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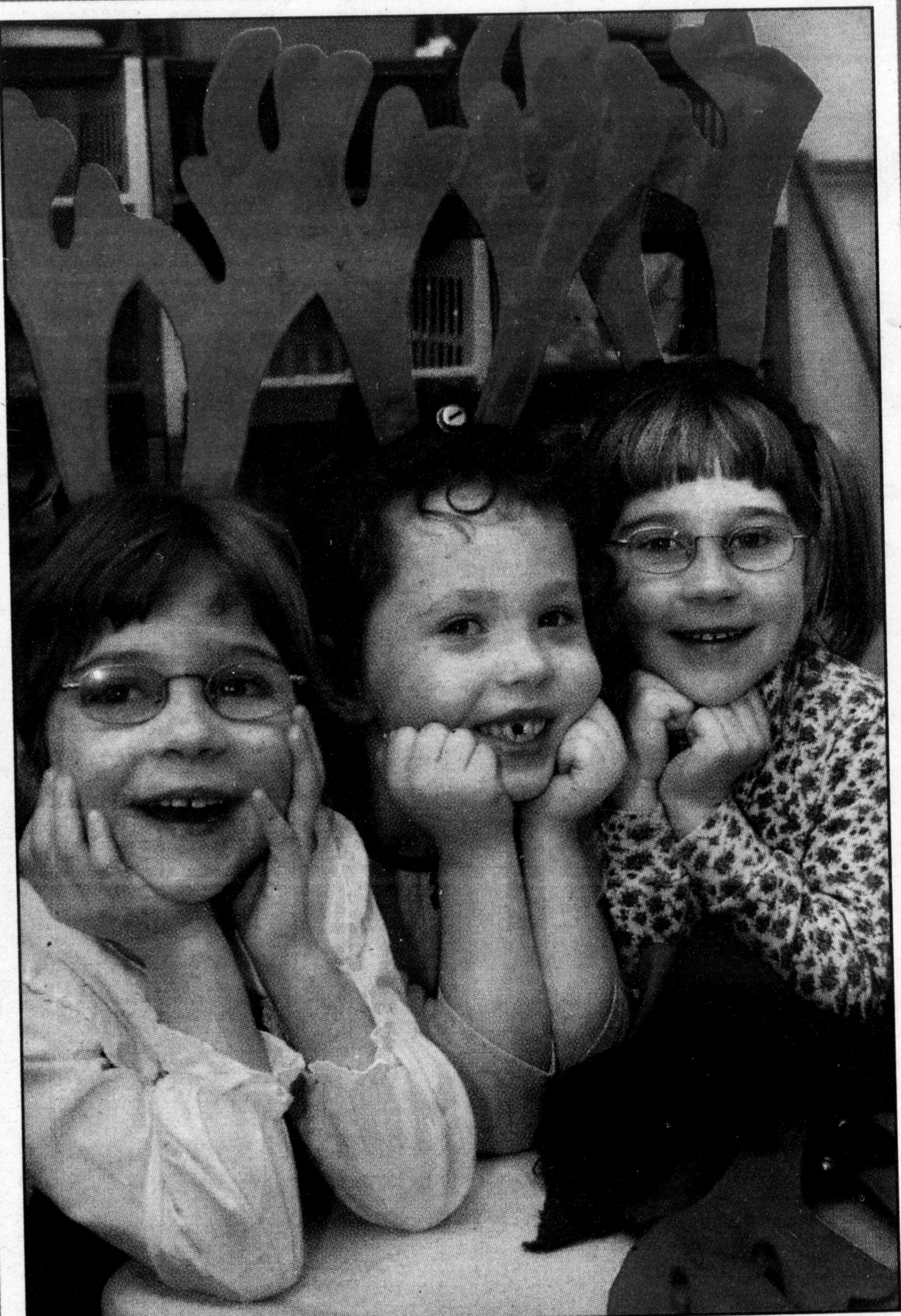


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Reindeer games

Rainbow Village Daycare Centre kindergarten kids (from left) Amy Lintack, Chelsie Gillespie and Corinne Lintack don reindeer antlers prior to their star turn at Wednesday's Christmas Pageant, held at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre.

No appeal by Town

Council votes to accept decision in Drury land battle

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Despite pleas from the public to fight another day, Milton council opted to surrender.

In its first official meeting, the new town council voted to accept a recent Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision to allow a controversial development on almost 33 acres of land by the E.C. Drury complex.

That means 189 geared-to-seniors, detached condominiums could begin rising on the site many consider to be a park as early as next year.

The council decision came in spite of a

pep talk from Mel Cutler, a spokesperson for the citizens group Friends of E.C. Drury Park, who insisted the battle wasn't over yet.

"There appears to be a general misconception following the OMB decision that this issue is over," said Mr. Cutler. "We've read the OMB decision over many times

Popcorn recalled

Rogers Video has recalled specific batches of its Lite Butter Flavour Microwave Popping Corn after a customer in Ottawa claimed to have found fragments of glass in a bag.

Rogers has recalled the 100 gram and 300 gram packages of the popcorn with bar code numbers 305976 and 305978 in batches OCT2101N3, OCT2101N4 and OCT2101N8.

These batches are known to have been distributed in Ontario.

The store asks customers to return these batches to their closest Rogers location for a full refund.

In Milton, Rogers Video is located at Ontario and Main streets.

and believe that perception is far from accurate."

He urged council to state an interest in the land, to appeal the notion that the land was legally surplus, to refuse a potential Childs Drive access point and find a way to buy the land.

"We're here to request that you stick to your guns," said Mr. Cutler. "We feel the Town should not back down."

He encouraged council to weigh its decision carefully before making it.

"We ask that you make no hasty decisions because what you decide over the next few weeks will affect Milton forever," he said.

Also speaking in favour of an appeal was Chris Kenopic, executive director of the Ontario Association of the Deaf Inc.

Though he hadn't attended the E.C. Drury School for the Deaf himself, Mr. see COUNCILLORS on page 14

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