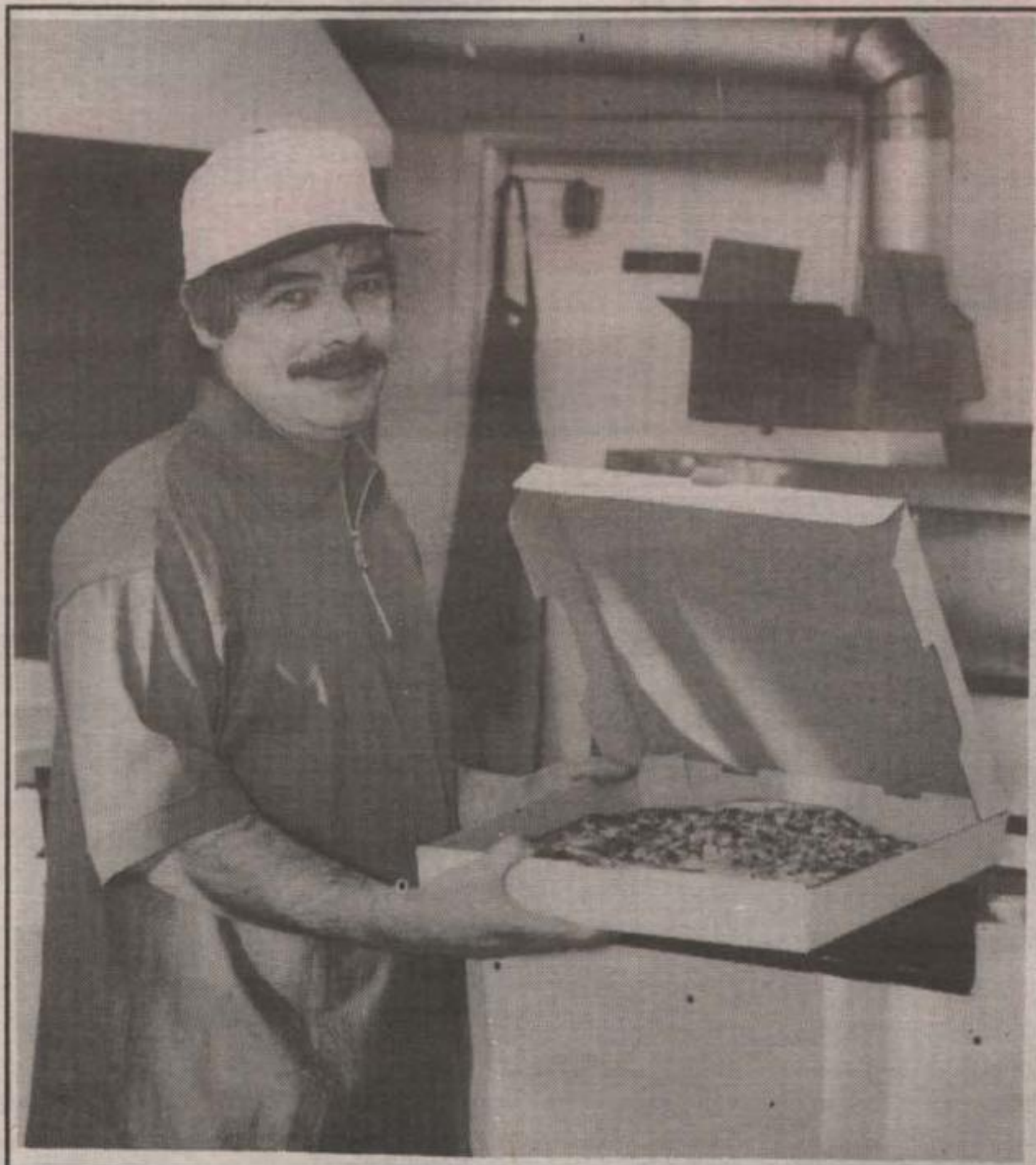


Fast delivery at Pizza Giant



DELAY = DISCOUNT: Pizza Giant owner Rick Jackson of Acton was hard at work on Saturday, just two days after opening his new take-out pizza restaurant on Main Street North.

Quality products, quick service and free delivery are the claims to fame of Acton's newest take-out pizza restaurant - Pizza Giant - which opened last Thursday at 103 Main Street, North, former home to Momma Nonna's Pizza.

Owner Rick Jackson of Acton, a former Mega Pizza employee, said that Pizza Giant offers experienced management with experienced pizza makers and good prices.

"We are going to stress quality not quantity and plan to add additional items like subs and ribs to the pizzas and chicken wings now on the menu," Jackson explained in an interview on Friday.

"We guarantee the quality of our products and will strive to meet the needs of our customers - if anyone has a problem with our product we will replace it free of charge," Jackson said as his staff filled orders during their first weekend of business.

If a pizza isn't delivered within 33 minutes of the order being placed then Pizza Giant will give the customer a coupon for \$3 off their next order.

Jackson said that he plans to put some arcade games in the restaurant and hopes to support the Acton community by sponsoring sports teams.

