

Minister Gerretsen views tornado damage in Waterloo-Wellington

Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen joined Waterloo-Wellington MPP Ted Arnott and senior municipal officials to survey the damage caused by the August tornados.

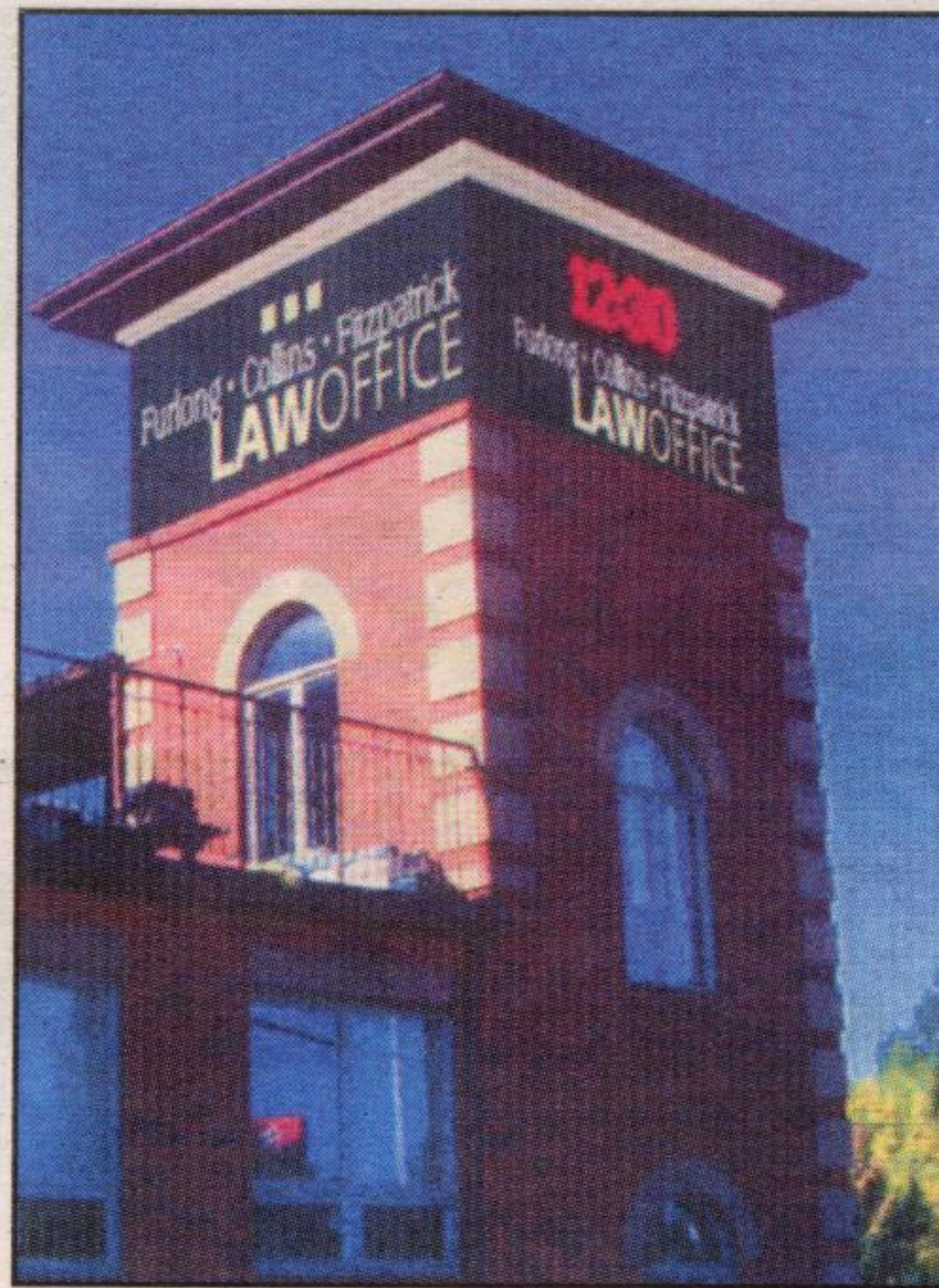
"I appreciated the personal interest that John Gerretsen demonstrated in the continuing challenge we must address together," Mr. Arnott said.

County of Wellington Warden Brad Whitcombe and CAO Scott Wilson, Township of Centre Wellington Mayor Russ Spicer and CAO Michael Wood, Township of Mapleton Mayor John Green and CAO Patty Sinnamon, and Grand River Conservation Authority GM Paul Emmerson, were all part of the September

1st tour of the devastated areas, which lasted almost two hours.

Mr. Gerretsen is the second provincial Government Minister to visit Waterloo-Wellington in the past few days. Minister of Community Safety Monte Kwinter saw the damage first hand on August 23rd, arriving by an OPP helicopter.

