

30 years ago

June 23 was graduation banquet for pupils and staff of Park Public School. Held at the school the banquet was catered to by the mothers of the graduating class under Mrs. John English, and the room was decorated by members of the Grade 7 class. Mayor Jack Armstrong was the guest speaker and was introduced by the top pupils Gary Herbert and thanked for his talk by Sharon Sykes.

With a bumper attendance of 600 people, members of St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches converged on Stanley Park, Erin for their church school picnic. The day was arranged by a committee comprising Pearce Porter, Ernie Alcott, Ernie Forgrave, Alan Prouse, Mill Armstrong and Ray Roach. It featured a large variety of races and novelty events.

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Tinkerbell Nursery School for mentally disabled children held a farewell party at Park Public School. The youngsters spent the morning singing, and playing games interrupted only by a well deserved snack of juice and cake. Mr. and Mrs. J. Needham sponsored the party.

Mrs. Barbara Case of Limehouse became a very happy woman when she received a cheque for \$500. Mrs. Case won the prize for spelling out the word "gasoline" in the Pepsi Cola "Beat the cost of living" contest.

On July 1, 1974, Acton held its 100th birthday party. Childhood memories for second and third generation Actonians like Ruby Clark, Laura Wiles and Charles Lansborough are: skating on Henderson's Pond behind the Free Press; sleigh riding down the hills on Main Street, right down the road, and other childhood memories.

Halton's History from our files

10 years ago

The Halton Hills Libraries have received a grant of \$1,541 from the Wintario Lottery. The grant will be used toward the purchase of audio-visual equipment for the libraries. It is one of 21 given out for projects in the Region of Halton, with a total of \$58,328.

Two vacant town-owned lots of the corner of Main and Henry Streets in Georgetown were to be sold as suitable sites for a home provided the general committee recommendation was accepted by town council. The committee recommended that clerk-administrator Ken Richardson should be authorized to sell the lands by tender after ensuring that adequate portions of the property have been retained for use as a public roadway, a storm sewer easement, and roadside reserves.

5 years ago

Halton Separate School Board trustee Irene McCauley expected major growth and expansion at the secondary level with the Ontario government's decision to fund the separate school system. Mrs. McCauley believed a high school for Roman Catholic students would be built in the Halton Hills area in the future. No definite site had been agreed on at that date.

Visitors to the 27th annual Citizen of the Year award dinner held in the Acton Curling Club, may have wondered whether Dr. David Van der Bent was being recognized or roasted! But there was no mistaking the warmth behind the good natured ribbing directed at Dr. van der Bent who was honored for his 18-year contributions to the Acton community.

LETTERS

Bennett's success symbolizes Georgetown's hockey achievements

Dear Sir,

The emotion and excitement we all shared and enjoyed leading up to and after Adam Bennett's being drafted sixth in the NHL Entry Draft can be pretty 'heady' stuff. I have the suspicion that Adam will not be the only high draft choice to be selected from graduates of our local Junior team during the next few years.

I think this is a great thing for Adam and his family and their rewards are obvious. We all congratulate them and look forward to following Adam's career.

I would like to extend a congratulations and thank you to the literally hundreds of people who have contributed to this occasion. The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association created the opportunity and the atmosphere which allowed Adam to develop his natural skills. This includes all the executives, coaches, managers, referees, volunteers and parents who work so hard to allow our young people to enjoy the sport of hockey. The players who competed with and against Adam - most of whom played for pleasure not with the goal of professional hockey. Their support, encouragement, challenges and most important, friendships are what makes this sport and our community so great.

Parents are the backbone of this entire program. We who enjoy involvement in hockey realize that the support of all parents - from the most non-competitive recreational players to the super involved rep players - is melted together to develop a system that serves both interests. It's not easy to do and we all should recognize them at a time such as this.

Georgetown is blessed with one of the most generous and supportive business communities in Ontario.

Our sport of hockey enjoys strong corporate sponsorships at all levels so we have always been able to conduct our programs in a first-class manner. We don't say it often or loud enough but, Thank You!

OHA Jr. B hockey provides a window of opportunity for the more gifted local players to view the world of competitive hockey in terms of provincial and national recognition. OHA competition is the first serious steps towards playing the game for more than recreation. University hockey, international competition (Olympic and World Championships) and of course professional hockey often start with a season or two in the OHA. We are very proud of Jack Handy, Bob Hooper, Peter Sturgeon and their army of supporters who have been involved with Adam and his Jr. B days in Georgetown. These workers can rightfully be proud of their role in Adam's success. We must also look back to the early days of Jr. B to all those Geminis who toiled without our current 'limelight' but did lay the strong foundation of our current Raider program.

The common thread throughout Georgetown's hockey community is our great fans. The thousands of

people who sit in the stands and cheer on our local players have provided a "Big League" atmosphere to encourage and reward our kids as they played their special games. Keep up your support, there are many thrills to come.

