

Merchant wants schools to shop in Acton

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Should Acton schools shop in Acton for their Pizza Day menu?

A miffed Andy Katsilieris of Andy's Restaurant and Pizzeria and three of four local public schools say yes, but St. Joseph's Separate School continues its association with Pizza Delight in Georgetown.

"I think the money should stay in town. It bugs me enough to make me upset," says Katsilieris.

The downtown merchant says St. Joseph's is the only school in Acton he doesn't do Pizza Day business with.

"I give the schools a good deal," says Katsilieris, who delivers the pizzas personally.

Katsilieris estimates that Robert Little Public School has made close to \$700 selling pizza and milk. Robert Little conducted a poll at the end of the 1992-93 school year and found 87 per cent of the students preferred Andy's pizza.

"I always try to use in-town businesses first for anything. We've been very fortunate that Acton businesses have been able to serve our needs," says Robert Little's principal Deanna Nodwell, of the school's once-a-month pizza day.

Meanwhile, Anna Wood, who has been St. Joseph's pizza organizer the past four years, has never conducted a preference poll, though she says the students are happy with Pizza Delight.

She defends her choice to do business in Georgetown by saying Acton businesses couldn't accommodate her requests when she began heading the pizza days. She also feels it wouldn't be fair to the Georgetown business to make a switch in favour of Acton.

One of those requests, Wood says, was to produce rectangular shaped pieces. "That way each kid gets the same size of slice and it's easier that way." Wood orders 28

to 31 20-piece rectangular pizzas at \$11 each from Pizza Delight.

"The decision to leave town started from personal preference. I wasn't crazy about the pizza in Acton," says Wood, who includes Andy's, Nonna's, 2-for-1 and Queen's Pizza in her list.

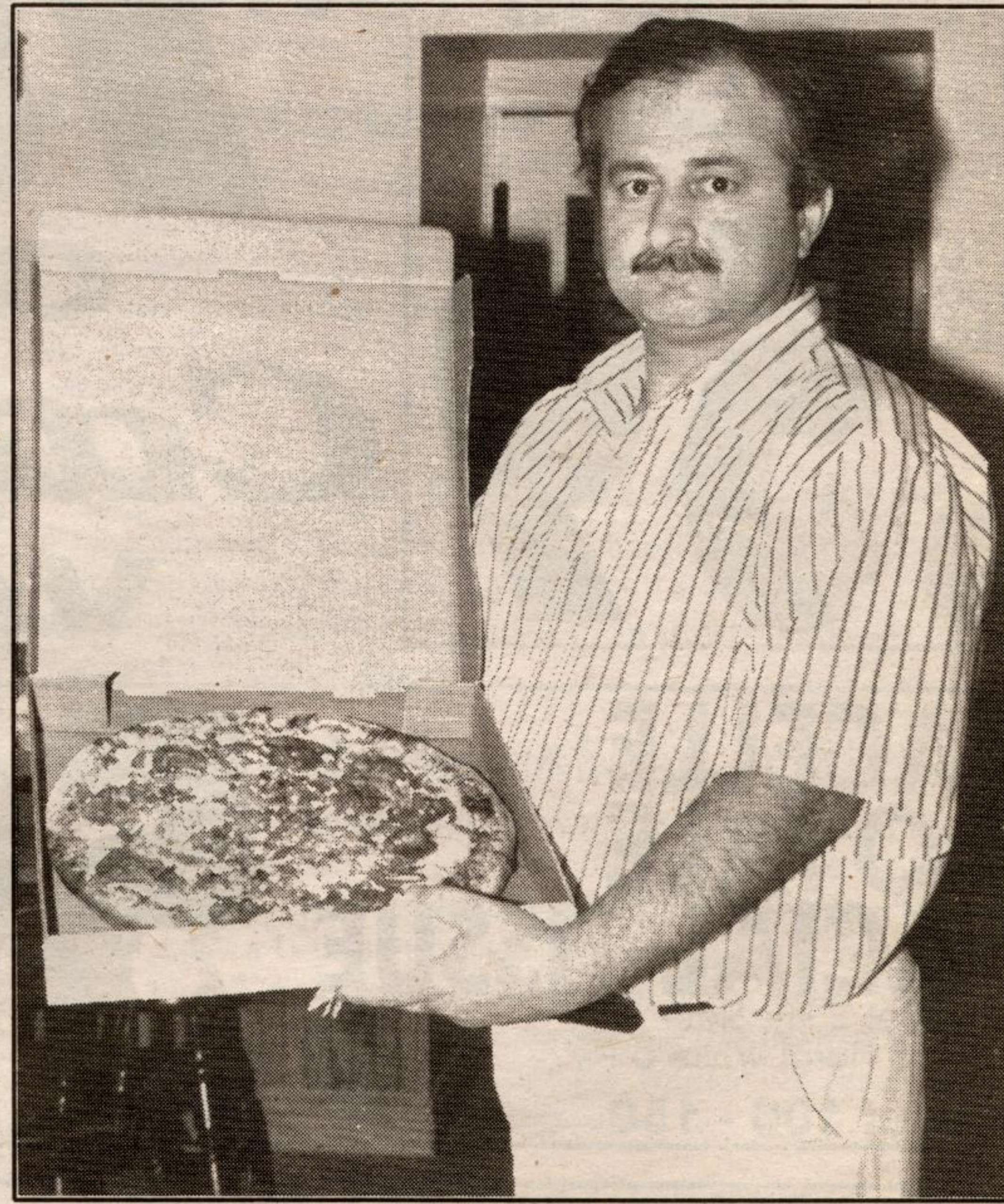
M.Z. Bennett's principal disagrees.

