

NEW FRANCHISE OWNERS: Acton IGA has new franchise owners this week Sobeys severed their relationship with former Manager/ Owner Mike Manes.

IGA market changes hands...

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"That relationship is ah - we've moved on and we've severed that relationship with the Manes and we're moving on to the, ah, new franchisee is taking over," Norgate said, enthusing about Graham and Green, who left their Sobeys store in Blenheim (near Chatham) to relocate to Acton.

".... Their store was turning heads for what we call local store marketing, which is making all kinds of inroads and showing their local support for their community," Norgate said. Norgate said under the franchise agreement, Graham and Green run the store and call all the shots, making all management decisions and Sobeys provides the banner,

marketing materials and fly-

ers. In Ontario, Sobeys offers four basic banner stores including Sobeys, IGA, Foodland and Price Chopper.

Norgate said the Acton store will "flip" to a Sobeys on February 20, once construction of an additional 15,000 squarefeet, including floral shop, pharmacy and "30 varieties of freshly baked bread," is complete.

Norgate said the new Sobeys will be competitive and "priced right", and called the change in management "exciting and positive for Acton."

Norgate didn't have any numbers, but said the expansion requires additional staff, including a floral specialist and pharmacy team.

Court hearing January 29

By FRANCES NIBLOCK The New Tanner

The 17-year-old Brampton youth charged with second degree murder of Acton's Raymond Getty, 15, appears via video remand for a court hearing on January 29.

The youth will not appear in person in a Burlington court, but will appear via a video hookup between the court and a Hamilton detention centre where he's been held since his arrest on New Year's Day.

The teen, who was visiting his father's Danville Avenue home where the shooting occurred, cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, which protects his identity.

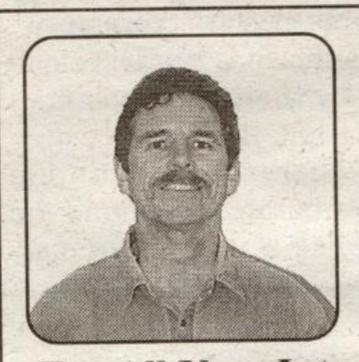
A benefit to help the Bennett family to help pay for Raymond's funeral is slated for Saturday (January 17) at Manny's Roadhouse on Mill Street, Acton.

Raymond's mother, Bonnie Bennett, said while outpourings of sympathy and support from the community have been "over powering," she's also had to contend with people who have ridiculed her for attempting to get on with her life, and for taking advantage of the community with the trust fund and benefit dance.

"I never asked for any of that, and I never asked for anybody to kill my son," Bennett said on Tuesday.

"I have a four-year-old. I have to move on. I don't have a choice - somebody still has to take her to school.

I wish I could lock myself up right now in a room, but we think he (Raymond) would say get on with it."



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Service for Christian Unity Sunday morning at Legion

Acton Ministerial Association is sponsoring the eleventh annual service to pray for Christian Unity at the Acton Legion auditorium this Sunday morning, January 18 at 10:30 am. Christians of all stripes whether church members or not, are invited to the service which last year drew an estimated 900 people despite cold winter weather. A parallel special celebration for children is being held at nearly St. Joseph School with Out-

side the Lines with the theme "Colouring Jesus everywhere." The celebration will have music, fun and stories.

Services for Christians Unity go back as far as 1740 but the formal Week of Prayer in Canada started in 1968 when the Council of Churches and Catholic bishops wrote international material for Canadian use. Acton's celebration is believed to be one of the best attended in Canada.

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