

Tree planting program launched in Acton

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The Acton Rotary Club has recently launched a Memorial Tree Planting program in Rotary Park.

The program provides people with the opportunity to plant a tree in the park in memory of someone.

"The idea was really initiated by my wife," said Doug Fread, an Acton Rotary Club director. He said when his wife's mother died last year she

suggested planting a tree in her memory. They decided Rotary Park would be the perfect location.

The memorial trees will likely be planted in the park once a year in April or May, beginning next spring. Fread said a huge stone with a plaque on it will be placed near the park entrance and the names of those whom the trees are in memory of will be put on the plaque. Each year the plaque will be updated and new names added. The central plaque was decided on because individual plaques at the tree bases could be removed and may pose a problem for

those cutting the park.

The cost per tree hasn't been set yet but Fread estimates it will be "between \$250 and \$300, which includes the tree, planting, staking and the plaque." He added there is room for about 75 trees in the park.

The Rotary Club also plans to extend the pathway into the park through the town-owned land on Main St. so there will be an entrance off that road. The club will cover the \$2,000 cost of the walkway.

Anyone interested in the program can call Fread at 853-0239 or contact any Acton Rotary Club member.



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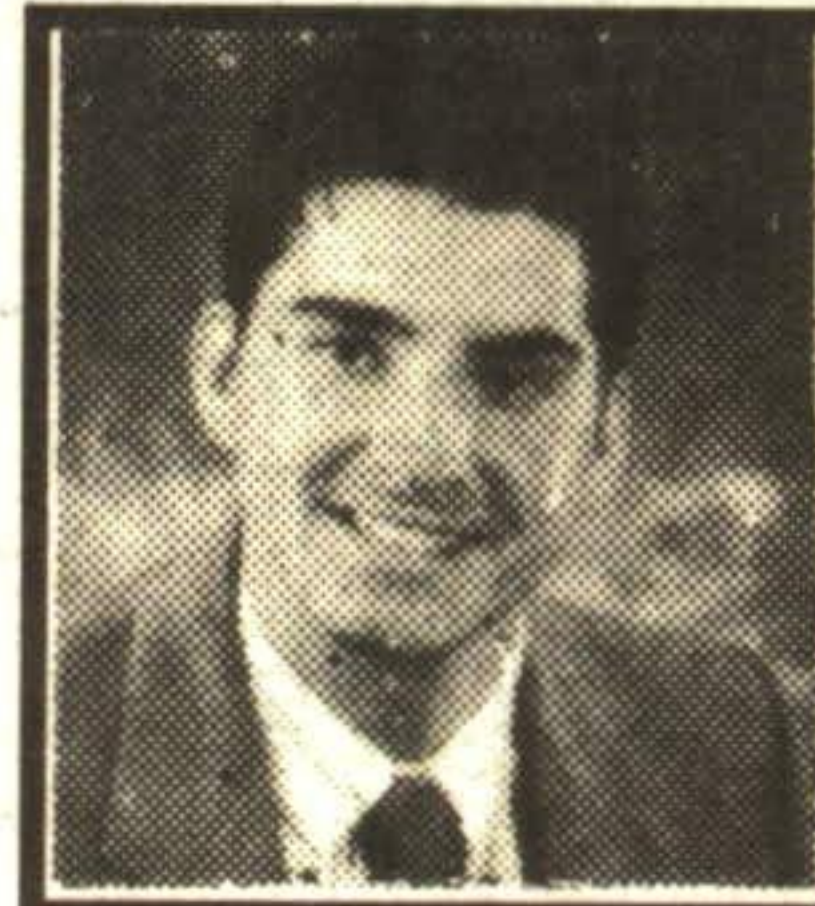
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