

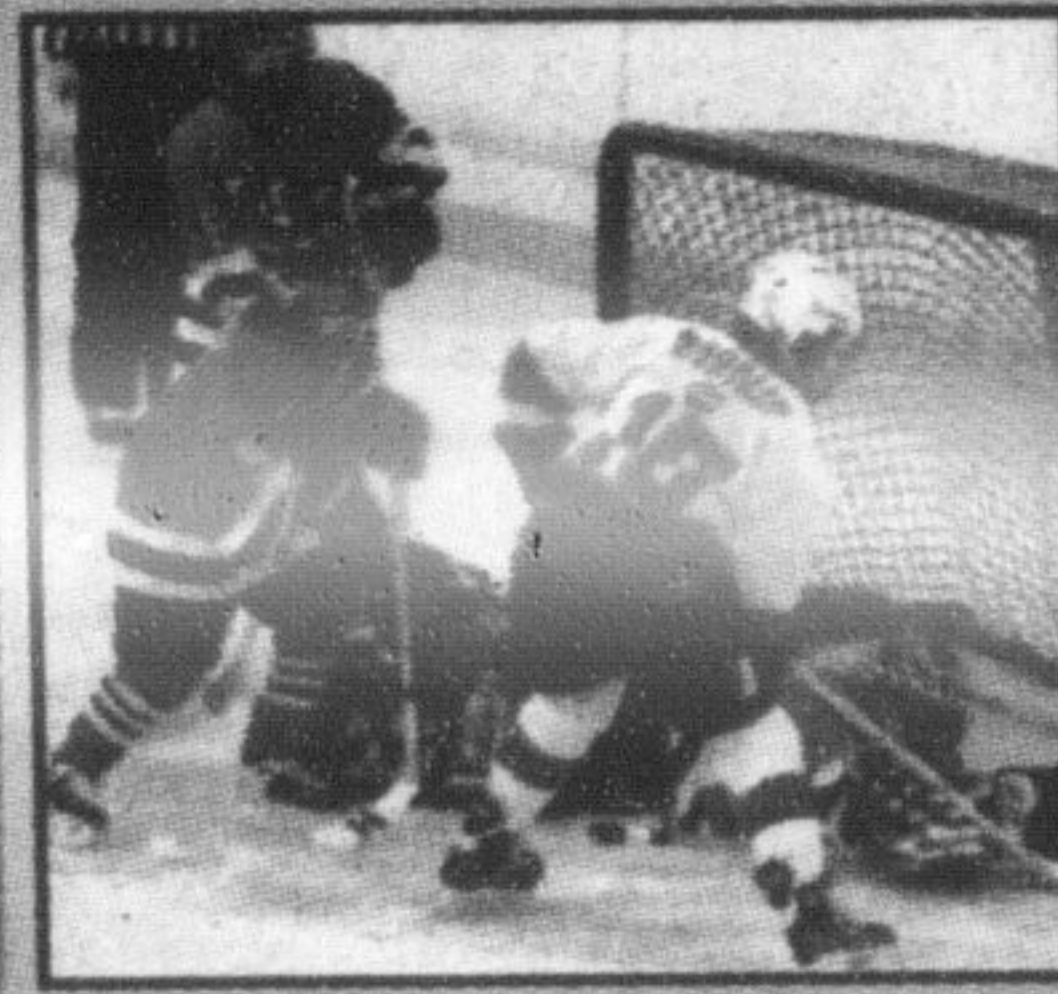
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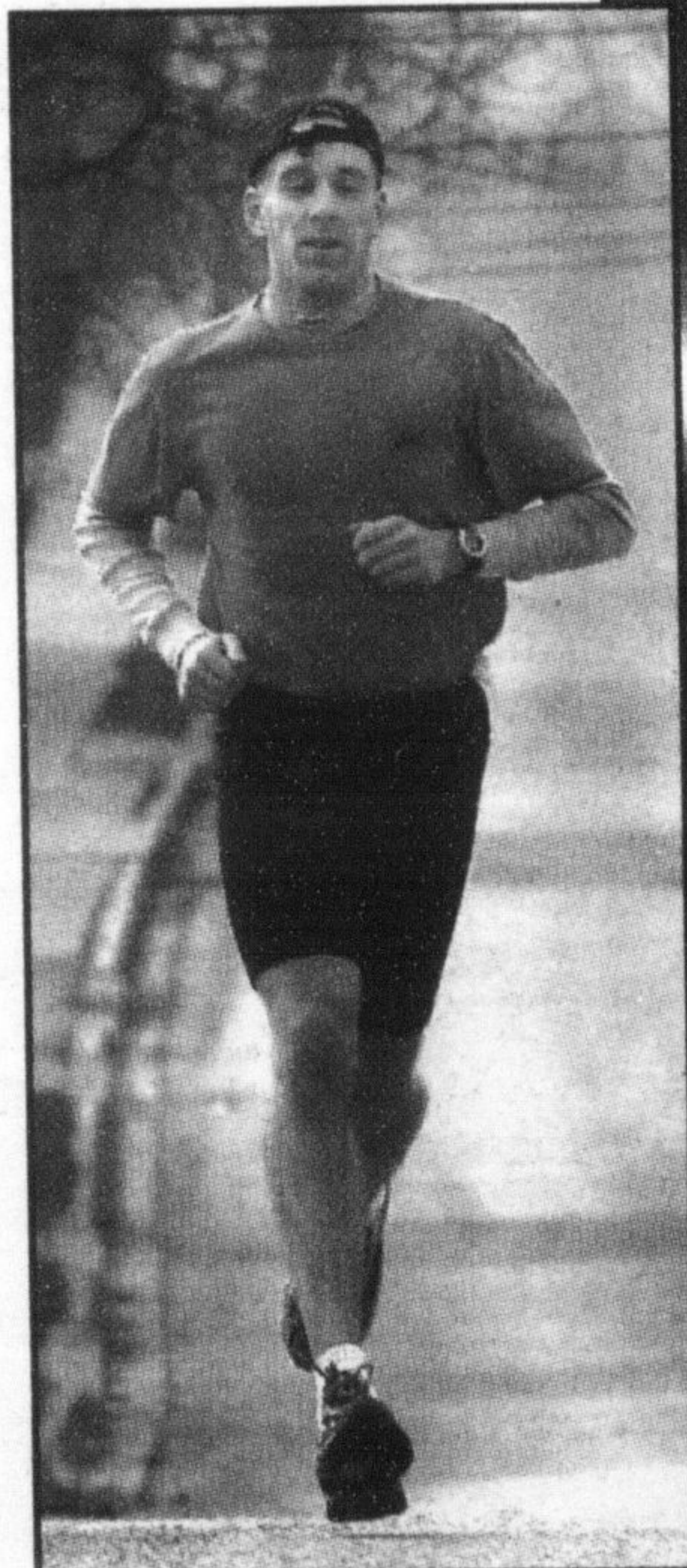
