

Varian Canada to layoff 15 per cent of work force

Varian Canada Microwave Division in Georgetown plans to layoff about 40 employees - or 15 per cent of the company's workers - during the next couple of months, according to a company press release issued Tuesday morning by spokesperson Joe Caldarelli.

"Right now we're assuming that the laid off workers will not be rehired (sometime in the future), but you never know for sure, so it's hard to say what will happen," said Mr. Caldarelli in an interview Tuesday morning.

Mr. Caldarelli attributed the layoffs to a decision by one Varian

customer to stop buying a travelling wave tube for telephone networks. As well, another customer recently decided to build a power supply product for satellite communications in-house that it previously bought from Varian. Mr. Caldarelli is unsure why this customer decided to build a power supply product in-house.

Varian develops and manufactures a variety of products for aerospace, communications and medical industries, said Mr. Caldarelli.

He explained the loss of business shouldn't be attributed to the

Canada-United States Free Trade deal. "The company benefits from the Free Trade Agreement because the agreement reduces barriers for products being exported from Canada into the United States." But he did say because Varian is an export based company it has suffered from the high value of the Canadian dollar. More than 90 per cent of the company's products are exported. Despite this "setback", Mr. Caldarelli said the company remains viable and will continue to invest in research and development for new products to replace the lost business.

Acton Old Stone School might still be saved

Halton Hills council won't take any action on whether or not to support the Old Stone School in Acton being part of a housing development proposed by the Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation for one-to-two weeks, councillors decided Monday night.

Council deferred a motion put forth by Acton councillors Rick Bonnette, Gerald Rennie and Norm Elliott calling for the town to oppose the use of the Old Stone School as part of a Region non-profit housing project.

After councillors met in-camera - a session in which the public and press are banned - that lasted about 45 minutes, councillors deferred the motion until they have first heard from when the Region's staff could conduct a noise and traffic study of the proposed area.

Councillors voted to go in-camera to discuss the issue after Coun. Pam Johnston argued it centred on property and legal matters.

These are only two reasons council can use to discuss a council matter in-camera.

Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation is proposed to build 22 residential units on the Old Stone School property and the adjacent property off River Road. The town currently owns the property but has agreed to sell the property to the housing corporation between now and Sept. 30. However the housing authority is only obligated to purchase the land if the province agrees to help fund the housing project and the town agrees to support the proposal, said Dan Costea, the town's administrator-clerk.

The Acton councillors acting on

the lead of PACT - Parents Assisting Children and Teachers - listed several reasons in the proposed motion to oppose the development. Like PACT, where members consist of parents whose children attend Robert Little school, the three councillors argued the development would damage a valuable parkland space; create safety hazards for the children attending Robert Little School because of increased traffic, create storm water run-off that would pollute nearby Fairy Lake; contribute to conflicts between the existing and new residents due to playground noise from the school; and prevent any expansion of the Acton Library.

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Emotions flow.

By BETTY SOJKA

Hundreds poured into Butcher's Funeral Home to pay their last respects to Vivian Bremner, on Tuesday, May 8th. For many it meant standing on the lawn listening, as the building was bursting with mourners. Rev. Degarmond gave the eulogy, citing Vivian's community involvement, violence against women, and the importance of forgiveness. Doug Smith gave a very warm account of how Viv was.

Two other friends recited poems. Through it all the message rang out that Viv was a lot of things to a lot of people. From little children who called to her "My Vivian!", an excellent ball player, Lioness member who always worked diligently, respected business woman, dear sister and daughter, beloved companion, and a true friend to countless many.

The song titled "You Are The Wind Beneath My Feet", chosen by Vivian's sisters, closed the service. Pall bearers were made up of women who were long time friends and all team mates. There is an ache in our hearts for the woman who's love of life touched us so deeply.

Due to high winds, the Jim Dandies cancelled their Thursday night game, only to return the following evening and suffer a 10-5 loss against Double Trouble. All three pitchers have a splendid effort. The problem seemed to be in offense, as nobody was hitting well. There were many pop ups. The team comes back to challenge Random Car Club on Thursday, May 17th.

Before the newly delivered playground could be installed about a half dozen children were clamoring to go on it. Jim Bailey is heading up the work crew consisting of Rene Alber, his father, and Clay Curtz. Taking most of the table to assemble, the playground equipment now sits at the Community Center for the children.