"Both Mr. Gerretsen and Mr. Kwinter have provided us with advice on the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program. If our municipal councils formally request provincial assistance, I will insist that these Ministers go to bat for us," said Mr. Arnott. "I am committed to supporting whatever request for provincial assistance that our municipalities put forward."



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MPP Ted Arnott and Minister Gerretsen on the bus touring the damage sites.

Monique Porlier appointed CFO of CSS

John Oliver, the President and CEO of Halton Healthcare Services announced last week that Monique Porlier, the Vice President of Finance and Information Services will be leaving Halton Healthcare Services, effective September 22, 2005.

Monique has accepted a position with the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and the National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) as Chief Financial Officer. NCIC is funded by the CCS and the Terry Fox Foundation, and is the longest standing and most prestigious Canadian research organization devoted to advancing the control of cancer.

Monique joined Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in June 1997 as Chief Financial Officer, and was later appointed Vice-President of Finance & Information Services of Halton Healthcare Services.

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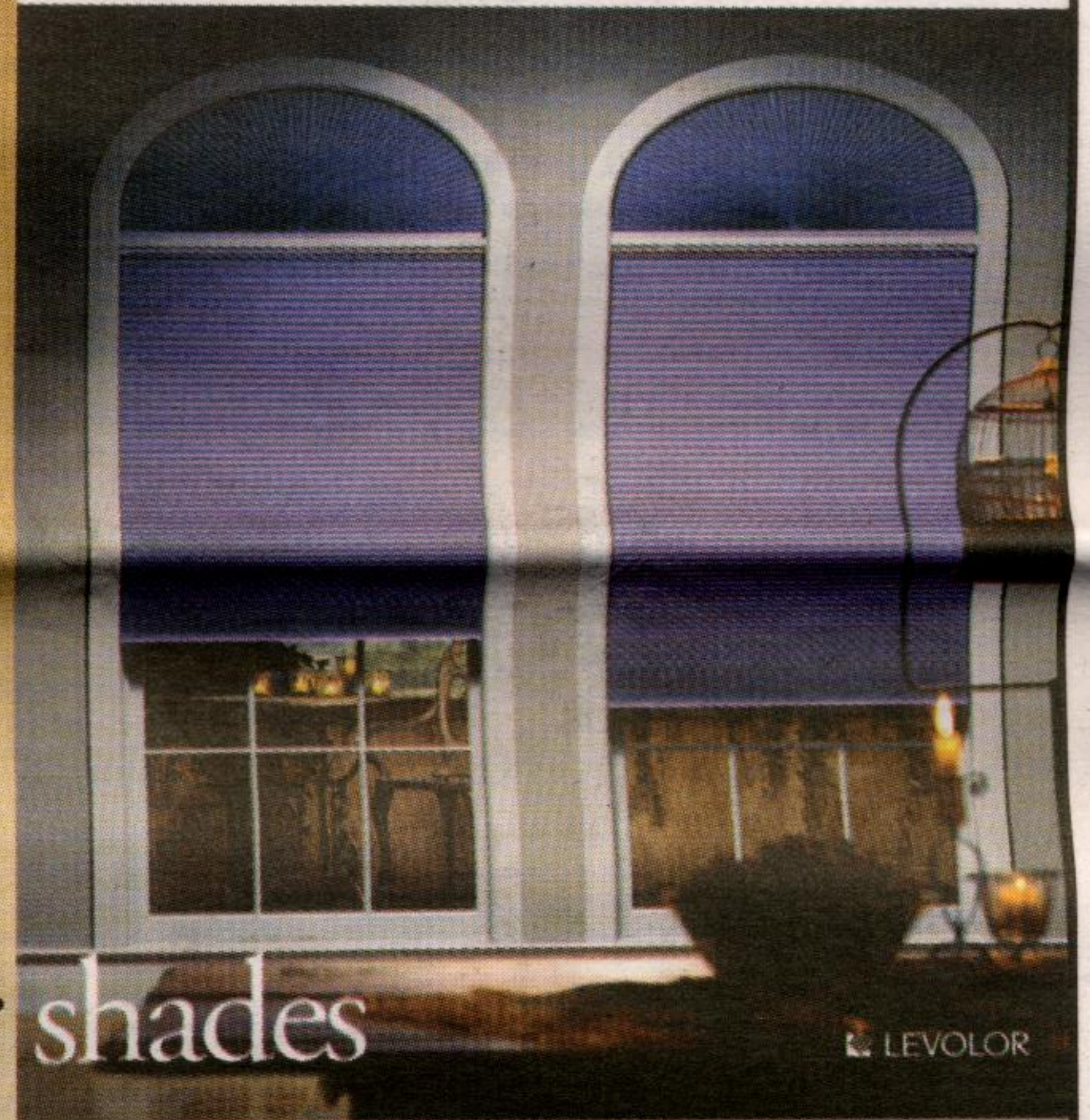
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