



IT'S OFFICIAL: Radio Shack area sales manager Mark Sachkiw cut the red ribbon to officially open Acton businessman Ted Tyler's (with megaphone) Radio Shack dealership in Acton East on Thursday. — Frances Niblock photo

Letters

Atheist says Pope...

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lot to say if not all the say on important family matters.

To my knowledge the Catholic church has never informed their believers about any sexual predators in their midst. Especially priestly predators. To my knowledge the church, when exposed to law suits in the

courts have faught tooth and nail for absolution.

If you do the crime you do the time. This would be moral leadership at its best. Anything less than this won't cut it, especially from a church.

If Christians want to believe that Mary was a virgin and Jesus had God for a

Dad and Joseph by default was away — so be it. But please don't imply, write or state that the Pope or, for that matter, anyone else spout the moral high ground to marriages (divorce, gay — normal or otherwise).

R. Holmes
Acton, ON

Replace MPPs, don't reward them

Dear editor
Since MPPs may believe that they are worthy to receive 35% pay increases over a two year period maybe they could find a way to demonstrate to the average Ontario citizen

how they have improved our province by 35%.

I personally believe that a government that has helped to cause an increase in our hydro rates while reducing our service should be replaced, not re-

warded by a pay hike.

Sincerely,
Pat Woode.



BIA BLUE JAY DRAW: Winner of last week's tickets for a Blue Jay game were Susan Sinclair who entered at the BMO and Debi Kack who entered at Subway. The draw was made at Vintner's Cellar where Steve Atwell, co-owner, is shown with BIA summer student Joanne Haughie. — Submitted photo.

BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS By Jim Hayes P.R.O.

A few dates for your diary: On Friday, 22 August we will be having a Karaoke Nite on the patio / games room.

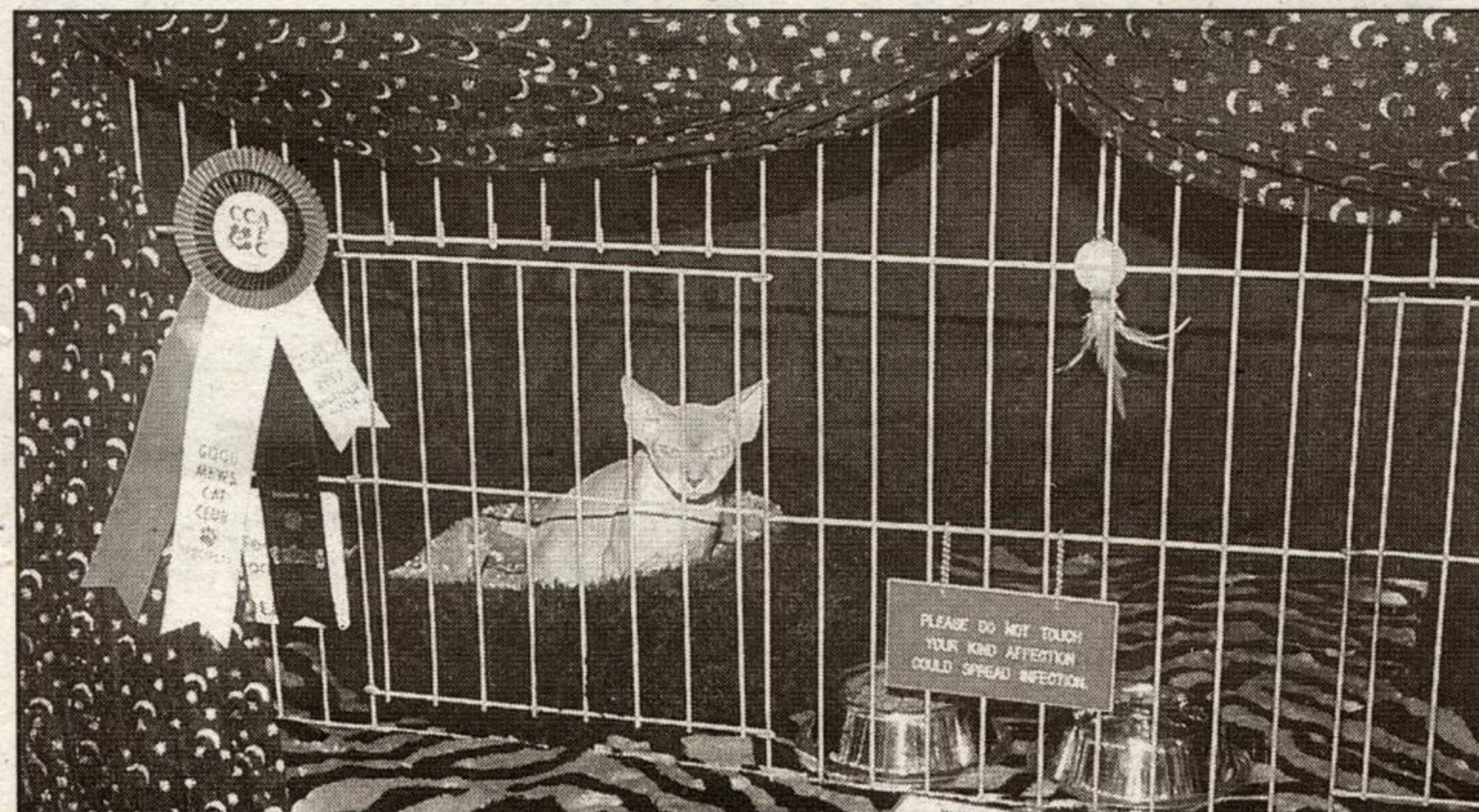
The Legion Masters will be held on Saturday 6, September. Have you signed up yet?