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Cops wonder why crime up in Acton

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

Although crime in Acton has increased in all but three categories in the latest police statistics, Halton Police Inspector Keith Gregory is satisfied with the overall crime picture in District 1, which includes Georgetown, Acton and rural Halton Hills.

"I'm happy - I'm content," District Commander Gregory said after briefing Town Council on the latest crime statistics on Monday night.

Overall, clearance rates were up and crime reports down in Georgetown and rural Halton Hills last year, but the numbers weren't as good in Acton and police really don't know why.

"Crime location is controlled by the criminal element," Gregory said when asked to explain the increase in reported crimes in Acton.

Police investigated five sexual assaults in Acton last year, two more than the year before. None of them was a new case, and 90 per cent are classified as "historical" - reports that were made last year about alleged sexual assaults from the past.

Assaults were up 45 per

cent with 77 cases investigated in Acton last year.

"A lot of them are domestic assaults and very minor ones - a slap - not to say that domestic assault is minor," Gregory explained, as he reviewed the numbers for Council.

Last year theft offences, property offences and break and enters of shops and schools all increased in Acton while house break and enters dropped to 15 from 22 the year before.

There were two auto thefts in Acton last year. Gregory said many of the cars stolen in District 1 were taken by joyriders after they'd been left running by their owners.

The overall clearance rate for all criminal offences in Halton Hills is 43.1 per cent, higher than the national average of between 32 and 35 per cent, and higher than clearance rates in Oakville, Burlington, but not Milton.

Gregory said police dealt with stop sign violations at Main Street, North and Elizabeth Drive by assigning cruiser to 135 hours of patrol in the area and issuing 146 tickets. On Churchill Road, North where the problem was speeding police patrolled for

215 hours and issued 325 tickets.

Gregory described policing in Halton Hills as a combination strategy of reactive, proactive and preventative measures and key players are the Community Consultation Committees and the village constables, including Constable Bill Riddle now in his 10th year of service in Acton.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson asked Halton Chief Peter Campbell how the force could justify asking for 10 more offices, with an annualized cost of half-a-million dollars, when the statistics show that crime is generally decreasing. There are 37 sworn officers in District 1, 33 of them constables on patrol.

Noting that Halton police to population ratio is lower than neighbouring Peel or Wellington, Chief Campbell said that staffing must keep pace with growth.

"We are staffed lower on ratio than our neighbour and our costs are also equivalently lower," Campbell explained, adding that based on population District 1 gets more than its fair share of regional staff because of the large geographic area involved.

Car window smashed

Two separate Acton residents had their car windows smashed by thieves looking for valuables on the weekend. Overnight Saturday, the rear driver's side window of a 1991 Toyota parked at 19 Hill St. was broken. Although the car was searched, nothing was taken and damage is estimated at \$200.

Overnight Friday, the driver's side no-draft window was broken on a 1992 Chevy Lumina parked at 49 Division Street. The thieves left a selection of CDs and cassettes but took a small quantity of cash. Damage is pegged at \$50.

Not a bright light

A Young Offender from Kingham Road, Acton was arrested on Saturday and charged with possession of stolen goods - a blue snow plough light. Police made the arrest after observing a suspicious person in the Commerce Court - Wallace Street industrial area of Acton.

Well done, please

It took Halton Hills firefighters two-and-a-half hours to contain and cleanup after a fire on Saturday on Dublin Line, north of Highway 7. A homeowner started a fire in a steel container to begin smoking some meat. He told

firefighters that he checked on the fire and added some wood about 12:30 p.m. and a short while later noticed a large amount of smoke coming from his detached workshop-garage and called for help. There were no injuries and damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Out of gas

Halton Hills firefighter cleaned up a gasoline spill just after noon on Monday after a car lost its gas tank at the corner of Wallace Street and the railway tracks. Crew were able to contain the spilled gasoline to the roadway.

Purity plant into expansion

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remain young and we want to remain healthy and hence, take supplements," Chapman explained.

Staff describe Chapman as a visionary, a rebel, a man who has passed up opportunities to relocate closer to the 401 because he wants to keep his company in Acton.

The company's philosophy is to promote well-being in people's lives.

"We want to empower people to create well-being in their lives. My wife and I own the company outright and we share 25 per cent of our profits, before tax, with our employees," Chapman said, adding that while he practices what he preaches,

he's has employees who smoke, drink and eat junk food.

"We not evangelists - we don't preach. But we provide knowledge and information to our customers and employees and it's up to them to make informed decisions on what they want to do with their lives. Hey, I eat meat. I sell organic meat that I raise on our farm," Chapman said.

There are 60 employees in the Acton facility with offices in Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary.

Chapman and his wife Elyse, who he describes as a "driving force" is the company's success, and two children live on his grandparent's farm that they purchased a number of years

ago. They operate a biodynamic farming operation - a totally self-sufficient operation which produces its own fertilizer and uses no pesticides.

Chapman goes out of his way to avoid the trappings of the corporate world and even the accountants know not to wear suits and ties when they come to do an audit because they will be good-naturedly razzed about being "suits."

"Often people are put in pigeon holes and we try, within the realms of economic reality, to give people the ability to express their beings, so to speak," Chapman said.

Purity Life will hold an open house in the spring.

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