"I certainly wouldn't go out of town for business if I could help it," says M.Z. Bennett principal Lynn Snider. "The service from Andy's has been great. It works well for us."

Andy's also supplies pizza to McKenzie-Smith for their pizza days and sporting events.

Wood says that St. Joseph's does use Acton's Freezer Frenzy each week for hot dog buns for the school's hot dog day. They also use local businesses for after school activities. She admits that using Acton businesses could be cost saving.

"It might be cost saving, but I don't feel comfortable with it. A lot of the time there are no businesses here in town and often you don't get the service you want from the businesses that are here," explains Wood.



MADE IN ACTON: Andy Katsilieris, owner of Andy's Restaurant on Mill Street, holds one of the pizzas that three of four Acton schools purchase for "Pizza Day." (Doug Harrison photo)

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Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed general amendments to Acton Zoning By-law 1358. These Amendments would include a restriction of industrial uses within the current M1 and M2 Zones to "dry industries," which do not utilize water in their production process, and a Holding (H) Provision on all vacant industrial lands zoned M2, in order to confirm the availability of servicing capacity prior to development proceeding.

The lands affected by the proposed amendments are generally located north of the CNR line within the Acton Urban Area.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

TIME: 7 pm
DATE: Monday, February 21, 1994
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Halton Hills Civic Centre

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Professional artist Nora Savage visits M.Z. Bennett students

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY NATHAN WILLIAMSON & PAUL SCHILLER

This week Mr. Shrubsole is taking his Kindergarten students to a play at the high school. We hope they have fun. We're sure it will be great.

Mrs. Mattell's and Ms. Dunnet's classes are having fun doing "Math Go" centres and writing messages to each other. Mrs. Mattell and Ms. Dunnet are also doing bird activities.

Miss Lawson's class is going to study "Under the Sea" language skills and related words, and also

winter language activities.

Mrs. Bannerman's class is learning about scuba diving equipment. They are also doing dioramas with sea shells. They are practicing story-telling, using story-telling skills.

Mrs. Spencer's students are learning how to become story-tellers also. Mrs. Nora Savage (a professional artist) has been in to teach them all about puppetry. Each student is making a puppet, and in small groups they are writing and presenting puppet plays.

Mr. Mashinter's class is working on inventions and talking to Mr. Shier's class at Joseph Gib-

bons School, on the chat Macintosh. They are also having fun doing group novels.

Mr. Waitson's Grade 4s are doing Canada research projects. The Grade 5s are doing world research projects and are having fun working on public speaking and group novels.

Mrs. Graham's class has split into two groups of 15, and one half has gone down to the library to learn Almerna keyboarding skills. The other half stayed in the class and did normal school work. Then they switched around.

In French we did a one day unit on hockey. Everyone had a great time.

Last week we had Pizza Day.

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