



THANKS! Acton's Rotary Club has donated \$1,000 to help purchase a bus for the town's Activan transit program, which services the physically disabled. Rotary's Mike Milligan and Larry Rigney (left) are joined by Activan's May Hoare and Ron Chatten to mark the occasion. (Lori Frechette photo)

NEWS SHORTS

Women assaulted on Pearl Ct.

Police report that two out-of-town women (one from Brampton, the other from Guelph) were assaulted by a Brampton man at a Pearl Court home (near Acton High) on Sunday.

After arguing with the two women, the man allegedly assaulted one by attempting to push her down a flight of stairs and then slapping her. The second woman left the home with the man, who later struck her in the face and kicked her. The man had fled the scene by the time police arrived.

Police continue to investigate the incident.

Tires slashed on Bower

Overnight last Friday a Bower Avenue resident had his '89 Chevrolet pickup truck vandalized. Both a front and rear tire were reportedly slashed as the truck was parked at a Bower home.

Damage is approximately \$400. Police have no suspects or leads.

Skids taken from Canadian Tire

Eight orange-painted skids were removed from outside Canadian Tire on Mill Street between 10 and 11 am on Thursday.

The skids are valued at \$160. Police have no suspects or leads in the theft.

Storefront window smashed

A window at the old Dawe Realty office on Mill Street East was smashed overnight Friday by vandals. The vacant office's 4x8' window sustained \$300 in damage, according to police.

There are no suspects at this time.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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— Rick Bonnette, Regional Councillor, Page 2

DID YOU KNOW?

Marathon of Hope runner Terry Fox was named the TSN "Athlete of the Decade" in 1990, chosen from a field that included Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan. This Sunday, from 8 am to 3 pm at the running track behind Acton High, the 14th annual Terry Fox Run will be held. Please participate!

Pomeroy's legal tab might not be picked up by taxpayers

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette wants Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy to dig deep into his own pockets — not those of taxpayers — to pay the legal bills stemming from breach of trust and bribery charges.

At today's (Wednesday) Halton Council meeting, a move will be made to re-open debate on a recently approved by-law that Pomeroy is using in his attempt to have the Region pay his legal bills.

To date, staff have released \$28,800 to Pomeroy, a move that has angered many Halton Councillors, who insist the by-law was not designed to help pay legal fees incurred from criminal charges.

Councillor Bonnette blames regional staff for the situation and insists Council only intended to cover legal expenses incurred in defending themselves against civil suits resulting from actions taken while doing their jobs.

"If staff were going to pay Peter (Pomeroy) any money they should

have had a report to Council saying that he was applying for some money under the by-law," Bonnette said on Monday.

"There's no way, shape or form that staff should have cut him a cheque without even reporting to Council. If there was any question about interpretation, staff should have brought it to council for clarification," Bonnette argued.

Regional staff said that the by-law does specifically cover those charged with criminal offenses relating to their elected duties and there is no requirement that Council be informed if someone applies for and is granted compensation.

Bonnette said that if Council decides Pomeroy's legal costs are covered by the by-law, the Region should at least have some security to ensure it can recover the money if Pomeroy is found guilty.

Pomeroy will stand trial on breach of trust and bribery charges in the new year.

He has proclaimed his innocence and intends to seek re-election as Regional Chairman.

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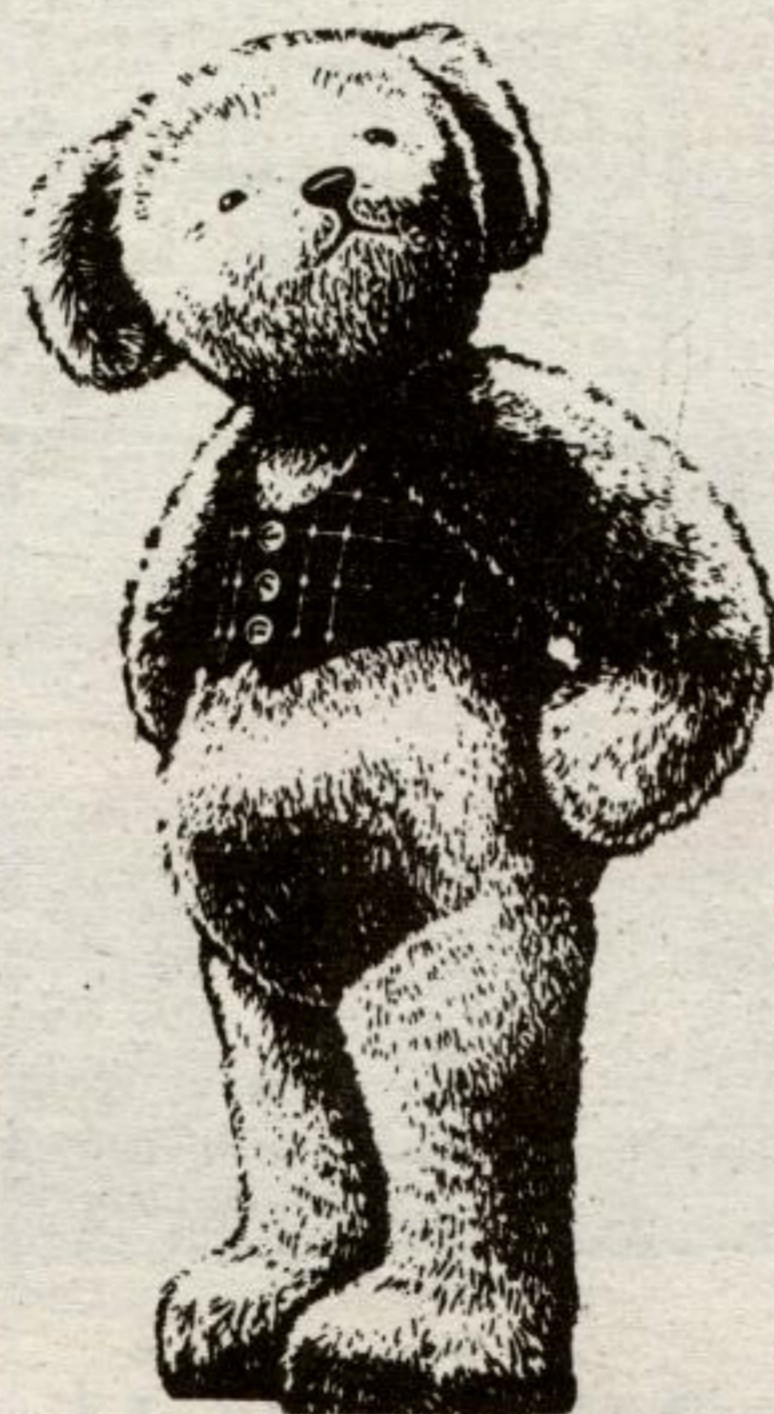
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