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STOREFRONT DISPLAY: Acton's United Way campaign, Campaign West, has finally found a storefront downtown. Freezer Frenzy owner Sharon Vincent has offered her store for two or three weeks. On hand at Freezer Frenzy Thursday to help set up were from left, Robin Elliott, Campaign West chairperson; Sharon Vincent and Jennie Fretz, Campaign West member and canvasser. (Doug Harrison photo)

OHH makes it official Friday

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

No, there haven't been any traffic jams in the olde Hide House parking lot lately, but that could soon change.

Ribbons and scissors will be in full view at 10 am Friday as the local business will officially be re-opened. Actonites are invited to share in the celebration as complimentary coffee and muffins will be offered until noon.

While the Hide House opened in September, the word wasn't spread across the province, making this the real Day 1.

"Friday we begin promoting the fact that we have re-opened to the greater Toronto market, which for us is the main market," said Hide House president Steve Dawkins on Monday.

"It has been a little slower than we had hoped as the economic conditions and mood continue to be pretty bleak. However, we are doing well enough."

A couple of local businesses have seen the Hide House's opening rub off.

Tim McElhone, co-owner with his wife Bridget of the TimBri Teahouse, has seen a healthy increase in business.

"The trend has been definitely noticeable on weekends, since most of our weekday business is mainly local," said McElhone. "But we're definitely preparing for this weekend."

Thanksgiving weekend was one of TimBri's busiest last year, and with plenty of stock in the building and the likelihood of extra staff on Monday, TimBri will be ready if history repeats itself.

So will the Hide House.

"From early September, each week business has increased and

that's the ultimate reason for the official opening Friday," Dawkins said. "We're steadily re-stocking the store with fresh and more current items and at the end of the week it will be largely completed."

During the first two weeks of the Hide House's re-opening in September, a good portion of the visitors were locals. Their response has been appreciated by the president of the local establishment.

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**Halloween
will be held
Oct. 31**

BY RICK SOUTAR
The Acton Tanner

After discussion and research the Town of Halton Hills has decided that Halloween should be held on Oct. 31.

Town council expressed concern last week that there might be problems with Halloween occurring on Sunday and charged the town clerk with determining whether Saturday might be a safer and more convenient day for police to regulate.

Town clerk Janet Stewart searched council minutes from seven years ago to see if there was a precedent for changing the date, talked to police and polled other municipalities before making her report to general committee.

"The police indicated that whatever night we chose to

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Ban on smoking by Jan. 3

BY RICK SOUTAR
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The Town of Halton Hills passed a resolution on Monday which would ban or limit smoking in all commercial properties except bars and taverns.

The resolution bans smoking from any public area of business including service lines, lobbies and reception areas, shopping mall concourses, elevators, escalators and stairways. Restaurants must dedicate 25 per cent of seating to a non-smoking section, but restaurants that seat under 30 people are exempt, along with taverns and

bars. The bylaw is scheduled to take effect Jan. 3, 1994, after passing a final vote by council.

"I think this is the thin edge of the wedge," said Gerald Rennie, councillor for the Acton area.

Rennie told the general committee that in future people may view smoking in the same way as spitting on the floor. It would be generally reviled — especially in public.

"Probably the correct thing to do is to ban smoking from all public places," Rennie said, but allowed that a compromise for the food service industry was accept-

able — for now.

"We have to recognize that this is the absolute minimum," he said.

The overwhelming majority of committee members voted in favor of the resolution, but were concerned with adverse effects of a tobacco ban on local bars and taverns.

After much debate, it was finally decided that a food service business would be designated as a tavern or bar, and exempted from the bylaw, if alcohol accounted for over 50 per cent of sales.

Most councillors agreed that

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GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION!

- You're invited to drop by and help us "officially" reopen the Hide House. The leather ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 am this Friday.
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Hide House

- Thank you Acton for your support and best wishes!
- Complimentary coffee and muffins will be served until noon, so plan on joining us.
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Come Celebrate With Us 10 am Friday!