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By FLO CARSWELL

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Come to the meeting and vote for the ones you feel are capable of running the auxiliary for the coming year. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. rather than the usual 8 p.m.

Our sick chairman reports that as far as she knows everyone is healthy. Flo Waters has been transferred to the Milton Manor.

Her address is Room 27, 'B' Wing, Peltit House, Ontario St. Milton. It is a bit early to mention this but she will be 91 years young on July 19th.

Another one of our Senior Seniors - Lily Maybanks - celebrated her 85th birthday on May 10th.

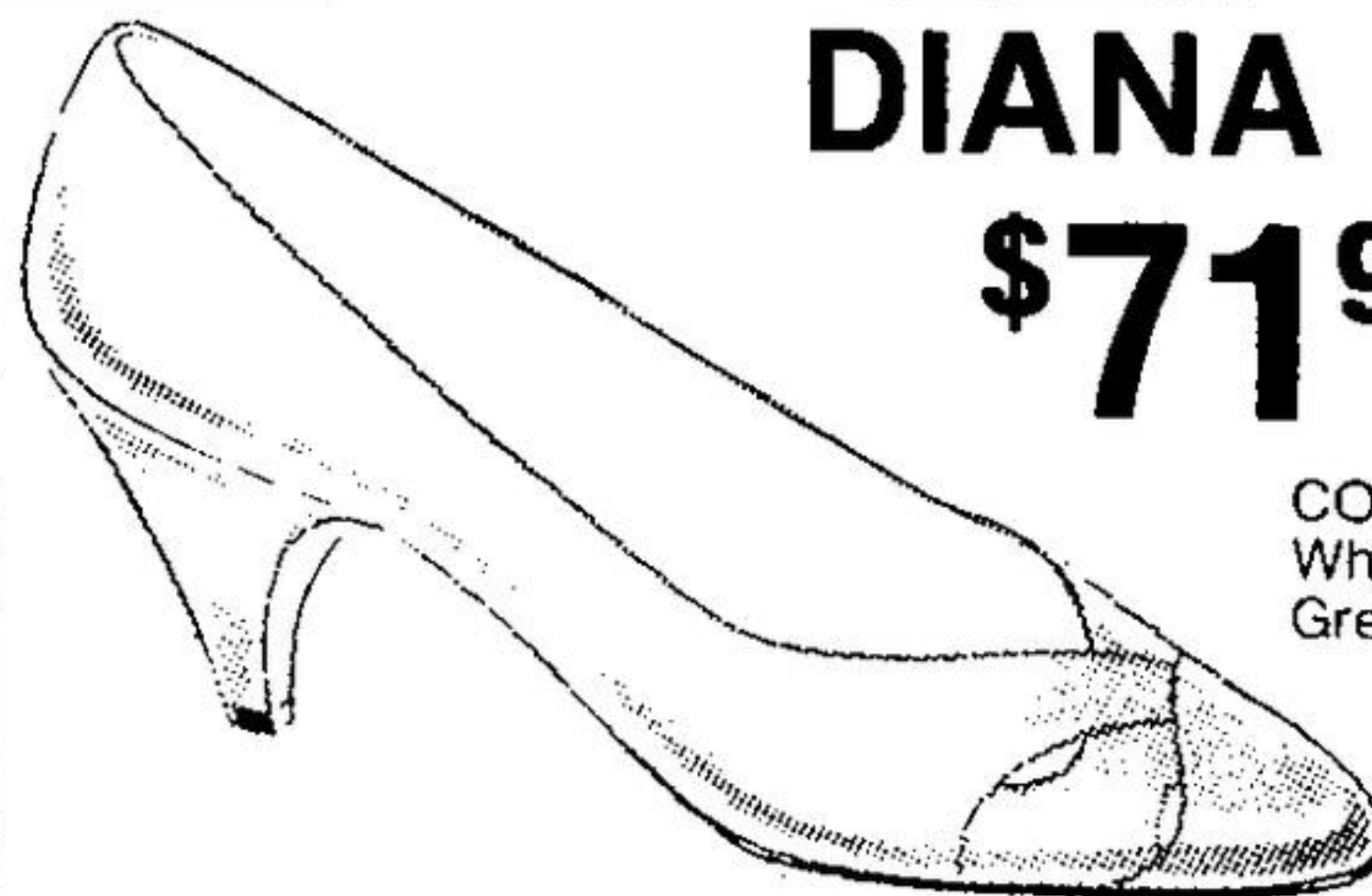
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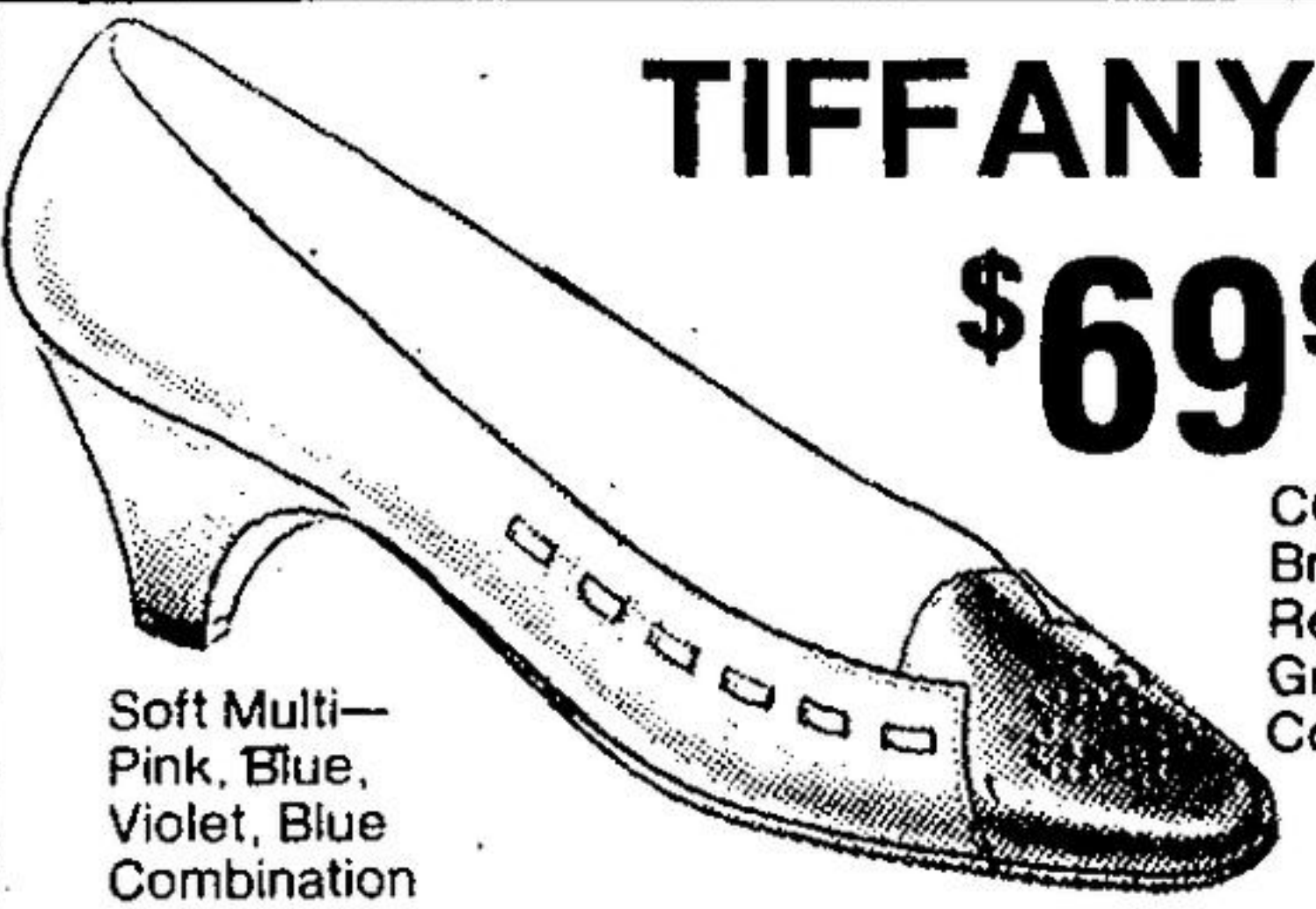
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