

Looking back at highlights of 2003

As selected by Frances Niblock

JANUARY

Sixty-seven local needy families and their children have a happier Christmas, thanks to the Christmas Hamper program, which provided them with a Christmas meal and toys for the kids.



The Acton Tanners Bantam I team hands a visiting team from Sweden a 10-0 loss in an exhibition match at Acton arena.

FEBRUARY

Over 200 local residents show up for a meeting to plan an attack against Ontario's "flawed and unfair" assessment system, which after the most recent reassessment, means whopping tax increases for some.

Heritage Halton Hills proposes that 10 semi-detached houses on Bower

Avenue, the so-called Syndicate Housing - be designated as a Heritage District.



Amy Yateman's tantalizing baking and fast, friendly service earn her the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Halton's 1,200 full and part-time high school

teachers continue their limited work-to-rule campaign to protest lagging contract talks.

Reports show incidents of cancer, especially breast cancer among women, are significantly higher in Halton Hills than expected when compared with province-wide statistics.

MARCH

The Acton Citizens' Band received the Citizen of the Year award from the Rotary Club of Acton for its 130-year history as an Acton ambassador.

tawa-based discount store chain announced it has signed a lease for the old IGA store at Main and Mill Streets and will open in the fall.

The Acton Figure Skating Club wowed crowds at two shows with its Movie Montage carnival show featuring teetering tots and double jump landing skaters.

The Halton District School Board decision to cancel all international school trips because of the Iraqi war costs some Acton parents and students their



Town Council votes to go 100 per cent smoke free, in public and workplaces, by July 2004 in a compromise bylaw that scares some in the hospitality industry who claim they will lose business.

Rescue crews pulled a local teen out of the mud in the housing construction site behind the Christian Reformed Church, after a number of teens ignored warning signs to take a shortcut near a storm water management pond.

The Acton Carquest/Nellis Construction BB Novice team won the OMHA central district championship, blanking Fergus 1-0 for the hardware.

Acton's Carl Timbers, a Tim Hortons regular, won \$1,000 in the Roll Up The Rim contest. He didn't have any plans for the windfall, but was sure his wife would.

APRIL

Police investigate a recent rash of thefts from rural mailboxes that forced carriers to set up security measures with their clients.

deposit on a scheduled trip to Italy.

MAY

Acton's newest housing development - Devon Place on the south side of Highway 7, east of Churchill Road - begins to take shape.

The race for mayor in November's municipal election heats up with both Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette and his colleague, Councillor John Day throwing their hats into the ring to challenge incumbent mayor Kathy Gastle.

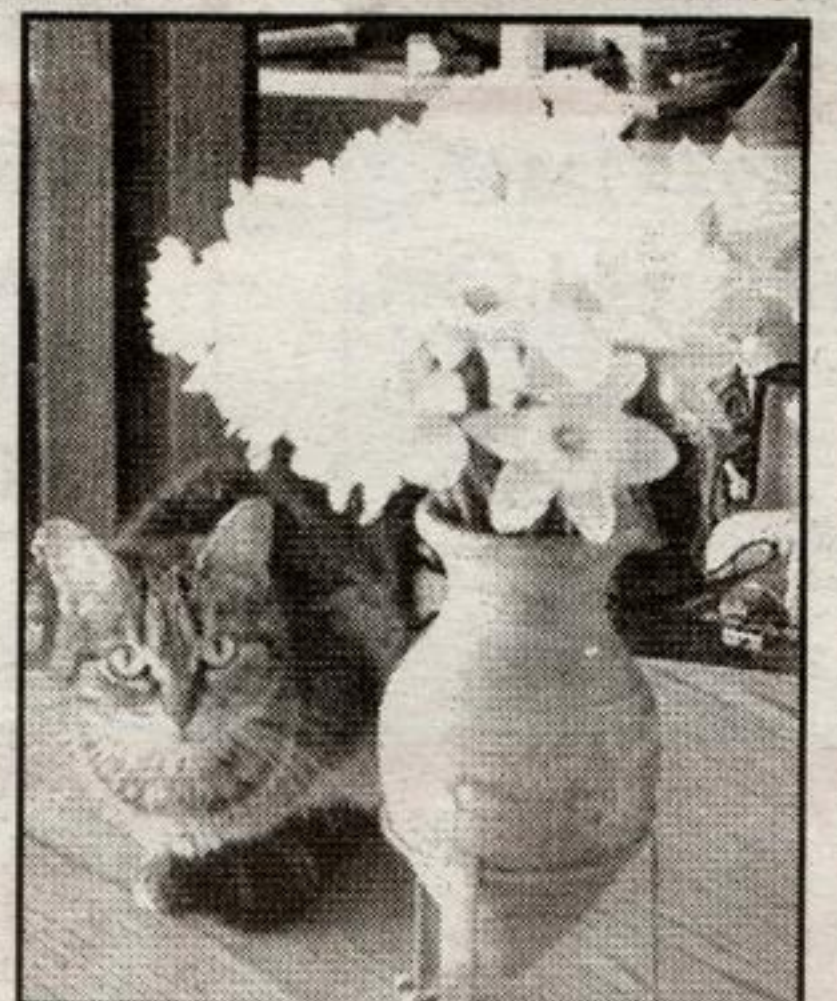
On the 58th anniversary of VE Day, bells toll from local churches as hundreds of Acton children and others paid a candlelight tribute to all veterans.

