

GRAPE VINE

"Grasscycle" on Monday

Due to an excessive number of phone calls from irate citizens - as many as 80 calls a week - who don't want to wait until the next scheduled yard waste pick up in October, Town Council has agreed to hold an additional yard waste pickup on Monday, Aug. 19.

During the last additional collection in June 64.5 tons of yard and garden waste were collected at a cost of \$4,811.

In recommending yet another additional collection day Mayor Marilyn Serjeanston noted that grass clippings are banned from collection with regular refuse but she suspects that a lot of yard and garden waste is being mixed with regular garbage.

Serjeanston said that holding an additional yard waste pick up Monday will actually save money because it costs \$174 to collect and dispose of one ton of regular garbage but only \$74.50 to collect and dispose of one ton of yard waste which is then sent to a composting facility.

Canadian Tire says 'Say cheese' for safety

The Georgetown Canadian Tire store has agreed to pick up the tab

for purchasing film for a Kin Child Protection Day next month in Acton.

The soon-to-be-chartered Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs in Acton will photograph and finger print children at Prospect Park, using film supplied by Canadian Tire.

"When the Canadian Tire store closed in Acton, the Georgetown store offered to help and we really appreciate that," explained future Kinette Catherine Andersen in an interview on Sunday.

Along with the photographing and finger printing there will be some very special guests the Sept. 6 event.

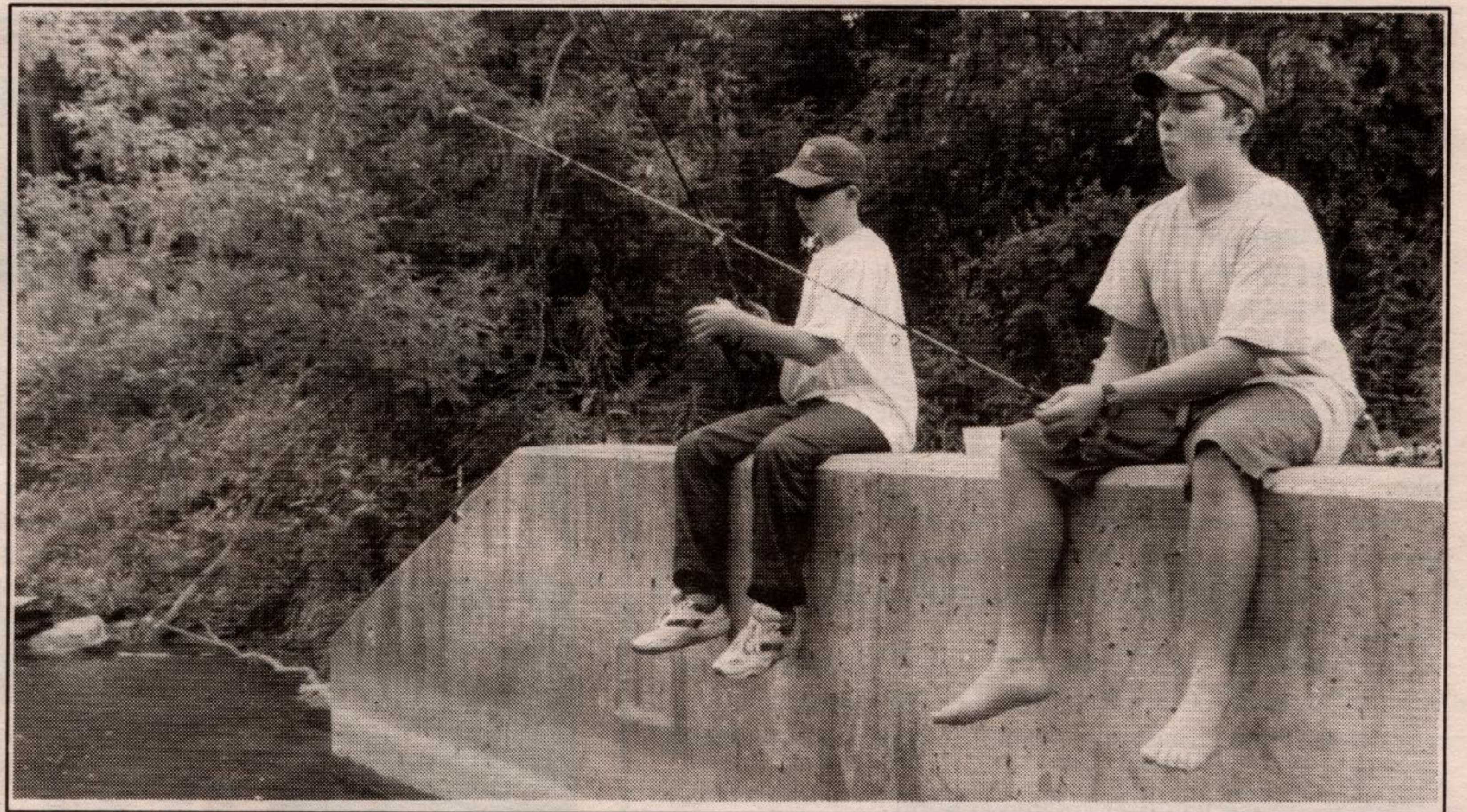
Fresh from their appearance at the Georgetown Fall Fair, several members of the RCMP Musical ride, and their trusty steeds, will travel to Acton to sign autographs and pose for pictures.