Adam Bennett - you are a very special person. Your quiet, unassuming approach is very refreshing in a sport rife with egomaniacs. Every coach or manager has had to deal with an often underachieving player with a swollen head - the chance to coach a talent who both 'delivers the bacon' and at the same time acts the role of eager, respectful student can renew our desire to keep going.

Your future successes and the memory of days in Georgetown will be a source of pride and pleasure for all of us in the years to come.

I can not let this opportunity pass without inviting you all out to Alcott to watch the '89-'90 Raiders and enjoy your future draft selections as they pursue the Sutherland Cup (OHA Jr. B Championship).

Yours in Hockey,
D. Kentner,
President,
Georgetown Raiders

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Ellis-Don rejection could cost us all

Kell's Korner

Donna Kell
Herald Staff

The Ellis-Don situation brewing down at Halton Region is one tough call.

There wasn't a member of the press from anywhere in the Region this week, and two weeks ago, who didn't have a definite opinion on whether or not to accept a tender bid that could have been late for a 2:00 o'clock deadline June 8.

But all admitted that their opinions were reached with some hesitancy.

The proposal was stamped only five minutes late, and it cost Ellis-Don \$100,000 to prepare. The other two companies fought tooth and nail to keep Ellis-Don out of the running. But the Region - and anyone who visits the Halton Region municipal building, slated to cost \$30 million to build - could be the losers in this game.

Ellis-Don has indirectly threatened litigation. This legal action could mean thousands of dollars for the Region, if it's a full-blown legal war.

But the Region holds steadfastly to its stand that late is late, no matter what.

Chairman Peter Pomeroy said last week, with a clearly-pained expression, that he regretted pull-

ing Ellis-Don's proposal from the running. But Mr. Pomeroy also asked how such a large company could be so reckless as to be late for an important construction opportunity.

But Mr. Pomeroy was not the only one looking pained about the decision. Ellis-Don design builder Colin Gillies, a Burlington resident and the man who worked intently on the design, was visibly shaken as he spoke to the press after the administration and finance decision two weeks ago. He said the people of Halton deserved better. That the people of Halton deserved a choice.

The three companies that were bidding to build the expansion at the Regional building on Highway 25, namely Ellis-Don, Cooper Construction and Jackson-Lewis Construction Limited, were chosen from a list of 14 companies. The Region must have understood that they picked the most likely to succeed.

Ellis-Don's track record is known to many. Their most recent coup, the SkyDome, is a monument to construction and engineering. Their high profile makes them recognized throughout Canada.

And they don't seem to be a firm who will give up easily. Just as Halton is a Region that will not give up easily. With each defending its own side, its own opinions; there could be quite a dog-fight ahead.

And that could mean more dollars and the prolonging of a building design process for Halton Region, and its taxpayers.

The Gadhafi human rights prize?



Weir's View
By Ian Weir
Thomson News Service

I don't know about you, but I was a little taken aback by the news that jailed South African black-nationalist leader Nelson Mandela has just been awarded the first annual Gadhafi Human Rights Prize.

Let me hasten to explain that my surprise had nothing to do with the decision to honor Mr. Mandela. It's just a little startling to read about a human rights prize which has the name "Gadhafi" attached to it.

Uh... which Gadhafi are we talking about, here?

Is it Muammar Gadhafi, the Libyan terrorist? Or was the award actually established in honor of Fred Gadhafi, the lesser-known but much better-liked school crossing guard from Medicine Hat?

But it turns out that the Gadhafi in question is actually the colonel, which is (as we discussed) slightly boggling, since a Gadhafi award for human rights makes about as much sense as a Vanna White award for public speaking, or a Gary Hart medal for celibacy.

Indeed, there's the temptation to turn witheringly bleak, here, and suggest that the Gadhafi Human Rights Award makes just slightly less sense than a Rolof (Pik) Botha Award for Social Justice.

But hang on. Let's try not to get too venomous about this.

Instead, let's just marvel at the existence of the Gadhafi Human Rights Award... and perhaps turn our thoughts to some of the other awards which are (we are given to understand) to be presented in the next few months.

For starters, there's the Charlie Francis Just Say No Award, to be given annually to the Canadian athlete who best exemplifies the

virtues of trying his best and finishing last.

The winner will receive a plaque inscribed, "It matters not if you win or lose, but how you play the game," along with a large jar of Vitamin-B tablets.

This award is to be presented in conjunction with the coveted Righteous Indignation Prize, awarded to all Canadians who are now pillorying Ben Johnson for getting caught at what we were pretty sure he was doing all along - taking steroids in order to win the gold medal we demanded of him.

