Massage therapist joins Acton clinic

By MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY The New Tanner

The addition of registered massage therapist Mark Weidner at Dr. Tom Thompson's chiropractic office expands choices for area residents seeking natural health care.

"Massage therapy compliments the work I do here," Dr. Thompson said. "Bringing Mark in is a positive addition to the natural health services we offer here."

Weidner of Moffatt, a recent graduate of Kikkawa College in Toronto, is accepting patients by appointment at the Main Street South office.

Massage therapy is just one of the natural treatments which has been around for

centuries and is regaining prominence as people begin to recognize the flaws in modern medicine.

Weidner's training allows him to assess and treat soft tissues and joints and work on such problems as tendonitis, muscle tension, and sprains and strains from accident and sports injuries.

A former mold designer, Weidner has switched careers. He spent two years in training before passing government examinations and joining the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario. He will continue his education in order to stay on top of changes in his new profession.

Massage therapy is not covered by OHIP but many employee health plans do cover it, Thompson said.



RUBBING IT IN: Mark Weidner gives Dr. Tom Thompson a sample rub for the camera at his new location as part of Thompson's chiropractic office.

Name this column!



BRYAN AND DAN

QUESTION: I own a 1991 Ford Mustang with a 5.0 litre engine, manual transmission and 64,000 km. Every once and a while, the car will not idle at the proper speed. When I come to a stop, the engine runs fine, but idles at 1500 R.P.M. If I shut the engine off and re-start it everything is fine, the idle is around 700-800 R.P.M. Any ideas? The car has recently been tuned up and otherwise is in excellent condition.

CHRIS LAWSON, ACTON

ANSWER: Chris, if you've had an Electronic Engine Control test performed and you only have received pass codes, then we've come up with 4 possibilities, which won't necessarily generate a fault code in the Powertrain Control Module (P.C.M.).

First, your vehicle may be involved in recall 91E19 that is a wiring harness jumper connector. A local dealer could check your vehicle serial number to see if this applies to your vehicle and it's FREE! This recall deals with emission control; however, it could also affect the Throttle Position Sensor.

The second possibility could be a thermostat that is sticking open. This could allow the engine to cool down and go back into the fast idle mode.

The third item to check is the build up in the Idle Air Bypass Valve (the P.C.M. uses this to control engine idle speed) could cause erratic idle speeds.

The fourth and final item to check is a malfunctioning Thermactor Air Divertor Solenoid (T.A.D.). This could cause thermactor air to be sent to the wrong part of the exhaust. The P.C.M. would receive an erroneous Oxygen Sensor reading and attempt various measures to correct this. One of these measures could result in a higher than normal idle speed.

Column name suggestions will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 27.

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Olde Hide House requests sign

Halton officials believe the Province will support its request to keep the words "Highway 25" on direction signs on the 401 to avoid confusion for the 300,000 annual visitors and tourists who are told that it is worth the drive to Acton.

Olde Hide House president Steve Dawkins recently asked regional council to consider the suggestion – he was worried that tourists looking for the Highway 25 cutoff to Acton might miss it now that the highway has

been turned over to Halton Region and renamed Regional Road 25.

After receiving Dawkin's concerns in a letter Halton councillors voted to ask the Province to include the old Highway 25 designation, as well as the new name, Regional Road 25, on new signs.

In his letter Dawkins said, "it's not an exaggeration to state that we have directionally anchored almost 20 years of intensive marketing efforts on that particular interchange."

In an interview on Friday
Dawkins said to drop all reference to the road as a provincial or King's highway
would be confusing and bad
for Acton that actively promotes itself as a tourist destination.

"What was called Highway 25 in the south part of Halton has some type of character or historical grounding but the road in the north has always been known as Highway 25," Dawkins said, adding that dual names have already been used on other highways that are no longer under Provincial control.

"This is a very serious issue and not just as far as the Hide House is concerned, but serious as far as every other business that uses exit 320 to draw people off the 401," Dawkins said, adding that impulse visitors would also be discouaged because "who wants to go off on a regional road?"

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Road conditions questioned

Letters of concern about the future of two rural roads in the Acton area are on the agenda for Monday's cuncil meeting.

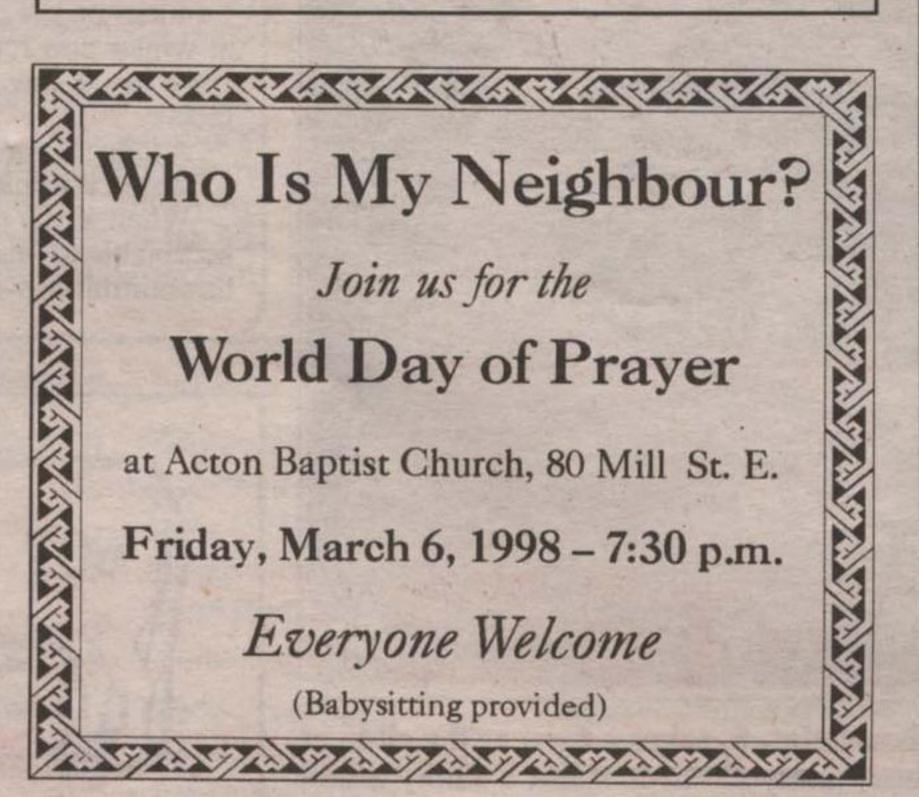
Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette tabled letters from Fourth Line and Fifth Line residents at Monday's general committee meeting, noting that the requests for improvements will probably end up at the Town's budget committee talks.

"Approximately 18 residents of the Fifth Line, north of Highway 7, sent us a petition asking when their road is going to be improved," Bonnette explained, adding that he'd travelled the Fifth Line recently and found that it was in bad shape with potholes, ruts and dust.

Correction

Incorrect hours were listed in Pizza Giant's ad from Feb. 19. They should have read Mon-Wed 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Thurs 11 a.m.-12 a.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m.- 2 a.m., Sun 12 p.m.-11 p.m.

The New Tanner regrets the error.





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