Voice mail 101

Love it or hate it, voice mail is coming to the Town's municipal offices.

In an effort to upgrade the Town's over-worked and inefficient phone system, a \$20,000 voice mail system will be installed, despite the grumblings of several Georgetown councillors, including Anne Currie and Al Cook, who would rather have a live person and not a recorded voice at the other end of the phone and feel ratepayers want the same thing.

Town staff will be briefed on the proposed voice mail system at four special presentation slated for this Friday and Monday.



GONE FISHING! With less than a month to go until the start of school, Mark Hilts, 15, left, and Corey Clark, 14, both of Limehouse, get some fishing in while they can. All they were able to catch up 'til them were some chubb. (Jamie Harrison photo)

I've Got an Olympic Hangover

I feel awful. I'm going through Olympics withdrawal. I'm addicted to the games, always have been. First thing in the morning I check the TV. I watch the late evening reports. My converter is smokin' from changing back and forth between CBC and NBC. I have a TV. In my office, an old black and white one. The announcer says "the Canadians are in the red boat." Drives me crazy - I forget which colour of grey is red. I really should sign up for Olympics Anonymous or something.

Whether you're a fan or not, the Olympics are big news. The traffic tie-ups; the tragic and unforgiveable bombing in Centennial Park; buses being hijacked by athletes; would T.O. have done a better job, and so on. As a means of closure, and personal therapy, here are my observations on Canada's most successful summer games ever.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Much too long! There is some talk about restricting the numbers of athletes in each delegation to speed up the parade. Now there's a typical I.O.C. bonehead idea. The Olympics is, or should be, about the athletes. Why not cut out some of the artsy-fartsy stuff? What is the point of the 1/2 tons driving around? Who needed those gigantic white butterflies? I think they should slash the culture vulture's time by a half or two-thirds. Leave the athletes alone. Who designed the Canadian uniforms? Our national colours are red and white. I thought this year's uniforms were the second worst I can remember. The worst being the purple people eater winter Olympics of a few years ago. Our team looked great in red and white at the closing ceremonies. It should be a regulation that our official uniform is red and white. The Yanks always manage to look fashionable in red, white and blue.

Did the designers not know that Atlanta was hot? Why put our ladies in long dresses and vests? Bet that was fun. When I saw them come in I started to hum, "Granny was a Girl Guide, she wore a funny hat." The men looked like unmade beds.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



It was a brilliant move to have Muhammad Ali light the flame in Atlanta. Former Atlanta pastor Martin Luther King Jr. must have smiled down with some satisfaction. On top of that, the secret was well kept. Very emotional.

OPENING CEREMONIES HERO: Ten-year-old Marty Cunningham of Cobourg. He carried the Olympic flame on Canada Day. He went one km, all uphill, in 37 degree heat. He earned his way into the Olympic experience as much as any member of the athletic team. I think the government or at least the C.O.A. should give him some kind of award. His courage and determination is an inspiration to us all, and especially to those involved in competitive sports.

MOST OLYMPIC MOMENT: A tie, I think, between bronze medalist Annie Pelletier of Montreal and U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug.

Pelletier barely qualified for the quarter and semi-finals. In the finals she was, at one time, as low as sixth. Guts, determination and a go-for-broke dive selection put her on the podium after many had counted her out. Truly, an Olympic moment.

