



WORLD-CLASS INSTRUCTION! Top figure skater Paul Martini dropped by the arena Thursday to assist 40 Acton Figure Skating Club members with their freestyle skills. Martini and partner Barbara Underhill are World Pairs professional champions. (Doug Harrison photo)

Butcher shop still may move

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

There is still hope for an Acton couple's proposal to build a butcher shop and apartment unit on their Main Street property.

Despite a long list of objections from Town planning staff, most Town Councillors seem confident that outstanding issues can be resolved and that Al and Janet Cunneyworth, owners of Al and Al's Red Brand Meats on Mill Street, will be able to proceed with their plans.

The Cunneyworths want to build a two-storey building at their home and property on Main Street North, to house a butcher shop and a three-bedroom apartment.

Town planning staff recommend rejecting the plan because it represents an over-development of the site in an inappropriate location and is not in the best interest of long term planning for Acton.

Staff also have concerns about the number of parking spaces provided and the incompatibility with the surrounding residential area.

After hearing the Cunneyworths' agent, Gordon Driedger, say that the Cunneyworths are not inflexible and that there was an opportunity to look again at the issues, Councillor Norm Elliott suggested that staff's report against the proposal be deferred.

"A lot of the staff rationale to reject this plan was based on the false assumption that there is no on-street parking on Main Street," Elliott explained.

Councillor Gerald Rennie supported the deferral to allow for more discussion.

"This area is on the verge of transition," Rennie said. "There is a church beside the site and the potential for an antique shop just down the street."

"Next door is an institution that deals with health problems and north of the site is a variety store. That side of the street is on the verge of some kind of transition and it would be useful for planning staff to look at that."

Staff hope to have another report for Council on the application by the end of November.

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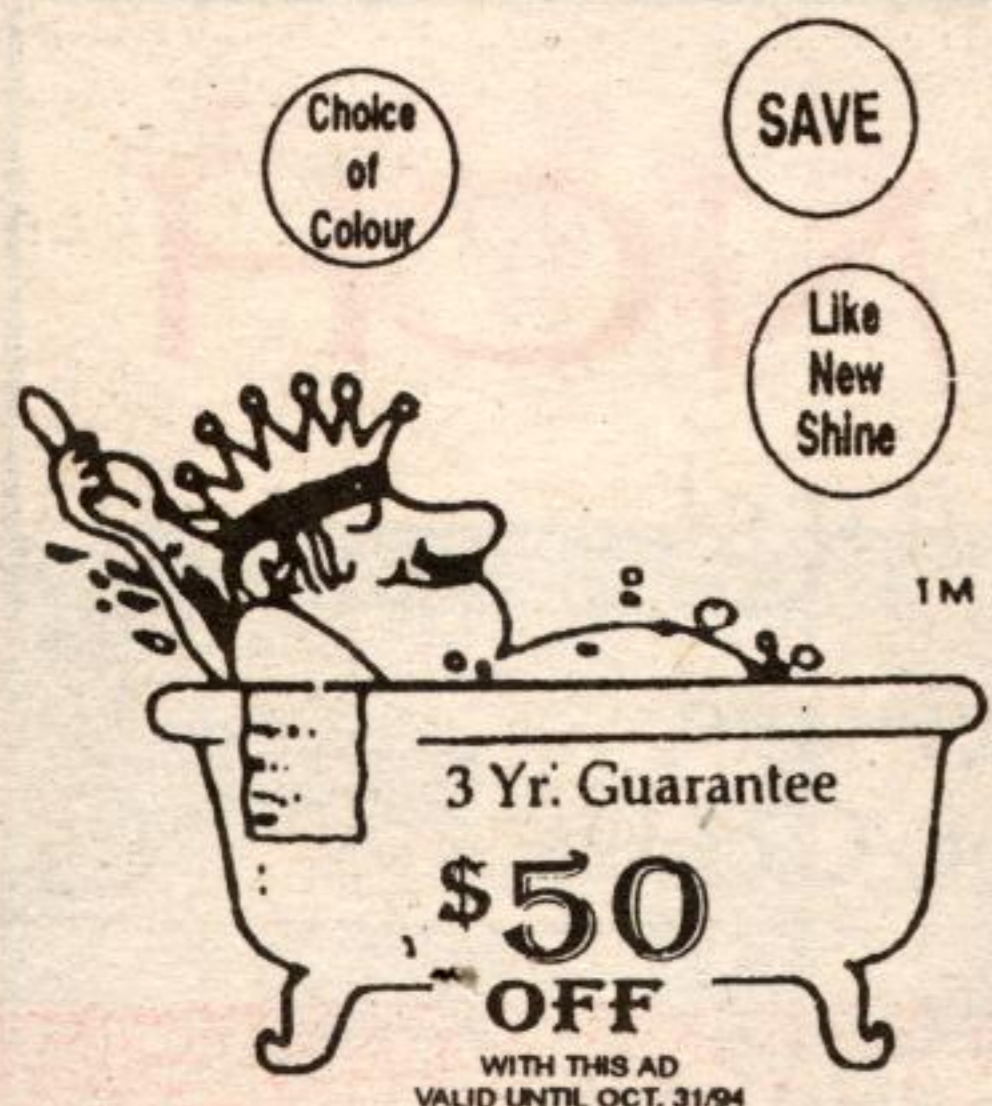
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NEWS SHORTS

Hungry thieves on Peel Street

There was a break-in at a Peel Street home last week, but the culprits apparently just wanted a home-cooked meal and some leisure time.

Sometime between 10 am and 6 pm on Thursday culprits entered the home through a back door, then apparently cooked themselves a meal. There also was evidence that the malefactors had a bowl of cereal and watched some TV.

Police are investigating the incident, but there are no suspects at this time.

Thief hunted after ring stolen

Police are looking for a male in his early 20s after an engagement ring was stolen from a Maria Street residence on Thursday evening.

According to Ron Welsh of Halton Police, a woman was relaxing in her living room at 7:30 when her dog began to bark. When the resident went into the kitchen to investigate she confronted a burglar, who then ran out the back door.

The Maria Street woman then discovered that she was missing her engagement ring, which had been sitting on the kitchen counter.

Police say the thief was approximately 5'10" with short blond hair. He had a slim build.

Truck tire, wheel lifted

A tire and wheel from a 1989 GMC pickup truck was stolen last Monday night as the car was parked along Greenore Crescent. The stolen goods are valued at \$300.

There are no suspects in the crime, according to police.

Furnace trouble on Rosemary

Acton fire fighters were called to a Rosemary Road home early Monday morning after the house's basement filled with smoke. The volunteers traced the problem to a furnace malfunction and no serious damage resulted.

The Halton Hills Fire Department is advising Acton residents to have furnaces serviced before the approaching winter months.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Council approved this subdivision from an urban perspective, not a rural one."

— Ross Pezzack, neighbour to new development, Page 5

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