

Outlook on Lifestyle

Don't miss Roadrunner's crazy garage sale

Good afternoon, and welcome to another addition of Acton's Happenings. The column that keeps you, the reader, informed.

It has been hot! (Lucky I informed you) so, of course the beach and canoe rentals are keeping busy. There is still plenty of room for avid water fans though, and what better way to catch the sun's rays?

If you don't like sunbathing, you can always go to the Acton Double "A" and the "Roadrunners" Big and Crazy Garage Sale. The two baseball teams are sponsoring the sale to raise funds for the club. They'll be at least one of everything you can imagine, and at reasonable prices too. The sale takes place on August 8, at around 8 a.m., and will go until there is nothing left to sell or no more customers, whichever comes first. Help support the teams



Acton news

By Heather Quinn

and pick up some bargains

Speaking of a bargain, the kids are sure to enjoy the antics of comedian, juggler and magician extraordinaire Tom Kubinek, who will be

performing live at the Acton Public Library on August 12. Tickets are \$1 and yes, they are on sale now at the library. This should be lots of fun for kids and adults alike

Did someone say kids? And did someone say Santa Claus? (Santa Claus, in July you ask?) Yes! You see, since the people from the trailer park won't be here on Christmas, they decided to hold "Christmas in

July." They had everything from a banquet lunch to gifts, to a real live Santa Claus! Imagine dressing up in a Santa outfit in this heat, that's what I call Christmas spirit

And that's not all. Campers aren't here for hallowe'en either, so they're having "Hallowe'en in July" next week. Those campers are crazy O.K., O.K., so the column is supposed to be about Acton, well I've got some news from the World of Milton. Its about the Ontario Agricultural Museum's Giant Corn Roast on Aug. 23

You know, this place immediately brings the word "boring" to people's minds, and I admit, mine too. Then I visited the place, and its pretty fascinating! Its like stepping into another time zone. Its 80 acres of the past. It has farmsteads, theme buildings and lots of equipment used on farms from the past, they have one of the largest collections in North America. I suggest you plan for the full day, because this place is big and it takes hours to explore.

There, some local history, so the corn festival is on August 23 and the place opens at 10 a.m. Come and enjoy the past and the corn. Its worth it.

Don't forget about the Arrive Alive Mail Display in Guelph Stone Road Mall on August 6 and 7. See you there! Have a safe and happy long weekend and remember: Don't drink and drive.



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Music plays crucial role how teenagers act, dress

Music plays an integral part of teenagers' lives. It can affect their hairstyles, clothes and interests, reflect attitudes and guzzle up hard earned money. Some people hold their musical tastes up as a symbol of their identity, while others, music is a quieter, more subtle part of their lifestyle.

In 1973, a movie was released which captured one summer night in teenagers' lives in 1962. Silence was rare on the "American Graffiti" soundtrack because the radio accompanied the kids wherever they went!

Today, music still accompanies youths everywhere, thanks to the Walkman. But the sad thing is that radio has had to change. This change is partly due to the invention of radio's "enemy", the television. Kids have grown up with constant visual images with which the radio has to compete. If you can't beat them, join them, and the result, as everyone should know, is the music video.

Skinny Puppy (for example) has a following, but is not yet a household name. Why not? Well, they don't have a video...at least, not one that I have seen. But you have all heard of Madonna, Bon Jovi and Duran Duran. You can't turn a video show on without seeing their faces. (Please note that I am not judging the merits of any group which I mention. In fact, Duran Duran is my favourite band.)

Duran Duran could not get any airplay in the United States until their videos became popular. The underlying thought, then, is that ultimately, a group needs a video in order to be successful and famous. If people like the appearance of a band or the quantity of the band's



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video (for which the band is not even responsible), the group will have in-

stant fame. Even if it is short-lived, the popularity will have existed. And popularity cannot be measured on the same scale as musical talent.