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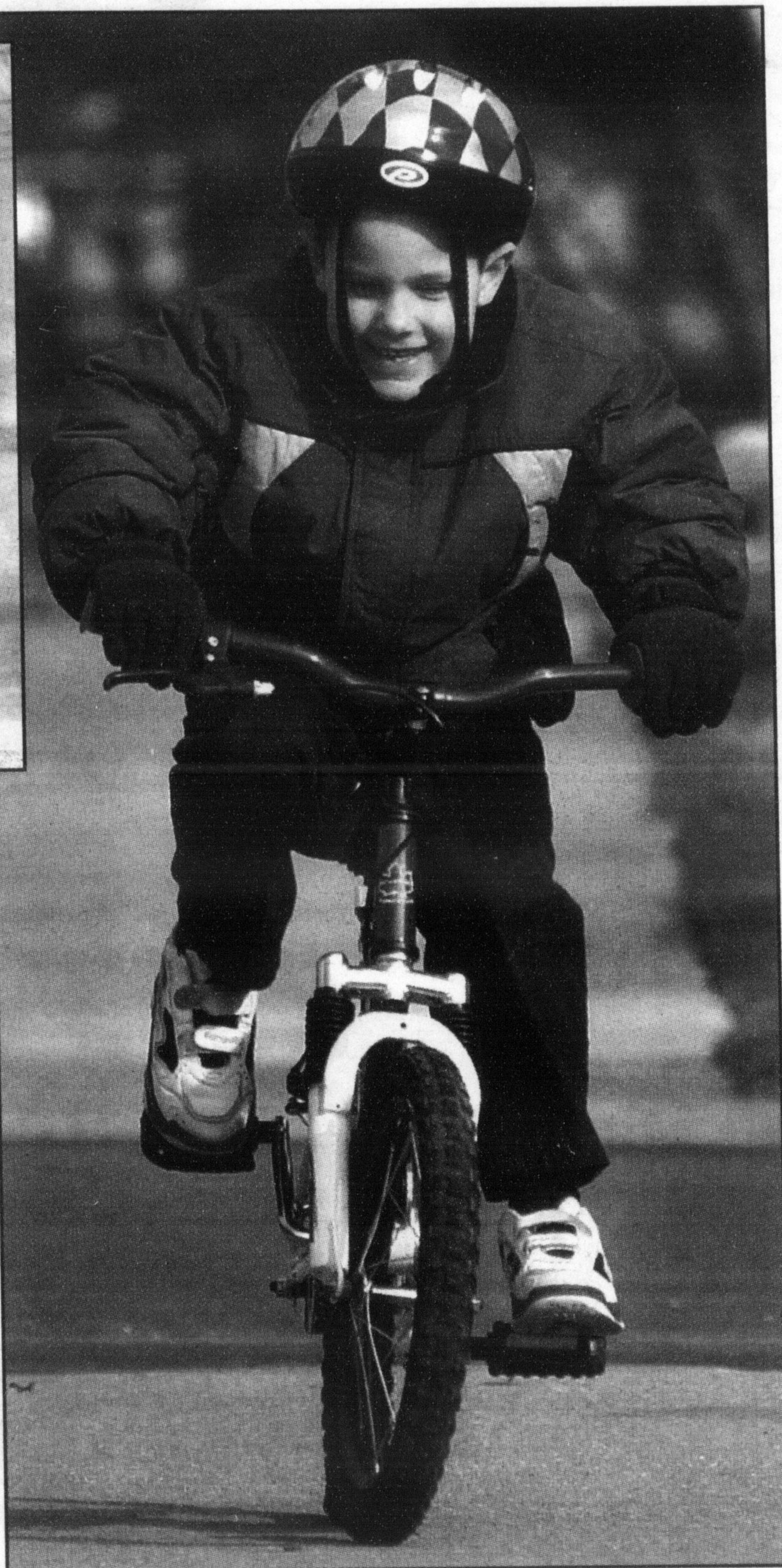
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What a nice day