The next general meet-

ing of Branch 197 will be on Monday, 8 September at 8pm.

I remind you that the free membership draw winner will be one of the non-executive members present at that meeting.

Yours in comradeship,
Jim Hayes



KITTEN COMPETITOR: Four-month old Sassie the Sphinx, checked out the competition from the comfort of her cage during the Good Mews Cat Show, held for the seventh year at the Acton arena. — Frances Niblock photo

Vandal smashes Yourway window

It will cost \$600 to replace the window at Yourway Auto Repair and Muffler on Agnes Street, after an unknown suspect threw a stone through it, overnight Sunday/Monday.

Almost home

A 39-year-old Poplar Avenue man found staggering down the middle of his street by police at 9:44 Saturday night, was arrested for his own safety. He was charged with public intoxication and held until sober.

Drunk driver

A 47-year-old Greenore Crescent man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 after a citizen called police about an erratic driver on Queen Street near McDonald's, at 9:56 Friday night.

Police stopped the car, a 1992 Volkswagen, in the area and arrested the driver who failed a breathalyzer test and was arrested.

Property damage

A Main Street north home-

POLICE/FIRE REPORT

owner, awakened by a loud bang at 4:50 Saturday morning, saw a man throwing garbage bags and one of his potted plants onto the road.

He called police, but a search of the area did not turn up the suspect, a white male with short hair, 5'10", 160-pounds, last seen wearing dark pants and a white T-shirt. Damage is \$50.

Bye, bikes

Two bicycles valued at \$200 were stolen from beside a Kingham Road townhouse between 7 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday.

One is a five-speed, purple Tour Pro with 20-inch rims, and the other is a red All Tour with 24-inch rims. Police did not know if the bikes were locked at the time of the theft.

Sign bent

An unknown suspect

caused \$200 damage to Subway's mobile sign on Main Street north overnight Friday/Saturday. Police said a steel grid, designed to protect the sign, had been bent.

Lincoln vandalized

An unknown suspect poured gasoline on the front seat of a

car parked on Poplar Avenue, causing \$800 damage between 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m., Sunday.

The suspect smashed the driver's side window of a 1989 Lincoln and soaked the seat with gas. The gas was not ignited.

Gas check

A Beardmore Crescent resident was advised by Acton firefighters to see a doctor after calling 911 and complaining of symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide exposure. Crews checked the home but did not detect any levels of the deadly gas.

Town loser in cost sharing move by Halton CAOs

The efforts of Halton's five CAOs to share the tax burden in a more equitable manner means a one per cent increase in each of the next five years for Halton Hills taxpayers who seem to have got the worst deal, having to accept responsibility for 11 roads, including 25 Side Road from 15 to 22 Side Road.

The downloading of ownership and responsibility from Halton to the Town includes 46-kilometres of roads the region no longer classifies as major arterial roads, with an annual operating and maintenance cost of \$1-million.

When asked what would happen if the Town refused to endorse the CAOs' report, acting CAO Bob Austin, warned the Region could take some offered "financial gains," some "carrots for Halton Hills' signature," to cushion the blow, off the table.

The gains include \$750,000 over four years

from court revenues, a \$123,000 reduction in the Town's payment to Halton for fire hydrant maintenance and less spending on GO transit, giving the Town more room in its operating budget.

Mayor Kathy Gastle underlined the serious financial implications to the Town of the report, noting there's been a push by Regional councillors to get the report approved before the November municipal election.

"We are the municipality that is going to suffer the greatest financial impact, and in the long run, probably greater than anywhere in the Region," Gastle said, later adding "people need to understand why we're making massive cuts."

Acton and Halton Councillor Rick Bonnette called the situation "politics at its best and at its worst," depending on what side of the fence you're on, reminding councillors the Town has just three

votes at the Regional table, while Oakville and Burlington, who wanted the CAOs' report approved, "carry heavy sticks."

He warned if they deviate too much from the CAOs' report, things will become "very political," leaving the Town "at the mercy" of 18 other Regional councillors.

"This is a card game, folks — this is just like a poker hand we have to be very cautious about any resolution — obviously, we don't like it...Bonnette said.

Georgetown Councillor Ron Chatten called the situation "very sad," suggesting the Region may have outlived its usefulness to Halton Hills.

Along with reluctantly endorsing the CAOs report, Town Council advised Halton it is not in favour of the timing of the transfer of Maple Avenue and River Drive, until Halton identifies an alternate east-west truck route.



NEW HOME: Staff and carriers of The New Tanner celebrated at the official opening of the paper's new home at 373 Queen Street East, during ceremonies last Thursday. — Mark Sachkiw photo