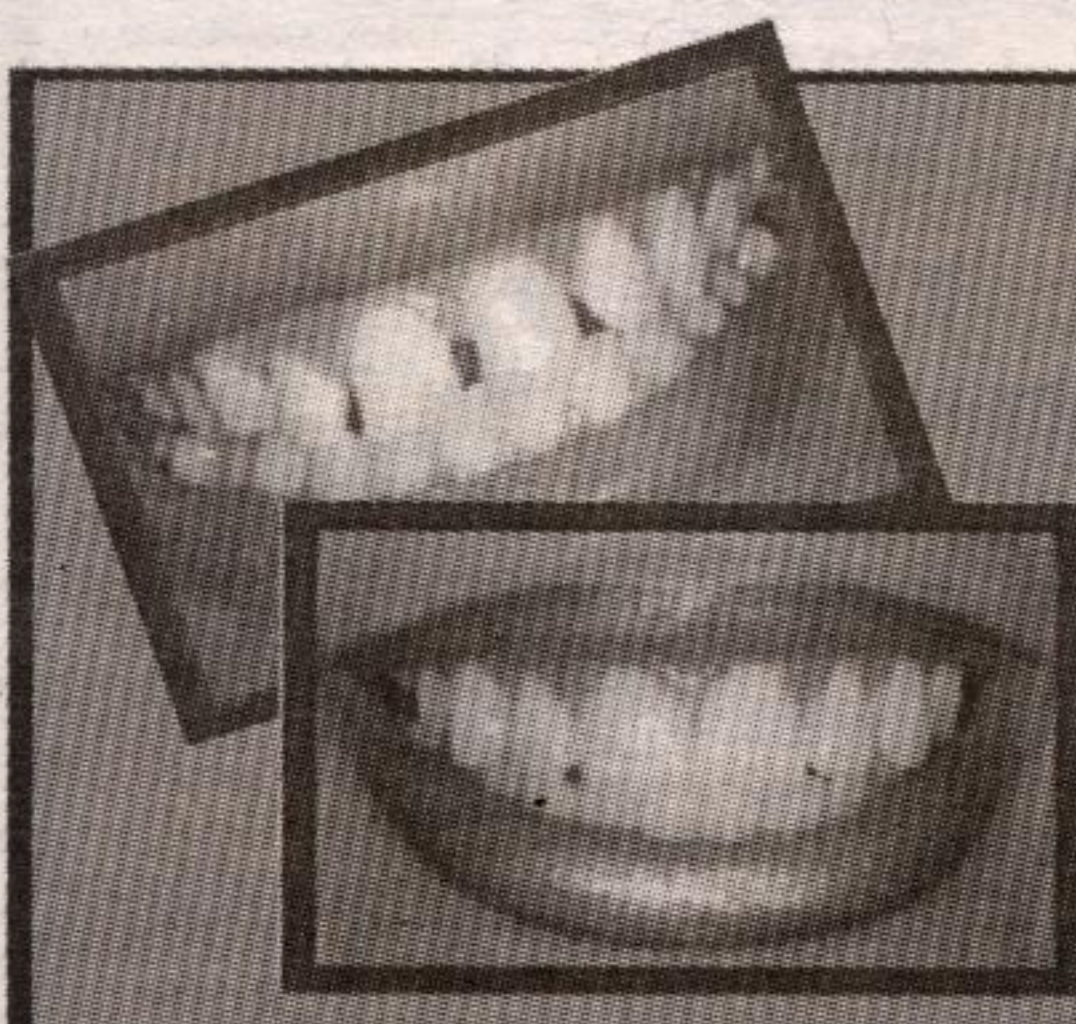
Halton Regional Council approved the tender award of \$170,000 to International Water Supply Ltd. The region will spend

another \$365,000 to construct a well house.

The existing Cedarvale Well No. 3 was drilled in 1960, but its performance has declined 66 per cent. It has been rehabilitated over the years, but due to significant physical deterioration and low production, it's no longer a candidate.


The Georgetown well supply consists of three groundwater sources in three separate aquifers. There are four active wells in the Cedarvale aquifer, two Princess Anne wells and the Lindsay Court well in the Princess Anne aquifer.

The Tenth Line Well was shut down in June 1999 and has not been in service since that time.



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