

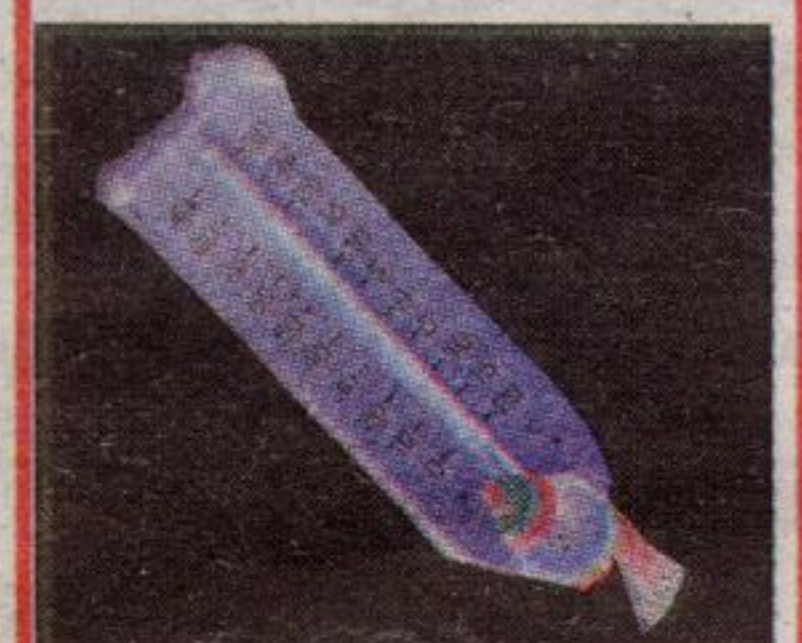
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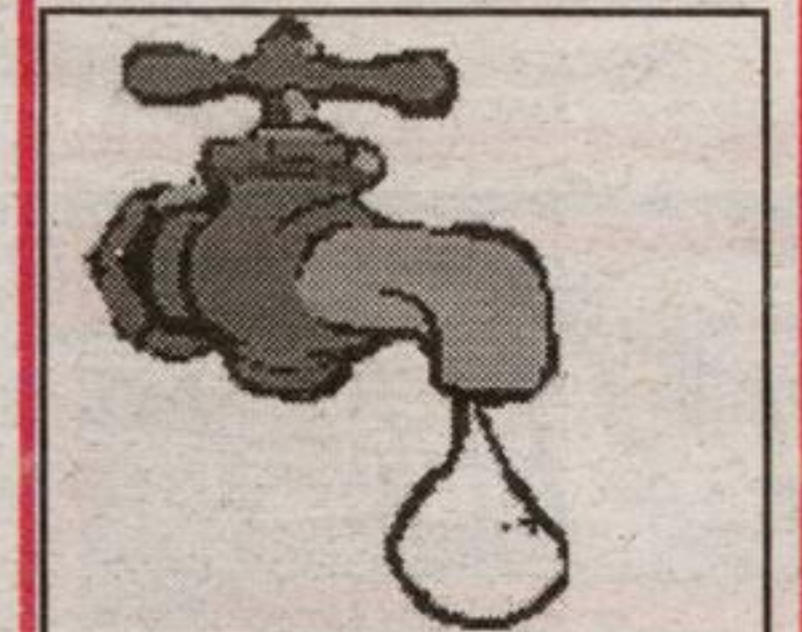
The New Tanner takes a look at the year that was - 2001. It starts on Page 3.



Councillor Rick Bonnette says Acton will benefit from the Town's Capital budget. See Page 15.



Acton Aqua Ducks establish some new personal bests at Georgetown swim meet. See Page 17.



Is Halton falling behind in water conservation. See letter Page 2.

## Good year for Acton merchants

### Halton VON gets coveted 3-year award

The Victorian Order of Nurses Halton Branch has received a coveted three-year Accreditation award from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation. This is the highest status awarded to health care organizations by the CCHSA, the same agency that accredits hospitals and evaluates the quality of an organization's services by comparing them to national standards.

The VON Halton Board of Directors thanked clients, their families, and the hundreds of dedicated staff and volunteers for their assistance and support during the recent Accreditation process. VON's President, Russ Hunt, stated, "CCHSA Accreditation confirms what we have been hearing from our VON clients for years - that they are highly satisfied with the quality of the care we provide. We're extremely proud of our staff and volunteers for their commitment to their clients and to VON Halton's mission."

VON Halton has been delivering community health and support services to the residents of Halton Region since 1930.



PA, RUM-PUM-PUM-PUM: Grade five student Dylan Burgess is the Little Drummer Boy at the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School Christmas concert last Tuesday. - Frances Niblock photo



CLARINET QUINTET: Headed by veteran band-members Al Bowen and Harvey Dewhurst, the clarinet section of Acton Citizens' Band serenade residents of Birchway Place on Wednesday, Dec 19, on the band's annual tour of Acton playing Christmas music. - Angela Tyler photo

### Brisk holiday sales

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The New Tanner

While the unseasonably warm weather kicked the heck out of pre-Christmas sales of coats, snow shovels and outdoor holiday sales, most Acton merchants report brisk holiday sales without a lot of last-minute mayhem.

Many reported that people were pampering themselves this year - buying that special gift for themselves or their family, as well as buying presents for the usual people on their Christmas list.

At Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances, sales were brisk in small household items - like clocks, pictures and prints - and owner Ron Kuiken was surprised that appliance sales had "gone crazy."

"People weren't travelling as much and they stayed home and spruced up their homes this year," Kuiken said.

At Achilles Mazda, where year-to-year sales of new cars were up 42 per cent, Achilles Pelitis JR. said several people bought themselves cars, and made sure they'd be ready for Christmas.

"We didn't have anyone buy a car as a gift for someone else, but there was a lot of business being done pre-Christmas," he said, adding they sold 270 cars this year.

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