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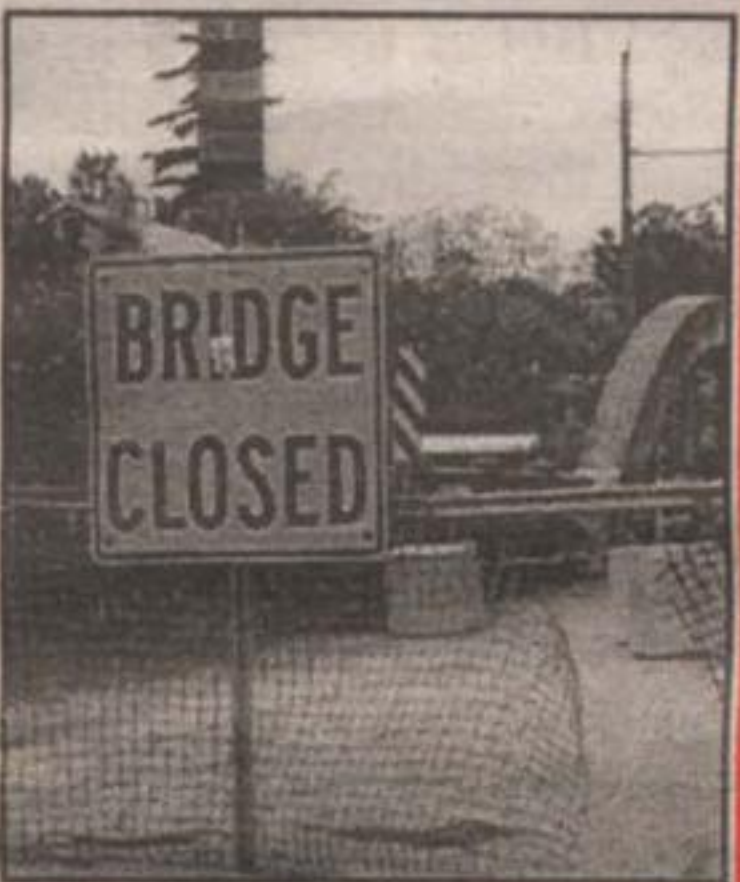
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## What's Inside



The four founding amigos, from left, George Hargrave, Jake Kuiken, Ted Tyler and Jack Carpenter were there for the opening of Acton's Trunk Sale Saturday morning. *More on Pages 7 and 10.*



Eden Mills' now famous Bowstring Bridge is closed to traffic, making motorists detour miles to get on the other side of the Eramosa River. *See editorial, Page 4.*



St. Joseph's school staged a play, "Castaways" for appreciative audiences. *See photos on Page 7.*



The grand opening of Rockwood's funeral home takes place this Sunday, May 31. *See story and photo on Page 6.*

# Ice users must 'share the pain'

## POLICE BEAT

### Shoplifter escapes with new jacket

Security guards chased but could not catch a man who stole a motorcycle jacket from the olde Hide House at 11:30 Sunday morning. After running out the door the thief hopped into a waiting blue minivan and sped away. Police report the man was seen with the \$850 jacket under his arm before theft. The suspect is a white male, 5'10", 200 lbs., in his early 30s with a goatee. His accomplice is a white female, 5'4", 100 lbs., in her late 40s with reddish-orange hair.

### Car entry

A couple of cassettes were stolen from a car that was broken into while parked at 200 Churchill Road South overnight on Friday. The driver's side window had been smashed.

### Eye injuries heal

An Acton woman who was sprayed in the face in a random attack with a high-power water gun while directing traffic in Georgetown has recovered from eye injuries. Her attacker, a Young Offender from Milton, appears in court July 3.

*See POLICE, Page 7*



**CLEVER COPS:** The Halton Police Services Board recently honoured the officers who make up the Acton team for a job well done in arresting a suspect in a break and enter which eventually led to the recovery of \$60,000 of stolen goods taken during a rash of break-ins in the Storey Drive area. Acton team members Constables Kate Pulford, Village Constable Bill Riddle (centre) and George Turner show off their award at the Mill Street sub-station on Tuesday. — Frances Niblock photo

## Acton cops honoured by brass

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

A proactive policing tactic that led to numerous arrests and the recovery of \$60,000 worth in stolen goods earned the Acton police team accolades and honours recently at an awards ceremony at police headquarters in Oakville.

After a rash of break-ins in the Storey Drive-Kingham Road area, police went door-to-door with bulletins for homeowners warning them of the crimes and

asking them to be vigilant about locking their doors and reporting any suspicious behaviour.

Halton Constable Dave Shortt said that the tactic worked.

"As a direct result of that letter going out a citizen spotted some suspicious activity, which turned out to be a break and enter in progress, and police responded and made an arrest," Shortt explained on Friday.

"It was a creative way for the police to utilize and obtain assistance from the pub-

lic."

The Acton team also used the letter campaign with residents of 200 Churchill Road South after a rash of mail thefts and car break-ins.

"We haven't got as favourable or positive a response on Churchill, yet," Shortt said.

The Acton police team includes Sergeant Bon Andrews and Constables Sean Hann, Dave Ford, George Turner, Art Goddard, Rick Lostracco, J.P. Fillepetto, Nick Leoni, Melanie Hannah and Krystal Kelly.

## Rural restaurant plan goes to OMB

The Ontario Municipal Board will decide if the owners of a recently constructed building at the south-east corner of Highway 7 and Fourth Line will be able to use part of the main floor for a restaurant.

Owner Joaquim Gaspar intends to move his cheese producing business to the basement of the building and

use the main floor to sell his products. On behalf of his daughters he asked the Town to allow him to use 1,000 square feet of the main floor for a restaurant. When the Committee of Adjustment said no, he told his lawyer to appeal to the OMB. The upstairs of the building is residential

At least one neighbour

and various Town department and agencies objected to the proposed restaurant for a number of reasons, including parking and servicing. Town planner Arvin Prasad said their main concern was parking.

"We were also concerned about over development of the site," Prasad explained in an interview on Friday.

"You've got a cheese factory and residential and now a proposal for a restaurant, all on a site that has private servicing. We consider the restaurant a new use and it does conform with the Official Plan or the Zoning By-law," Prasad said.

No date has been set for the OMB hearing.

## Acton groups ready to do battle, barter

Acton arena ice users are going to have to "share the pain" as the number of local groups asking for ice time and the amount of time that they want continues to increase because of growth. The "sensitive" issue of allocating ice time will be dealt with at an invitation-only user group meeting with Town staff on Tuesday.

The Town's Manager of Facilities, Paul Stover, said the collective meeting will be an attempt to get all of the groups wanting ice time to work together to distribute the ice time available at the two rinks in Georgetown and the one in Acton.

"All the facilities were pretty much used (to capacity) last year — there wasn't much ice time that went unused — and there's been a lot of growth in the youths groups and to address growth, unfortunately I guess, people will have to use less attractive times and it (ice time) will have to be fairly distributed amongst all groups who will have to share the pain," Stover said recently.

The issue of ice allocation has been a prickly one. Several groups were unhappy last year when they had to give up time for the newly formed Halton Hills Girls' Hockey League, a move that ended male-domination of the Town-owned rinks.

Co-chair of the girls' league, Pam MacGillvray of Georgetown, said they want to double the four hours a week of ice time (three in Acton) that they had last season.

"For growth and development of the girls we need to have practice time which we didn't have last season. We expect to have 220 girls playing this year and we are willing to work to try to utilise the ice that's available," MacGillvray said.

George Hunak, president of the Acton house league

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