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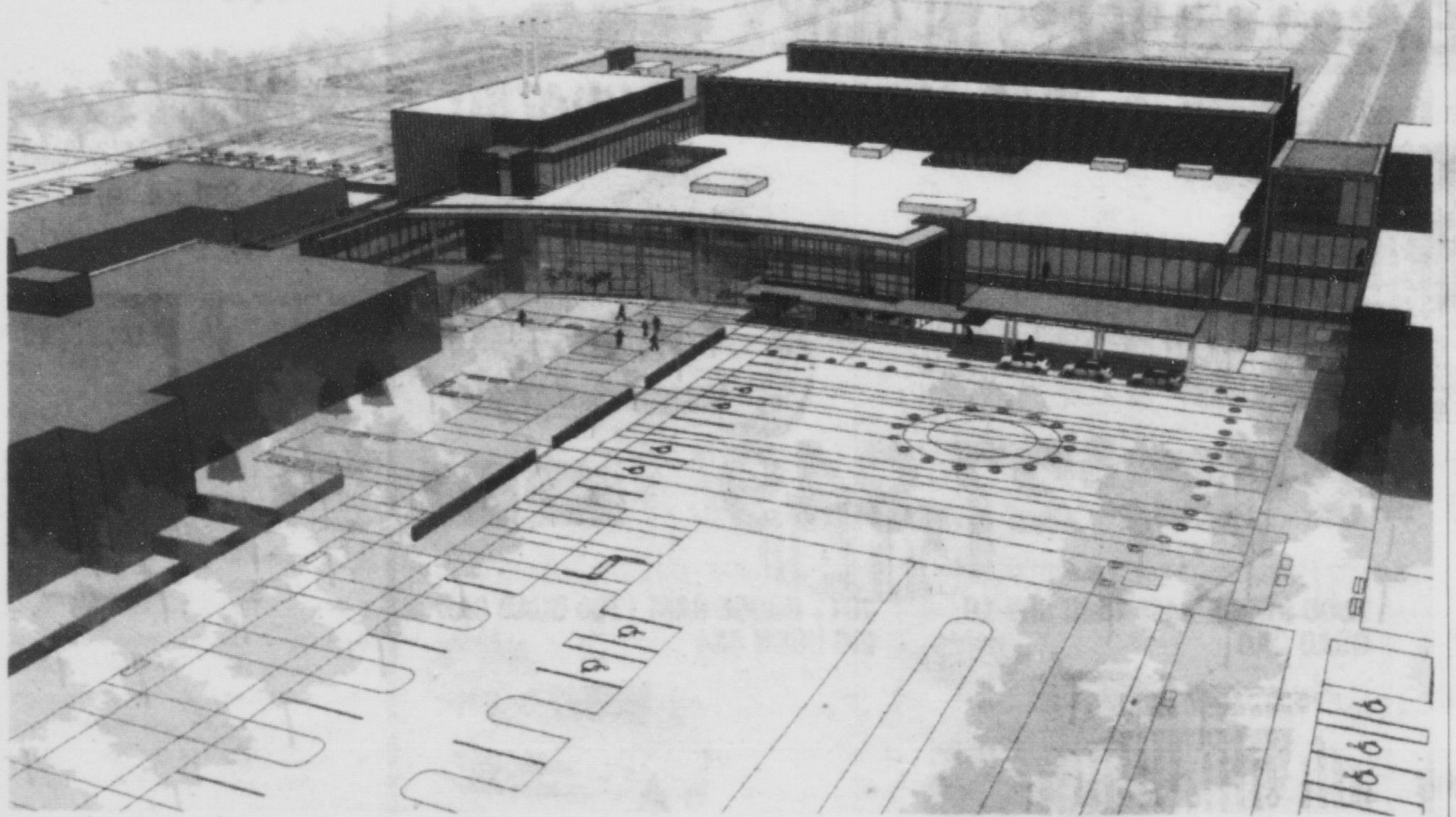




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Construction of the 320,000-sq.-ft. Milton District Hospital expansion could begin in the spring of next year. Image courtesy of Stantec Architects Ltd.

SPECIAL REPORT:

## Hospital building for future of Milton

Halton Hospitals: Building our Health Care is a special Metroland Media West four-part project that explores the need for, status and funding of numerous hospital expansion/construction projects in Halton's four municipalities - Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown. The four-part series begins today with a look at the Milton District Hospital expansion.

> By Michael Gregory CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Milton District Hospital (MDH) was facing the demands of Canada's fastest-growing community budding with young families — when it held a corporate retreat two years ago to re-envision

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the facility. Today, the concept has flourished from brainstorming to an ambitious 320,000-sq.-ft. design — and shovels could be in the ground as early as spring 2015.

"It's been designed to make a connection with the community," said Al Cody, executive director of the Milton Redevelopment Project at Halton Healthcare Services (HHS), describing the planned expansion of the hospital, which operates under the umbrella of HHS.

"We expect after that, it will be about a 30-month construction schedule," Cody said, noting the expansion will include rooms with a view of the escarpment and will retain the hospital's "community

## Mississauga teen killed in rollover, three injured

Halton police have identified 17-year-old Michael Piekny of Mississauga as the victim of a fatal vehicle rollover on a rural road in Milton early Sunday morning.

The teenager was killed when the vehicle he was travelling in southbound on Fifth Line, just south of Britannia Road, flipped and struck a hydro pole, coming to rest in a nearby field.

Police said the 18-year-old male driver of the vehicle, as well as two female passenger, ages 19 and 23 years old, are all from Oakville.

All three were rushed to nearby trauma centers where they remain in serious but stable condition.

Police said Tuesday that they had taken statements from the two women, but couldn't elaborate on the nature of their injuries.

Police also confirmed this week that the

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