



**SURROUNDED BY GOOD CHEER!**

Acton Support Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) community workers Kim Morrow, left, and Cathy Gerrow show some of the 28 Christmas gift baskets prepared by ASSIC and other community groups which were distributed to needy families in the area in time for Christmas. (Karen Wetmore photo)

**NEWS SHORTS**

**Liquor store heist**

Halton Regional Police are searching for suspects in a \$15,000 heist at the Acton branch of the Liquor Control Board.

Police report that in the early Saturday morning it was discovered that culprits had used a blunt object to smash through concrete blocks at the rear of the building, gaining entrance.

Detectives estimate that about 40 cases of varying liquors were removed, valued at \$15,000.

Police believe that a vehicle stolen in the same time period as the break-in may have been used to transport the liquor.

The vehicle, a 1994 Chevy Lumina minivan, was stolen from an Orville Road residence, and was later recovered by police in Kitchener-Waterloo.

The thieves had absconded with the liquor.

**R.I.D.E. stats encouraging**

Halton Regional Police statistics for the Christmas season R.I.D.E. program show a marked decrease in alcohol-related charges laid from Nov. 28 to Dec. 30.

Police report that about 7,000 vehicles were stopped by police in One District (Acton, Georgetown and Milton), with one person facing impaired driving, two drivers issued with 12-hour licence suspensions and 17 drivers asked to perform roadside screening tests.

**Grinch on the loose?**

Halton Regional Police report that someone in Acton stole a fully decorated Christmas tree from the lobby of an apartment building on Church Street, Dec. 16.

According to police reports, a Noma tree, complete with lights and decorations, was removed from the building sometime between 9:10 to 9:30 pm. Police are attempting to determine whether the culprit's image was captured on the building's surveillance cameras.

The tree was valued at \$150.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"We are well up over last Christmas season. We had a really strong season. Our sales were up about 20 per cent over last year."

— Steve Dawkins, The olde Hide House, Front Page

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The almost extinct giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands lives longer than any other animal. The 600 pounder can live to be 200 years old.

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That's Italian? Spaghetti was invented by the Chinese.

**Happy New Year to all – from all at The Tanner!**

**Sales up**

Continued from Front Page sales were up about 20 per cent over last year."

A steady but light snowfall from Christmas Eve through Boxing Day did hurt sales slightly, Dawkins said.

"We did suffer from weather and road conditions and media reports, which tend to exaggerate and keep people at home, afraid to leave their cities and suburbs."

The advent of Sunday shopping at Ontario liquor stores had a positive impact on sales at the Acton LCBO outlet, according to manager Al Campbell.

"Our business, on the whole, not just the Acton store, increased quite nicely," Campbell said. "I haven't had time to go through the figures yet, but things seemed to go quite well."

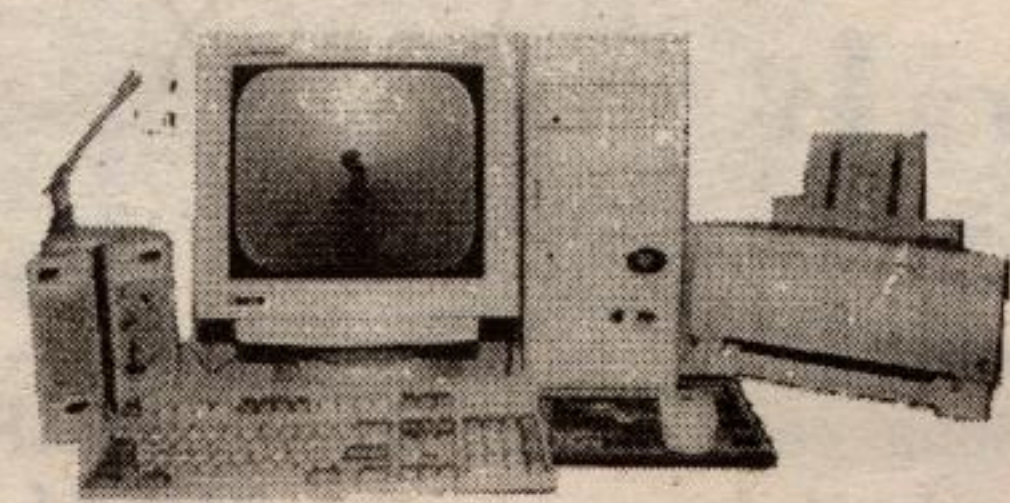
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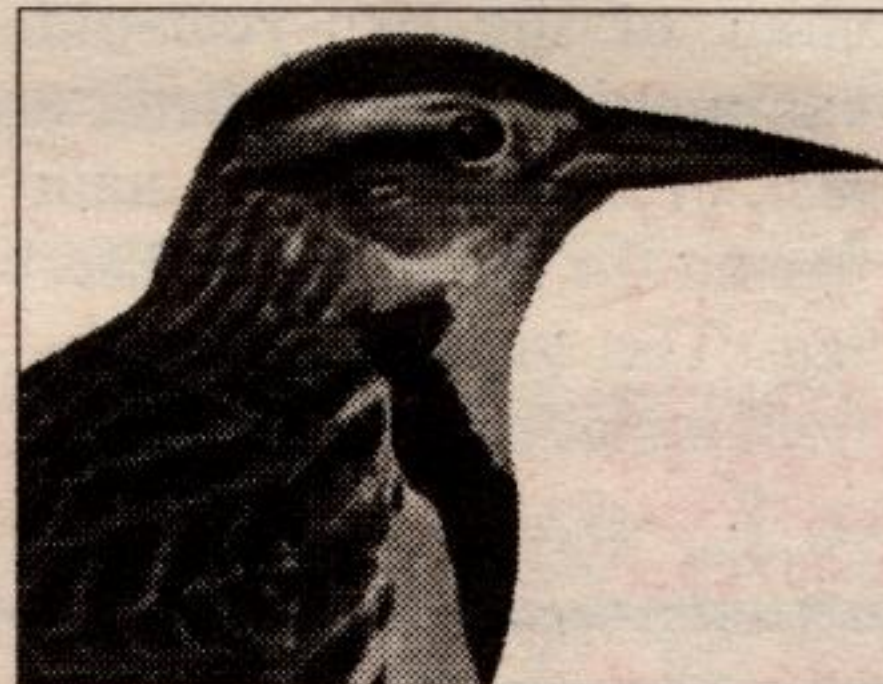
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