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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1993



WONDERFUL WABBIT: Robert Little student Becca Behling was one of 14 participants in the Regional Public Speaking Finals Thursday at Glen Williams Public School. Although she didn't place in the top four, Becca did manage to be the lone Grade 5 representative from Robert Little with her speech on her rabbit, Thumper. Becca, who co-writes Robert Little's weekly report in *The Tanner*, was also presented with a certificate from her school for her first-place effort. (Doug Harrison photo)

Lawsuits threatened at Council meeting

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

There were threats of lawsuits, bitter recriminations and a call for a resignation during a wild Council meeting Monday night.

Before it was over, Council Rob Heaton threatened to sue the Town for muzzling him, Council Pam Johnston threatened to sue anyone who spread false rumours about her, Council Rick Bonnette was told he should resign and Mayor Russ Miller threatened three times to end the meeting if a noisy crowd of ratepayers didn't settle down.

The meeting began with rural Council Heaton reading a prepared statement and demanding a public apology for what he termed "slandorous allegations" against him.

Heaton wants Council to withdraw a confidential memo, leaked to *The Tanner*, that describes his treatment of Town staff as "abusive, frustrating" and "workplace harrassment" and recommends that all communications with Heaton be restricted to department heads only.

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Tanner writers grab top school honours

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Two junior *Acton Tanner* contributors, Laura Kobsa and Jamie Birrell, will receive the Halton Board of Education's prestigious Celebration of Student Excellence Awards.

Two other Acton students, Trish Denny and Lindsay Almand, will also be honoured after being selected by staff at their schools.

The awards are given annually to the one student in each of Halton's elementary and secondary schools who shows outstanding excellence in more than one category including academics, athletics, self-improvement, community work, citizenship and leadership.

Laura, a 10-year-old Grade 5 student at Robert Little School, was chosen for her involvement and leadership in athletics, extra-curriculum activities and community work. Laura co-writes her school's report in *The Tanner*.

Jamie Birrell, 14, is a Grade 8 student at McKenzie-Smith Mid-

dle School and writes a regular McKenzie-Smith sports update for *The Tanner*.

Jamie follows in the steps of his sister Shannon, who won the award as a Grade 8 student at McKenzie-

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Budgets OK'd

For the second straight year rural Acton residents, and other Ward 2 homeowners, face a zero per cent property tax increase for Town purposes.

Monday night Council approved both the operating and capital budgets after some last minute cuts and additions.

An urban Acton homeowner with an average assessment of \$5,700 will pay \$624 in Town taxes this year. That's \$7.59 more, or a 1.25 per cent increase.

Rural Acton residents, who do not have garbage pickup, streetlights or crossing guards, will pay the same as last year, \$448.

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