

Tavern owner dies after fall

A man who recently bought the Hollywood Tavern with his son, fell off a ladder in the building and died Tuesday.

Frank Vranich, 69, a resident of Stoney Creek, was dropped off by his daughter-in-law, Marilyn Vranich, and grandson earlier in the day in order to do some work on the building, Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh said.

Marilyn Vranich saw her father-in-law at 4 p.m. and then returned to pick him up at 8:30

p.m., and he was found unconscious on the floor.

He was taken by ambulance to Georgetown Hospital and never regained consciousness, Welsh said.

The investigation revealed that he had been working on the floor joists to support the upper floor when he fell off the ladder. He hit his head on the concrete floor, which caused serious injuries, resulting in his death.

Vranich's son John (the

Tavern co-owner) and daughter-in-law are in the process of moving into a residence on McKinnon Ave. in Georgetown, Welsh said.

A Norval resident who didn't want to be identified said the family had been working very hard over the past months to refurbish the Hollywood so that it could be reopened.

The Hollywood has been closed since it was gutted by a fire on June 27, 1993.

Photo contest time

The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press invites you to pull out your old photo albums and find that favorite picture of your pets and children to enter in our photo contest.

First and second place prizes will be awarded in two categories, Kids in Hats and Those Amazing Animals.

Entries must be submitted by noon on August 31. Photos are to be submitted on a sheet no larger than 5x7 inches.

Mail or drop off entries at The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press, 211 Armstrong Ave., Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4X5. See page 12 for details.



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Sheds burn

Twenty-six firefighters were called away when a pole barn and a shed burned down at 8 a.m. Thursday. The Halton Hills Fire Department spent three hours at the scene, on the south east corner of Tenth Line and 32 Sideroad. A pole barn, which was a three-sided metal building, and a driving shed were destroyed in the fire, said Dave Ford, fire prevention officer. A third shed was also damaged, and a large barn nearby had to be protected from the flames. Approximate damage was \$10,000 to \$11,000.

Recreation brochure

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Fall and Winter brochure will be distributed to Halton Hills residents this weekend. It's full of leisure and recreation activities offered in the area. If you don't receive your copy call The Independent/Free Press at 873-0301.

Car destroyed

A man driving a 1984 Thunderbird heard a bang and saw smoke coming from the engine of his car while he was driving in Acton at noon Thursday. He pulled over, but his car was destroyed, according to the Halton Hills Fire Department. Damage was \$3,500.

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War against weapons



Halton Regional Police Firearms Officer Sherrie McAdam holds up an AR 10 assault rifle, one of hundreds of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition turned in to police during the gun amnesty,

which runs until the end of this month. Other interesting objects turned in include Ninja stars, sawed-off shot guns, and hand grenades.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Financial boost for Hide House

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

The olde Hide House received an infusion of \$2-million this week.

The company, which had to close the operation and refinance 14 months ago, has paid its debts and has "several hundred thousand dollars" to use as working capital, according to president Steve Dawkins.

The investment has come from Working Ventures Canadian Fund Inc., a publicly-traded mutual fund which is sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Labor. Working Ventures has over \$290 million to invest in small and medium-sized Canadian companies.

The announcement of the investment was made Thursday and Dawkins said the television commercials, declaring that "it's worth the drive to Acton," started airing again Wednesday night.

Dawkins said he is "extremely pleased and excited" about the investment, not only because of the additional funds, but also because it means a "ratification of the company and also the future of the community."

The \$2-million will only be used for the olde Hide House and not Blue Springs Golf Club, FlightLine and West Warehouse won't be reopening, but Dawkins said the investment money will be used "to fund growth projects in the future," either in Acton or outside of the community.

"For the next year or two we'll likely be trying to rebuild the franchise that has dissipated over the last few years, the olde Hide House," he said.

The business had to close in June 1993, and then reopened that fall, but was only open on weekends.

An independent management group with strong connections to the Hide House will be reopening Jack Tanner's Table on Wednesday.

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