



**LENTEN SHEKELS:** Joan Barham, director of Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) accepts a cheque for over \$1,100 from Rev. Emerys Jenkins representing the Acton Ministerial Association, in a brief ceremony Tuesday at noon. The money will be used to fund more transitional housing in Acton and comes from collections taken at Lenten services which the ministerial association holds at noon hour on Wednesdays during Lent.

**Acton Agricultural Society**



**BLACK GOLD COMPOST SALE**  
**May 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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## Some insects can be beneficial

If you've taken a close look at your garden lately, you may have noticed that certain insect life has taken up residence amongst your impatiens and pansies. From the smallest mites to larger caterpillars, the wrong insects can wreak havoc on your plants. However, by encouraging the right insects to move in you can continue to maintain a healthy, blooming garden.

Many common insects can act as a natural pesticide for the villainous foes of plant life. According to The University of Georgia College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, natural enemies are an important component of integrated pest management - and a more economically sound option as well. Here is a brief listing of some beneficial garden insects:

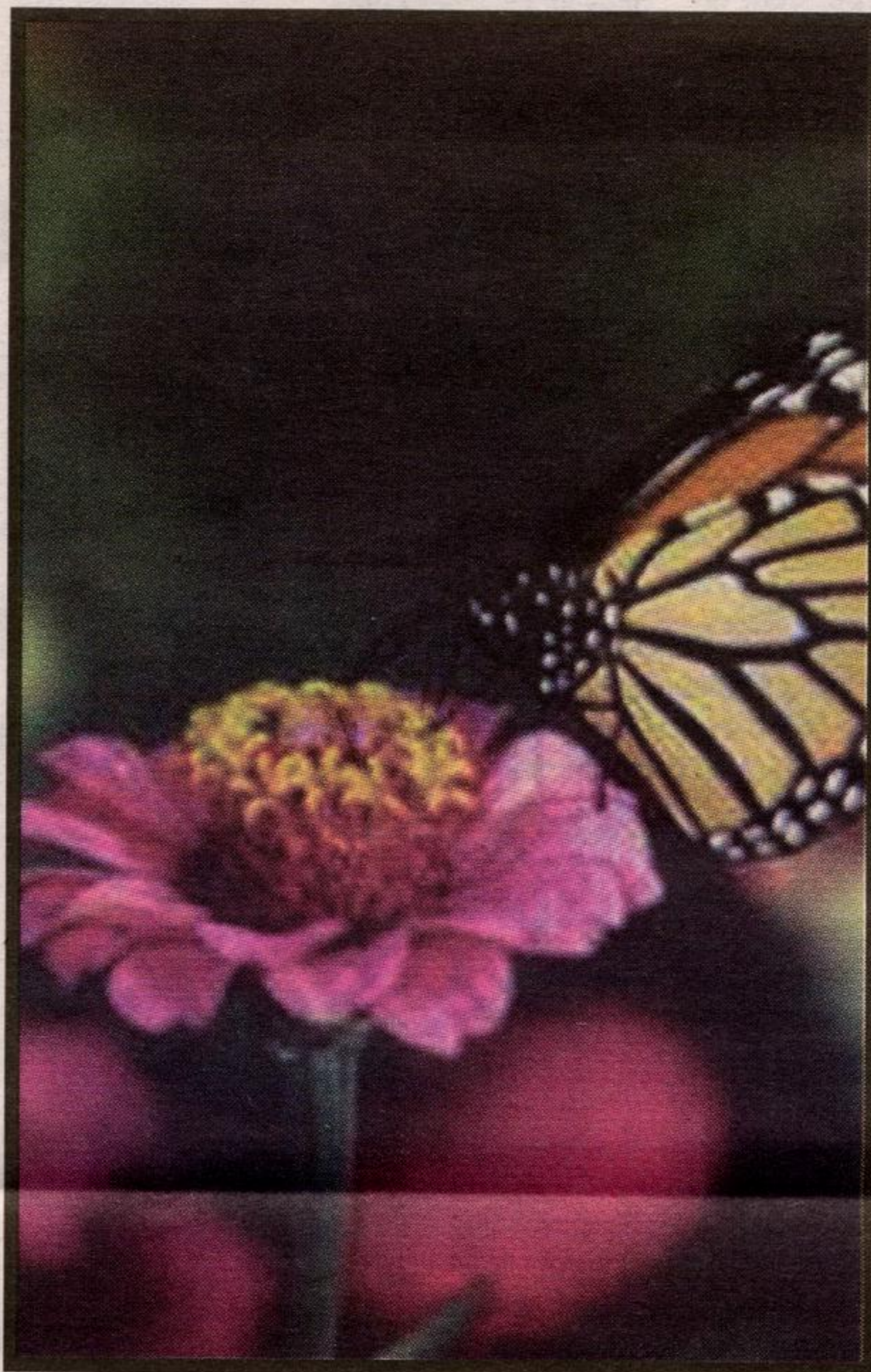
**Ladybug:** It feeds on aphids, chinch bugs, whiteflies, and mites, as

well as many other soft-bodied insects and their eggs.

**Praying Mantis:** It enjoys a wide range of pests, including aphids, flies, and beetles. A curious critter, it may also keep you company while gardening.

**Spined Soldier Bug:** It feeds on several pest species of caterpillars and beetle larvae. It is attracted to perennial beds for shelter.

**Predator Mite:** It is very useful in controlling spider mites and two spotted mites both indoors and in your outdoor garden.



**NOT ALL INSECTS** are detrimental to gardens. By encouraging beneficial insects to roost among your plants you can reduce the need for chemical pesticides.

### Daffodils add sunshine to gardens



There are few who can deny the beauty of daffodils, whether they be atop mountains or in a bouquet. When you want to add some of their beauty to your own backyard. Buy bulbs from a reputable dealer. Write down the varieties of daffodils that you've purchased so you can buy more if need be. Also, avoid purchasing "mixtures," which can create a messy look of flowers at varying heights, shapes and blooming periods.

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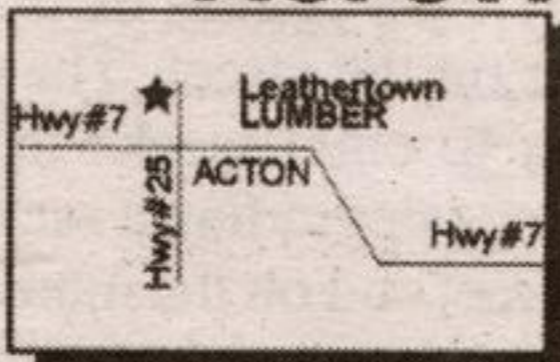
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