Some optimists claim that through the union of radio and television, music has achieved its finest form. After all, you can actually see the musicians performing. Certainly, concert videos please many fans who want to see the group in action

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It was a TV phenomenon that topped the Nielsen ratings the year Richard Nixon resigned as president. Its cast was made up of one redneck, one liberal hippie college student, a feminist and a dingbat. It spawned a series of successful sitcom spin-offs including Maude, Good Times and The Jeffersons. Should we label you a meathead, or can you answer all of these All In The Family questions?

1. At what company did Archie Bunker work?
2. According to Archie, what was Richard Nixon's middle initial?
3. Who baptized Joey Stivic?
4. Who habitually claimed "God will get you for that!", and what was her relationship to Edith?
5. What were the real reasons for Edith's "death" and what did producer Norman Lear do to prevent an outcry from one segment of the community at his character's demise?
6. What was the name of the tavern Archie finally bought?
7. Whatever happened to Mike and Gloria?

1. Frederquest Tool and the Com-
pany.
2. F.
3. Archie.
4. Blanche Finkel. She was Edith's
cousin.
5. Jean Stapleton wanted out. After
playing a dingbat for so many years,
she was quoted as saying: "I've kept
my identity separate from
Edith's...I keep on in the role, peo-
ple will never think of me as anyone
else." Meanwhile, producer Lear
was forced to donate \$500,000 to the
Equal Rights Amendment cause to
avoid a feminist outrage at Edith's
death.
6. Kelsey's.
7. Many viewers found it hard to
believe but the explanation went like
this: After moving to California
following his graduation from col-
lege, Mike nabbed a job as a pre-
master but dropped out of the
mainstream to join a commune.
Mike and Gloria separated and
Lear but dropped out of the
cast where she eventually went on to
become a veterinarian's assistant.

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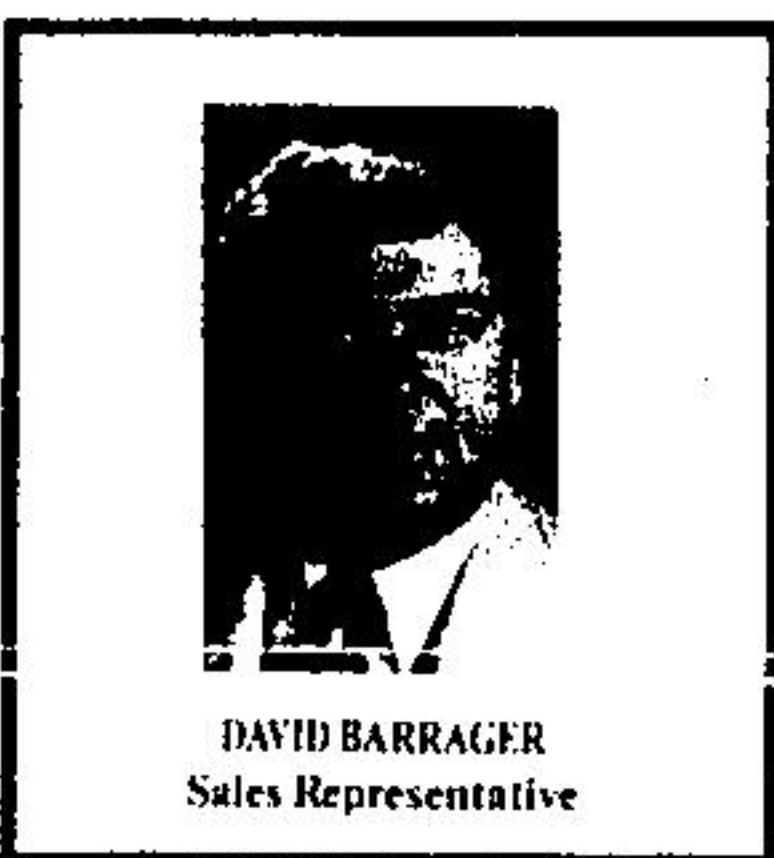
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