

# SuperStore 'jumped the gun'

When Council approved plans for a massive Loblaws SuperStore in Georgetown on May 2, Acton Councillor Clark Somerville questioned how the supermarket giant, normally a good corporate citizen, had jumped the gun and allowed work to begin on the site at Guelph Street and Mountainview Road before all the permits had been issued.

"You could see along on Mountainview where footings were poured," Somerville said, adding it is a highly visible project and people noticed the work starting and stopping.

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A company official blamed the contractor for assuming the permits had been issued.

Mayor Rick Bonnette noted Loblaws' senior management cooperated quickly and "called off their crew" with 30 minutes of a phone call from the Town.

The 138,000-square-foot store - roughly four times the

size of Acton's Sobeys - will include a 73,000-square-foot food store and pharmacy, electronics store, housewares, baby wear, photo lab and a fitness centre.

### More enforcement

It's time to increase the amount of time Town staff spends on enforcing Town parking bylaws according to Acton Councillor Clark Somerville.

At a recent Council meeting Somerville said for the past six years, staff have spent 20 hours per week enforcing Town parking bylaws.

He said people ask why no parking signs are put up, but not enforced, and suggested additional fines could cover the cost of extra staff to enforce the bylaws.

Henry Tse, the Town's director of Building, Zoning and Enforcement said staff would be happy to take a look at the issue, noting "we don't have enough staff to provide the service we'd like to provide."

## Tomorrow's Friday the 13th

### Do you have paraskevidekatriaphobia?

It has been said that:

-If 13 people sit down to dinner together, one will die within the year.

-Some cities don't have a 13th Street or 13th Avenue.

-Many buildings and hotels won't have a 13th floor or room 13.

Tomorrow is Friday the 13th, a superstitious day that occurs one to three times a year that gives some of us a bad case of paraskevidekatriaphobia, a morbid, irrational fear of Friday the 13th. If you are one of those people who believes in occult or magical connections like breaking a mirror is seven years bad luck, stepping on cracks on the sidewalk and walking under a ladder is unlucky, then this Friday is a day to stay home with the doors locked, the shutters closed and your fingers crossed.

However, there were some ancient civilizations that didn't share in our dread of 13. The Chinese thought 13 was lucky and the Egyptians, at the time of the pharaohs, who believed life was a spiritual rising quest that unfolded in 12 stages this life and a 13th beyond. The number therefore symbolizing death in a glorious and desirable way.

Some say Friday's unlucky status goes way back to the Garden of Eden where it supposedly was a Friday

that Eve tempted Adam with the forbidden fruit. It also goes that the Great Flood began on a Friday; God tongue-tied the builders of the Tower of Babel; the Temple of Solomon was destroyed; and Christ was crucified all on a Friday. In pagan Rome, Friday was the execution day of criminals (also called Hangman's Day in Britain).

Even though 13 will always be a skeptical number, a lot of this could be chalked up to sheer coincidence and folklore. But if you're one of

those people who believes in Paraskevidekatriaphobia or triskaidekaphobia (a fear of the number 13) then tomorrow might just be the day to take a long weekend.

Remember:


-Never change your bed on Friday, if you do you'll have bad dreams.

-Don't start a new trip or journey on a Friday or something will go wrong.

-and please avoid births, weddings, sailing of ships, cutting your nails and starting a new job.

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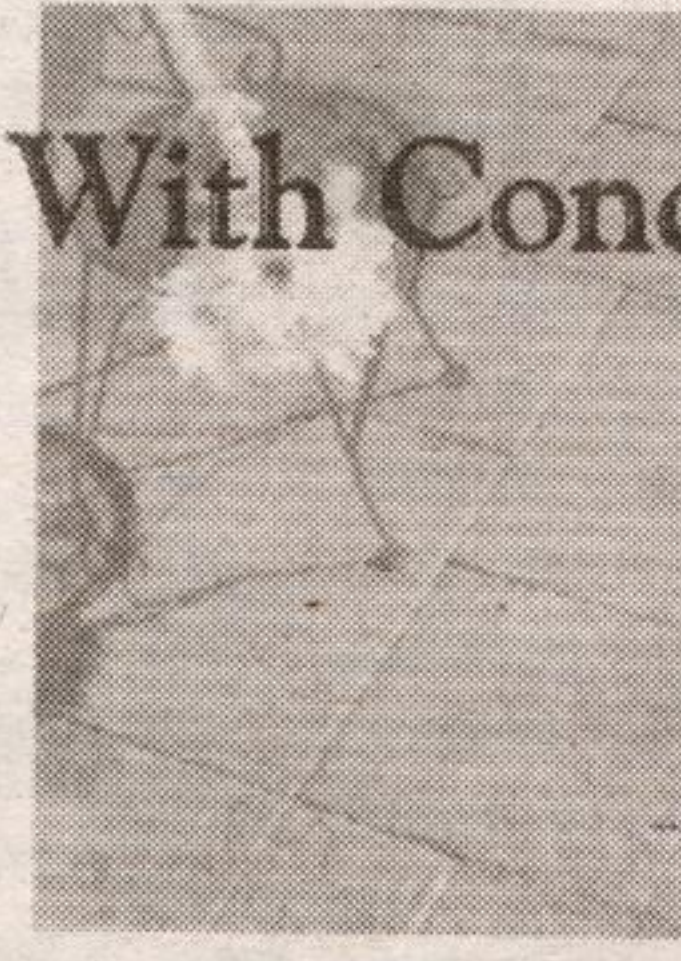





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