Then there's the Harold Ballard Award for Sports Ownership, presented annually to the owner or executive who best disproves Leo Durocher's infamous dictum that "nice guys finish last."

The award, of course, is intended to prove that it's quite possible to be a nice guy without finishing last. Or vice-versa.

On the other hand, it's undeniable that there's at least a grain of truth in Durocher's dictum - a fact which will be recognized by the presentation of the Ed Broadbent Award for Success in Federal Elections.

Other politicians will vie for the Brian Mulroney Aw-Shucks Award, given annually to the political leader who is too bashful to accept more than partial credit for making the sun rise.

The award will be accompanied by a cash prize, to be held in a Sacred Trust for three days, or until Michael Wilson figures out a way to tax it back, whichever comes first.

South of the border, there's the George Bush Take-The-High-Road Award, for the politician who manages to look most consistently gentlemanly while his aides are distributing memos implying that political opponents are closet homosexuals.

And the list, of course, goes on. There's the Elvis Presley Fitness Medal, awarded annually to the North American man or woman who remains most active after death.

There's the Charles Bronson

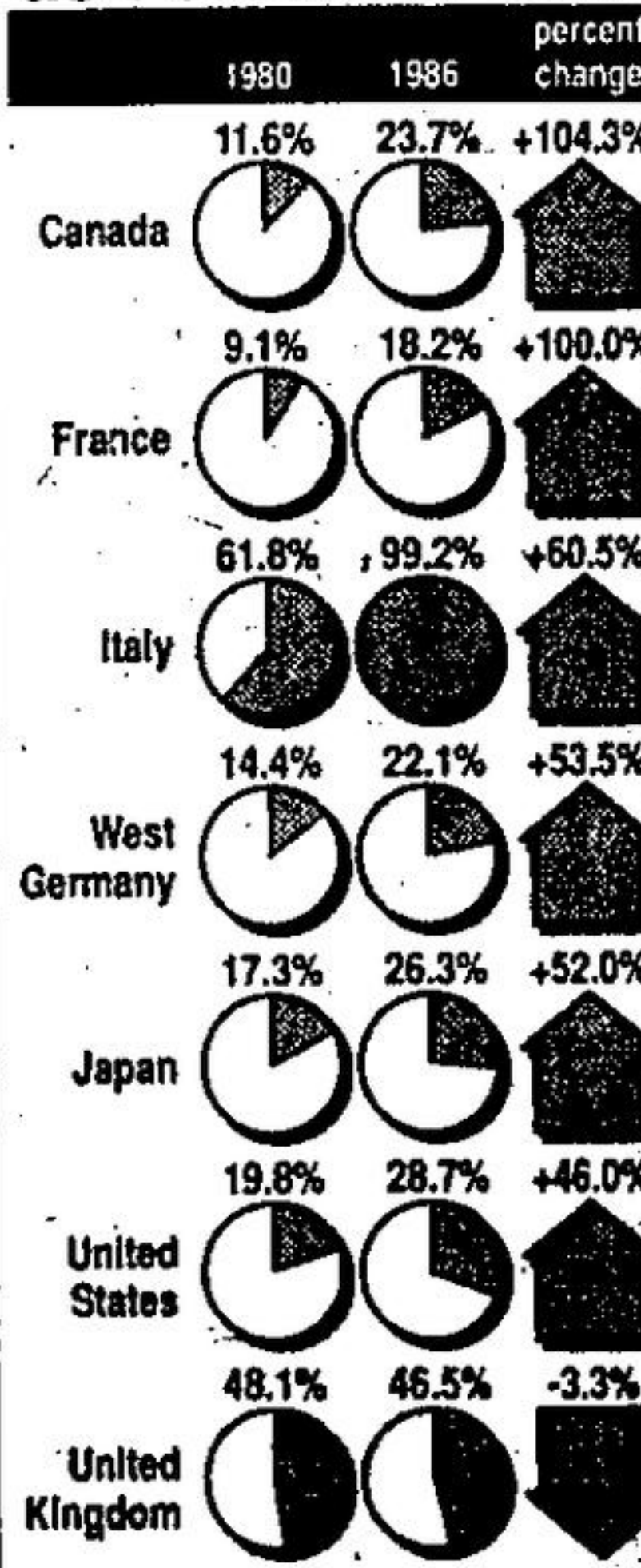
Award for Over-Acting, the Bruno Gerussi Award for Under-Acting, the Greenpeace Plaque for lifetime achievement in trophy hunting, and the Exxon-Valdez Prize for Wildlife Management.

And, of course, the Ayatollah Khomeini Memorial Award for Literature.

Which only someone with no shame at all would refer to as the Bulletzer Prize.

Say goodnight, Dick.

Government Debt as Percent of GNP



Source: National Bureau of Economic Research
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The government debts of Canada and France increased by 100 percent or more between 1980 and 1986.