The Town buys the former Village Manor nursing home site on Main Street north with plans to demolish the building and turn the site into a municipal parking lot.

The New Tanner editor and local historian, Hartley Coles, received an Ontario Heritage Foundation Award from Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle and Heritage Halton Hills chairman Mark Rowe.

JUNE

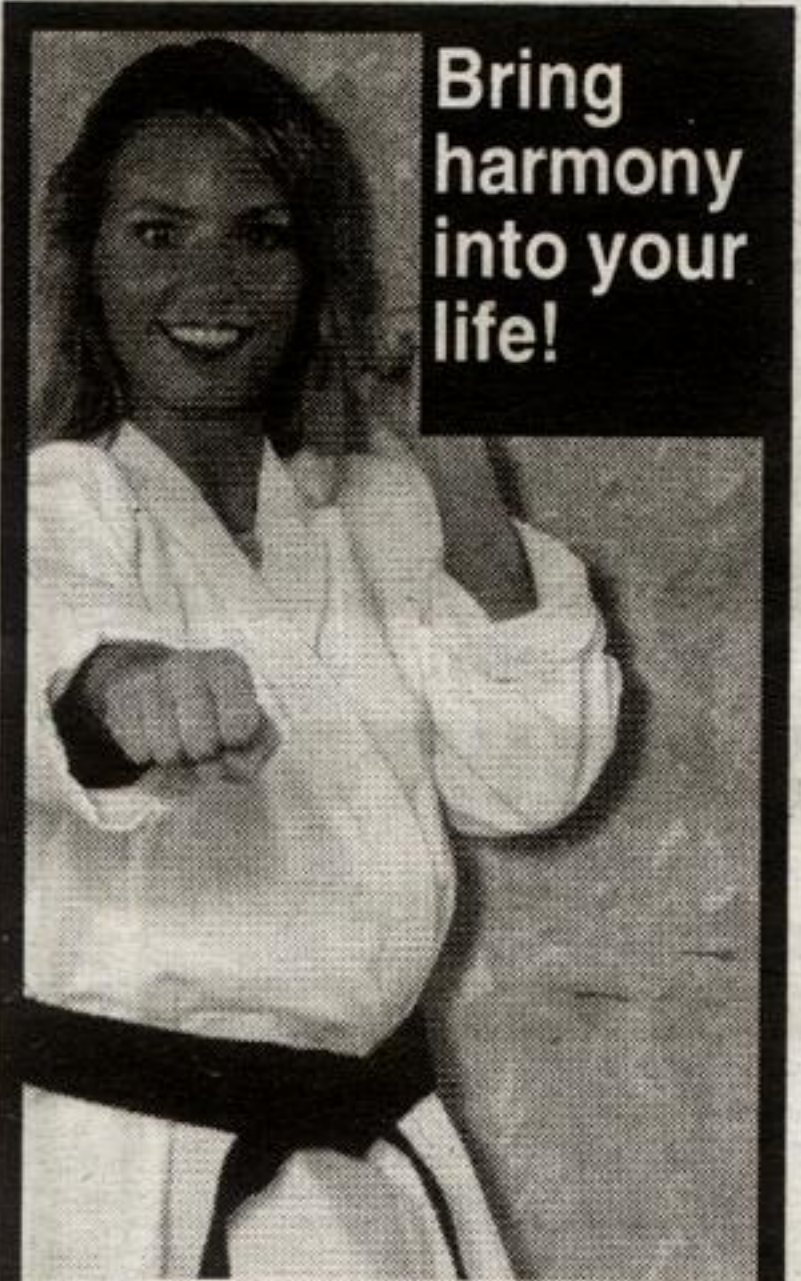
Concerns about increased parking, noise and smells were raised by neighbours of a proposed plaza at Young and Queen Streets. The anchor store at the Leathertown Junction development is Shoppers Drugmart.



A pit bull dog whose owner allowed her to stage a "reign of terror" in Acton was put down after a court upheld a destruction order requested by the Town.

Giant Tiger, an Ottawa-based discount store chain announced it has signed a lease for the old IGA store at Main and Mill Streets and will open in the fall.

The Town said it is not expecting any great *continued on page 14*



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