

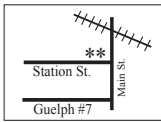
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Purity Life worker injured in 18' fall

The Ministry of Labour continues to investigate how a worker at Purity Life fell 18 feet from a lifting device, severely injuring himself, in an industrial accident at the health food distributor's Commerce Court plant at 12:25 a.m. on February 4. Purity Life Health Products is a division of SunOpta Inc.

Although the company and investigators have not identified the man, a source told The New Tanner that the injured worker is John Thompson. He is listed in stable condi-

tion in a Hamilton hospital, suffering from multiple injuries, including head trauma.

Bruce Skeaff, a spokesman for the Ministry of Labour, said their inspector has asked Purity for nine things, most of them paperwork related, including the certificate for the lifting device, copies of the lifting device's maintenance manual, personnel information, minutes of safety meetings and health and safety accident procedures.

SunOpta information officer Susan Wiek-

enkamp declined to give any details about the injured worker or the accident except to say that the company is "committed to employee health and safety and is fully co-operating" with the Ministry of Labour investigation and had been in contact with the man's family.

A source said the worker was wearing a safety rig, but it was not tethered to anything when he fell as he reached for something on a high level rack.

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The United Way is short of its 2008 goal. There's still time to donate. See Page 15

Angela recalls her memories of the MSB field. Page 6

Acton rallying against MSB sale



A FEATHERED FRIEND: Upon returning home Acton resident Kim Martin found an injured bird on her front doorstep. Realizing the bird was still alive, she contacted a vet and received some vitamin water mixture to feed the bird to help him gain his strength. The little bird known as a White Winged Cross Bill spent a few days at Kim's residence being nursed back to health, with the assistance of vets and bird specialists, until he was finally strong enough to fly away on his own. - Traci Gardner Photo

Admittedly an uphill battle

By Frances Niblock

The fight to save all of the McKenzie-Smith Bennett school site is admittedly an "up hill" battle, but one that the community has endorsed.

'Save MSB' signs are appearing all over Acton and more than 300 people have joined a Facebook site to try to get the Halton District School Board to reconsider its decision to add an as-yet-undetermined portion of the MSB site to a list of surplus property that is for sale.

Regional and Town Councillor Clark Somerville said many local residents are incensed with the Board's decision and are very vocal about it.

"It makes it interesting when you try to go grocery shopping. Everybody

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Council questions golf water use

Concern that two local golf courses, including one just east of Acton, could use excessive amounts of water for their irrigation systems prompted Town Council to again recommend limits on how much

water can be taken from two creeks, and for how long.

"There are so many water taking permits coming out of here, sooner or later we're going to be dry," Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis said

last week as Town Council debated how to respond to the Ministry of Environment's request for comments on applications by Hornby Glen Golf Course and the proposed Black Creek Golf Course, on

the north east corner of Highway 7 and the Fourth Line, to take water from local creeks.

Hornby Glen wants renewal of a 10-year permit to pump water from a tributary to Mid Black Creek Golf Course, on

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