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What's Inside

Halton Hills councilors face tough budget decisions as they sit down for their first budget meeting. See Page 3.



Lots of hockey in this issue but two of Acton's best clubs got shunted aside in the OHMA playoffs. The Juveniles were ousted by Trenton, the Novices by Fergus. See Page 9.



A medieval banquet by Grades 4, 5 and 6 at St. Joseph's school was instructional as well as a lot of fun. Photo, Page 7.



There's another Step-It-Up program at the new Acton arena and community centre. Maureen Holmes shows the finer points on Page 8.



When industries and houses intrude on each others' space it sometimes creates problems. See editorial on Page 4.



CANCER CAMPAIGN KICK OFF: Marilyn Forster-LoTurco, Rena Arbic and Cathy Gerrow gather at Blooms Away Flower Shop for the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society campaign kickoff. Daffodils will be available for purchase this month at businesses and schools. They will also be available for purchase at local businesses in early April. - Angela Tyler photo

Legion Terrace building committee named Acton Citizens of the Year

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

The hard working building committee of the Legion Terrace has been named Citizens of the Year by the Rotary Club of Acton.

In announcing the choice on Tuesday night, the selection committee, consisting of former Citizens of the Year, said that the building committee overcame almost insurmountable odds to successfully complete the development of the non-profit housing development on Birchway Place. The building committee consists of Gord McCutcheon, John Hoare, Edward Footitt, Mike Mattocks, Steve Goy and the late John Goy Sr.

Award recipient John Hoare was surprised and somewhat embarrassed to learn that he was among those named for the Rotary honour.

"We had a job to do and we did it," Hoare explained in an interview Tuesday night.

When asked about the insurmountable odds mentioned by the selection committee Hoare said that a lot of people doubted that the project would ever be built.

"It was a big deal for us to take on something of that magnitude on, money-wise," Hoare said, adding that the doubters were a driving force for the building committee to see the \$5.2 million project happen.

The 48-unit building, which was 10 years in the planning, has been occupied for almost a year and there is a long waiting list of people who would love to move in.

Rotary Club spokesman Doug Fread said that the selection committee had a tough choice because of a substantial number of nominations, including several

with petitions of hundreds of names supporting specific nominations.

"I think the award is a great honour to give to someone or some group and I think that it also helps the morale of the Town to show that people are out volunteer-

ing and helping their fellow citizens. I think that this year's recipients are a great example," Fread said in an interview on Tuesday night.

The Legion Terrace building committee will be honoured at an awards ceremony next month.

Cops seize drugs valued at \$35,000

A hydroponic "grow operation" with 192 marijuana plants, with a street value of \$35,000, was seized by Halton police during a drug raid on a Mill Street East house on Sunday afternoon. Police also found a small quantity of hashish and psilycybin (magic mushrooms).

Charged with possession

for the purpose of trafficking, cultivation, and two counts of possession is Shane Little, 19, of Mill Street East. He appears in Milton court May 11.

Trafficking charges laid

Halton police seized \$5,360 worth of drugs after stopping a car at the corner Bower and Wilbur Streets at 8:30 Saturday night. A 19-

A.P. Green sold to Texas firm

By **MAGGIE PETRUSEHVSKY**
The New Tanner

A change in ownership will probably not affect staff and production at Acton's A.P. Green Refractories (Canada) Ltd., says plant manager Orv Chapman.

Within the past month Global Industrial Technologies Inc. of Dallas, Texas purchased the Acton plant along with 22 others in the A.P.Green chain around the world. The firm also owns the Harbison and Walker chain.

"I don't imagine the change will have much impact on us because we're a bit odd in the chain. We're the only plant in either group that produces assay crucibles for the mining industry," Chapman says.

The Acton plant, which started in 1950, was booming until recently when falling gold prices slowed a segment of their business. Chapman says three or four people have been laid off since Christmas, reducing the existing staff to about 15.

"I know the price of gold is down but I also hear the Bre-X scam hurt us. People are afraid to invest in gold stocks so no one is getting money to do any exploration. That means we don't get sales. I have also heard Bre-X has nothing to do with the downturn so it's hard to say what this is about. We just know things have slowed down."

Chapman says the company sells their crucibles through suppliers to mining companies in "about 25 different countries" including Russia, China, Israel, Egypt and "extensively in South America."

year-old Main Street North man, a passenger in the car, was charged with two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking after police found 300 grams of marijuana and 76 grams of psilycybin and a quantity of cash in the car.

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