

Joy! Joy! Joy! at ASSIC

This isn't leftover Christmas spirit. It is a program that operates all year. "JOY" stands for Joining Old and Young.

St. Joseph's School is looking for volunteers to help teachers in the classroom and to help individual students with projects, reading etc. Call Brenda Ryan at 853-3730 for more information.

M.Z. Bennett is looking for seniors to play euchre, crokinole and other games with students once a month. The games play a valuable role in developing skills. Call Willy at 853-0530 for information.

The TEAM Education Program



is always looking for more "Grandmas" to help with the teenage mom's children. This is a valuable support for the children and the young mothers. This is week-day afternoons from 1 to 4 pm at the

Baptist Church.

ASSIC is developing a JOY list of volunteers that will help with special events.

Why get involved? What could be more rewarding than a two-year-old's smile when he sees you, or a student that can count because you have been playing a game with him. Come share the JOY! Call a School or ASSIC at 853-3310.



BABY NEW YEAR: Acton's first baby of 1993 was Natasha Emily Jean Quinn. Proud parents Dave and Brenda were the happy recipients of a basket from the Welcome Wagon, which was presented to them last week by Judy Shea. Little sister Rachel was also on hand to receive the goodies. (Eric Balkind photo)

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Coscan plaza called premature by objectors

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Coscan Development's major commercial plaza proposal for east Acton was criticized as being premature by two objectors at a public meeting last Monday night.

Coscan wants Town Official Plan and zoning changes so it can build a 80,600 square foot plaza, including a 30,000 square foot food store, on the south-east corner of Highway 7 and Churchill Road.

Coscan lawyer Gordon Petch urged Council to give him an answer on the project in two weeks.

"The bottom line here commercially is that Acton loses a tremendous amount financially both because of a lack of sales in food and department store merchandise. Something like 50 per cent of department store-type and food pur-

chases made by Acton residents occur out of town. That means a loss of jobs, loss of service to the community," Petch said.

Petch urged committee members to not scale down the size of the Coscan plaza and approve Freure Management Ltd.'s plans for a plaza on Queen Street at the old Ajax building site.

"These people who shop out of town won't shop here unless you can offer them a community-size shopping centre with a large enough food store to recapture lost food sales and draw shoppers into Acton. If you have a big enough food store, then you will be able to build a big enough plaza to build a 15,000 square foot department-type store. If you approve two plazas, then you will obliterate the opportunity for a community shopping centre because there is not enough market here to support two food stores of

that size," Petch argued.

Both Acton lawyer Ron Henry, appearing for Acton IGA owners Dave and Mike Manes, and Tom LeBrun, lawyer for Freure Management argued that the Coscan proposal is premature.

Following the public meeting Mike Manes said he is not opposed to the plaza, as long as the residential development goes ahead first.

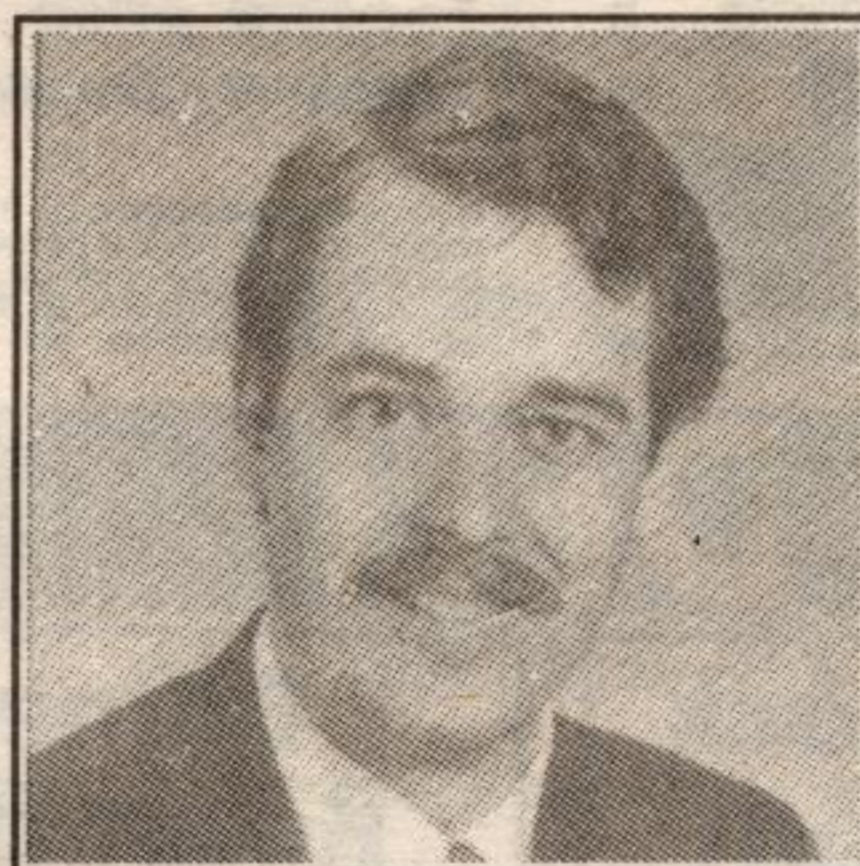
"We want to see a food store, department store and clothing store built so Acton people don't have to leave town to shop.

"But the population has to be there first to support it. The downtown, including us, would be left out in the dark if the plaza was built first and for some reason the housing to support it wasn't approved."

Coscan's plaza and residential proposals will be the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board pre-hearing in Oakville next Wednesday.

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Program 1169: Every Saturday from Feb. 13 to Mar. 6, 1 to 3pm at the Prospect Park Pavillion. Cost is \$30 for 4 weeks.

Parent & Tot Skating Lessons for kids 3 to 5 years

Program 1172: Every Friday from Jan. 15 to Mar. 12, 9:30 to 10:30 am at Acton Arena. Cost is \$30 for 9 weeks.

Child Safety Program for kids 7 to 10 years

Program 1173: Saturday, Jan. 30 from 9 am to noon at McKenzie Smith M.S. Cost is \$15 for 1 day.

Preschool Playshop for kids 3 to 5 years

Program 1174: Every Monday from Jan. 11 to Mar. 8 from 9 to 11:30 am at Prospect Park Pavillion. Cost is \$50 for 9 weeks.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Victorian Wreaths — Make it and take it!

Program 1175: Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 10 pm at McKenzie Smith M.S. Cost is \$36 for 1 night, includes all supplies.

Cake Decorating

Thursday, Feb. 18 & 25 from 7 to 9:30 pm at Acton High School. Cost is \$25 for 2 nights, includes all supplies.

Water Exercises

Monday &/or Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 pm at Acton Indoor Pool. Cost is \$38.50 for 1 day per week or \$67.50 for twice per week.

Dance to Fitness

Every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at McKenzie Smith M.S. Cost is \$48.00.

Ballroom Dancing

Every Tuesday, 8:30 to 9:30 pm at McKenzie Smith. Cost is \$102.50/couple.

For more information call 873-2600, ext. 267