Probably, Kerri Strug will become a millionaire. That shouldn't take away from what she did though. If you've ever had a badly turned ankle, just imagine landing on it from seven feet in the air. Her last vault was courageous - there's no other word for it. The image of her coach carrying her to the podium and back will always be with me. She deserved her gold medal.

LOCAL HERO: Kara McGaw and the ladies' softball team. Although they didn't medal they probably did more to promote and advance their sport than has been done in the last 20 years. Kara also had

the "most distinctive mouthguard." It's the dad in me, I'm sure, but my first reaction was "There's a lot of expensive orthodontic work behind there." Maybe I'm entirely wrong, but I think a local drugstore should get in a pile of those guards, get Kara in to autograph them and put on a sale. Parents of girls (and boys) involved in sport would be eternally grateful. The kids would probably wear them if an Olympian said it was "cool." The Canadian ladies' softball team games were all exciting to watch. Having someone from home on the team made this event even more enjoyable. We'll get 'em in Sydney.

MOST SATISFYING EVENT: The men's 4 X 100 relay. The Yanks have owned this event and were sure they had it in the bag. Our guys blew them out of their - um - er - supporters. That whole controversy about Carl Lewis running almost made me hurl. One magazine even claimed the U.S.A. could pick someone out of the stands to run anchor and still win. As if! Gold for us and second best for the also rans. I loved every minute of it.

WE WUZ ROBBED: Boxer Mike Strange from Niagara Falls. Not since Sylvie Frechette has a judge so blatantly taken one of our athletes out of the Games. I hope Niagara Falls does something nice for him when he comes home.

BEST COMPETITION UNIFORM: The synchronized swimming team who won a silver medal. I thought it was great when they huddled, these women from French and English Canada, and sang the national anthem in both English and French. Benedict Bouchard must have had a *oiseau*. Unexpected bonuses are always appreciated.

MOST UNORTHODOX WIN: Boxer David Defiagbon who took one in the puppies to advance to the semi-finals. David battled on to win a silver. Kind of gives new meaning to the idea of "taking one for the team," though.

The Olympics ran for two weeks and so will this column. More next Wednesday.

HEY!

Question: What do you think of the new Hungry Hollow (9th Line) bridge?



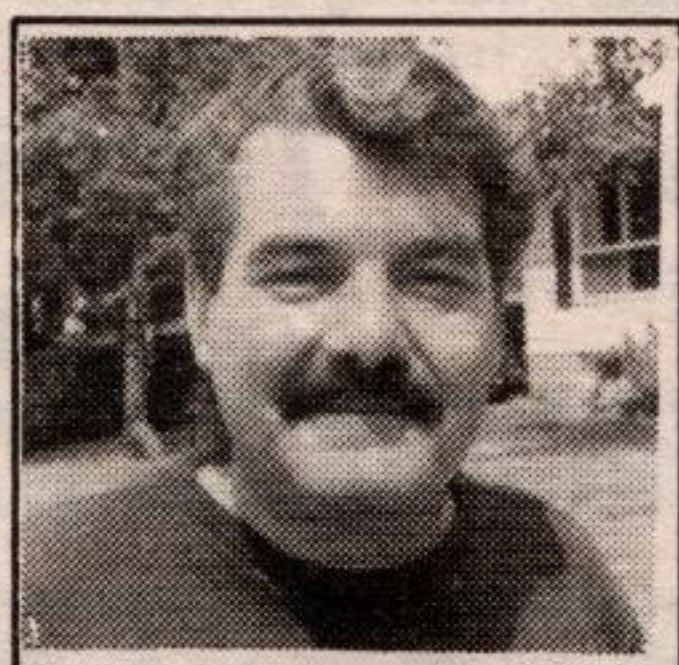
"I like the bridge. I can walk every morning and afternoon and it's nice."
Fatima Kamsa,
Craig Cres.



"It was fun walking there because it feels safe and comfortable."
Julie Quiza,
Craig Cres.



"We were concerned about the speed limit of the traffic over the bridge. In the long run, it will be better for the wildlife."
John Clare,
Smith Dr.



"First of all; they did overkill on the lamping. Have you ever scene Las Vegas at night? And the bridge didn't have to be so wide. This bridge is for the Burlington Skyway, not a little stream."
Gary Frei,
Mountainview Rd.