

## Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday is Thanksgiving Day and like business places almost everywhere The New Tanner offices on Willow Street will be closed so staff can enjoy the holiday.

Advertisers and others are urged to bring in their material for next week's edition of the New Tanner as soon as possible.

# Council hears plan to save arena

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The New Tanner

The fate of the vacant Prospect Park arena should be decided by the end of the month once Town politicians learn how much it would cost to demolish the building and restore the site.

At the October 28 council meeting staff will report on

demolition tenders that were submitted to the Town and councillors will also debate the plan jointly proposed by the Acton Agricultural Society and Heritage Acton to restore the building for use as a non-ice, not for profit community activity centre.

At Monday's general committee meeting Fair Board treasurer Daniel

Varanelli renewed a request first made in April to councillors to support the restoration by redirecting money earmarked for demolition to repairing the building. With proposed repairs pegged at \$540,000 and a community fund raising goal of \$300,000, Varanelli said they need between \$150,000 and \$200,000 from the Town.

"I do feel that your costs in restoring that building site to just a parking lot is going to be far more than might be expected...and from that perspective your contribution may, in fact, be less than it would be to demolish that building and restore the site," Varanelli said.


While only Georgetown Councillor Ron Chatten said

he wouldn't support the restoration plan if it included Town money, most of the 27 questions asked of Varanelli came from Georgetown and rural councillors who zeroed in on the financial risk for the Town and the group's proposed operating budget.

Chatten noted that the Town has a facilities commit

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## What's Inside



Acton's Cassandra Adams joins her husband Shane, as world jousting champion, winning the women's crown in Colorado. See Story on Page 8



Rockwood and District Lions and Lionesses are keeping Highway 7 clean on both sides of the village. See photo on Page 10



You have to do more than hold your nose when removing skunks from residential and commercial areas. Angela Tyler spent some time following Chris Tennant around as he trapped the black and white animals. See Page 4

# Police seek help in bomb death

## Type defect could be clue to killer



**KNOCK, KNOCK:** Maureen Flynn, 1<sup>st</sup> time canvasser for the United Way was busy Monday night in Lakeview for the blitz night. Here she accepts a donation from Janet Sinkgraven. - Angela Tyler photo

A unique type defect in a sarcastic letter included in a mail bomb that killed former Acton resident Wayne Greavette nearly two years ago could lead to his killer(s). The type flaw, a distinctive slash mark after every period, is produced by a font sold with less than two per cent of all Smith Corona typewriters sold in Canada.

Portions of the letter were released to Greater Toronto Area media at an OPP news conference on Tuesday in Puslinch as police appealed for help in finding the typewriter or correspondence that will lead them to it.

Investigators want to talk to anyone who owned, repaired or used a Smith Corona typewriter with daisy wheel font 10/12, number 59543. They also want anyone who might have dealt with Greavette in the water bottling industry to check their files for letters or invoices that include the flawed type.

Greavette, 42, was killed instantly in his Puslinch home on December 12, 1996 when he tried to turn on a flashlight that was delivered in a package with a letter to rural mailbox. The flashlight was rigged with a blasting cap, plastic explosives and roofing nails.

Greavette's 21-year-old son Justin, who had tried to turn the light on, was slightly hurt by flying debris when his dad pressed the On button and detonated the bomb,

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which had a unique design not seen in Canada. Greavette's wife and brother were also in the room but were not hurt.

Police couldn't trace the package because the stamp had not been cancelled at the Acton post office, an oversight police blame on a heavy volume of Christmas mail.

OPP Detective Inspector Mike Coughlin said they believe revenge was the motive for the callous and cowardly killing, but are unsure if it was revenge for love, hate or money. Coughlin said Greavette's previous marijuana use and his "very active social life" had all but been eliminated as reasons for his death.

"There were certainly things in his business life that would cause us to look at those particular areas," Coughlin said, adding that they have "a number of suspects," mainly in Ontario, who "have some commonality."

Six months before his death Coughlin moved from Acton to a Puslinch property where he was developing an artesian well system. Greavette had no financial problems, wasn't involved

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## Now cable has digital service

Clearer crisper pictures, faster Internet service and more channels are among the new services and programs being offered to Acton area customers by Western Co-Axial, formerly Halton Cable Systems.

As of January 1, the cable company will be only the second in Canada to offer digital cable for its 14 so-called premium channels.

A rebundling of channels means that people currently paying \$9.95 per month to get the Family Channel will get it, along with eight others including TBS Atlanta,

Speed Vision, for \$5.99 per month.

"Our bulk buying allows us to offer more channels to our customers at better prices," Halton office manager John Ollivier explained on Friday.

"We've guaranteed that we'll have digital cable and the new channels here by the first of the year and if we don't make it, we'll give all our customers a free month of those nine channels."

"Over 90 per cent of our customers have some speciality package and we think that this will appeal to them,"

Ollivier said, adding the change to digital for the premium channels will result in customers getting a new decoder, at no cost.

Beginning tomorrow (Friday) Western Co-Axial will add CTV Sports, the new regional sports channel to its line-up on channel 54.

Early next year Western Co-Axial, which currently is a major Internet provider on a dial-up service, is offering price deals for its cable customers and a cable-Internet service that will be 70 to 80 per cent faster than telephone Internet service.

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