Nicolas Houwens, 6, took advantage of the unseasonably mild temperatures over the weekend by enjoying a bike ride to the park. Meanwhile, Rene Vanandel took a run along Woodward Avenue.

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Rose Cherry's Home re-construction is set to commence in June

By RICHARD VIVIAN
The Champion

After several years of preparation, the Cedarbrook Society expects to begin construction of Rose Cherry's Home in June.

"We're thrilled to soon be in a position to start providing services to these families (of chronically ill children)," said David Bowker, president of the Rose Cherry's Home board of directors. "This is a very challenging project and what keeps us going is to know that the challenges these families face are far in excess of what we put in on a volunteer basis."

Rose Cherry's Home will offer a hospice/respite service for chronically ill, often technology-dependent, children — giving their families a break from providing constant care. The facility will house up to 12 children at a time.

When Cedarbrook first purchased the No. 15 Sideroad property in 1996, the plan

was to renovate the building to make it more accessible and fire-code friendly. But the discovery of a dangerous mold in 1998 changed all that.

"(The mold) rendered it (house) unfit for kids that have any kind of immune sensitivity," Mr. Bowker explained. "The mold was significant enough that we'd really have to take that original structure down."

A new structure means new zoning and building permit approvals are required before construction can get underway.

The Milton administration and planning committee approved the zone change last week and town council was expected to address the matter last night.

Building a new structure also took the project cost from \$2 million to \$3.5 million — of which \$2 million has already been raised. More than \$150,000 of those funds were raised in the Milton area.

Rose Cherry's Home is expected to be operational by the spring of next year.

Truck stop gets robbed

Four masked men, one armed with a knife, held up the cashier at the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop yesterday morning.

At about 3:30 a.m., four men wearing ski masks entered the Chisholm Drive restaurant and demanded money from the cashier. One of the suspects produced a knife. They then fled the scene on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Halton Regional Police responded to the scene and searched the area with a canine unit, but weren't able to locate the suspects.

The robbery remains under investigation.

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