

United Way of Milton exceeds \$280,000 goal

Agency raises \$285,000

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For the first time in recent years, the United Way of Milton surpassed its fundraising goal.

"The set goal was to raise \$280,000 and we raised \$285,000," said Anne Eadie, executive director of the United Way of Milton. "We haven't exceeded our goal in the past several years. We were ecstatic."

Every year, the United Way holds fundraising events and donates the proceeds to the social service agencies that apply for grants.

"We look at what (agencies) ask for and how the money is needed. Based on that, we try to set a goal amount to be raised. The need of funding for the agencies is always higher than what we can give them," she said.

"The fundraising events we had in 2000 included a golf tournament, a dinner and auction and the Town and Country Christmas House Tour, which was open to the public."

The United Way also asks for donations from local residents and corporations, Ms. Eadie said.

The fundraising proceeds will be allocated between 24 agencies in and out of Milton, she said.

The local funding recipients include Big Sisters of North Halton, Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Mental Health, Literacy Association and the North Halton Distress Centre.

The money will be allocated to the agencies next month.

"I have to give credit to our volunteers," Ms. Eadie said. "Most of the work is done by volunteers. Now we're gearing up for our 2001 campaign and we always welcome and need volunteers."

To volunteer for the United Way of Milton, call 875-2550.

New golf course proposed near Trafalgar and Britannia roads

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If the plan goes through, an 18-hole golf course may be built on the south-east corner of Trafalgar and Britannia roads, the Town's administration and planning committee heard last week.

The vacant land is currently zoned for agriculture use and open space conservation in the Town's Official Plan.

The applicants are requesting a zoning change as a 'special policy area' land-use designation.

The proposed golf course would take up 79.3 hectares of land.

"We're proposing an 18-hole championship golf course and club house facility," said York Gruehl, applicant from York Trafalgar Properties Inc., the company applying for the zoning change. "I'm looking forward to working with (the Town of) Milton."

One resident complained to councillors that part of the property the golf course would be built on

backs onto his land.

"I'm looking to ensure the location of the club house is away from my home," the Britannia Road resident said. "I don't want balls flying in my backyard."

Mr. Gruehl agreed to meet with the resident to discuss the site plan from the suggestion of councillors.

"This is the preliminary plan," he said. "I'm most interested in sitting down with my neighbours to discuss this."

The recommendations by the committee will be brought to council for Monday's meeting.

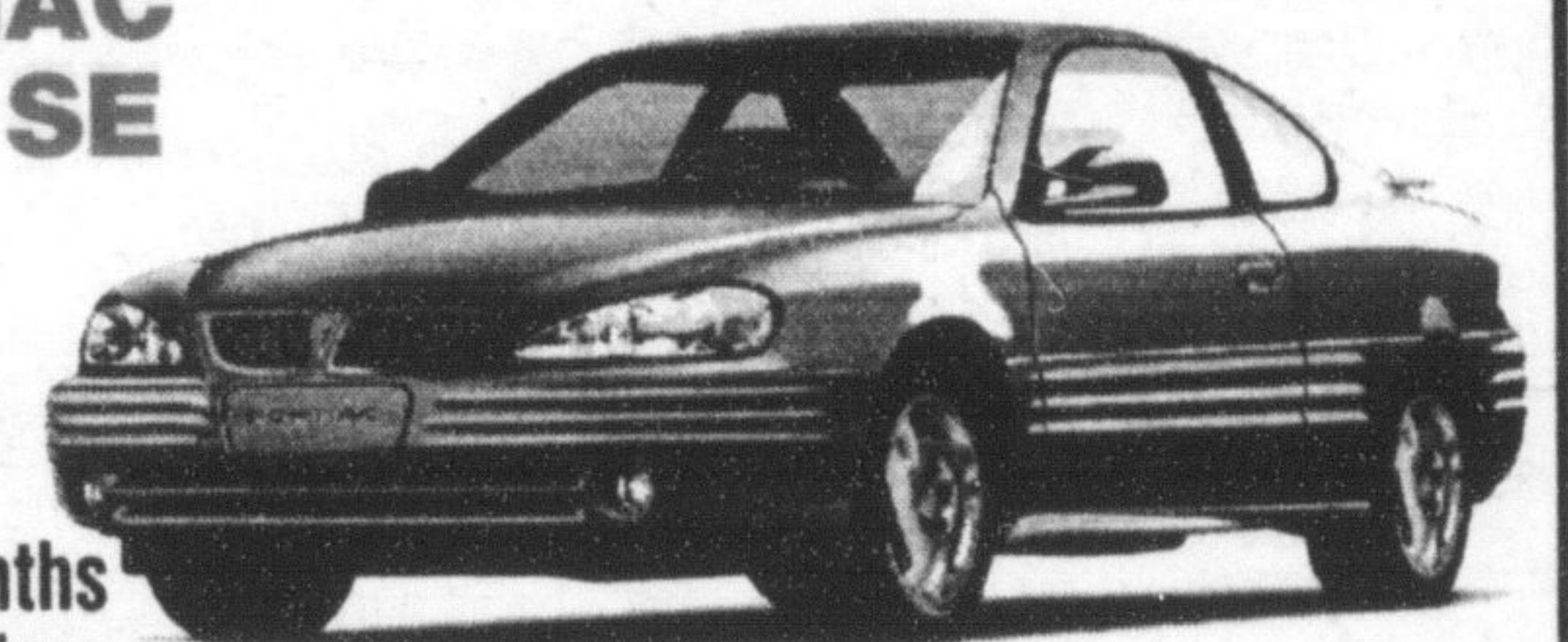
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