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## Monaco Magic thanks from the senior class

Dear editor:

On Saturday, May 30, Georgetown District High School held its Senior Formal, "Monaco Magic." The sell-out crowd of students enjoyed the spectacular tropical decorations and the casino where they "gambled" for door prizes.

This very successful, non-alcoholic event became a school-wide, community-wide endeavor, made possible by the assistance and contributions of a great number of students, parents and merchants.

The formal committee of "Monaco Magic" wishes to thank the following members of the community:

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Sincerely,  
The Senior Class Formal Committee

# Canada Day challenge

Acton Food Share has found a unique way to celebrate Canada's 125 birthday.

It has issued a challenge to all banks and businesses in the Acton area to collect 125 pounds of non-perishable food or 125 loonies to give to the food bank on July 1st.

Acton has responded very generously to the needs within our community in the past. But the recession continues and with it, the need to share food. Many are still out of work and trying to make ends meet on very limited budgets. Let's pull together and see if we can have every business and bank in Acton respond to this food drive.

In addition, Acton Food Share challenges similar groups in every part of Halton Hills to match this challenge for their local food bank.

Acton Food Share would also like to challenge Actonians, in particular, to 100 per cent participation and set the standard of giving for the rest of Halton Hills.

Get involved, and when you do, call Acton Food Share at 853-0457 and they will arrange pick up or call the Acton village constable at 853-2050 and he'll arrange pick up.



# School's out; now the phone calls start

Tuesday afternoon, I walked past one of my co-workers as she talked on the telephone.

"I don't want to hear about it right now," I overheard her say, "I'll see it when I get home. Just tell me, how many A's did you get?"

As the conversation concluded, she hung up the phone, looked at me with a tired, defeated expression saying, "I can see summer's here and the kids are home from school, Ted; the phone calls from home are just beginning."

That time of the year every parent dreads has just started; the kids are home for summer holidays.

How often have we all received an annoying call at work from one of our children? It goes something like this:

"Dad, 'so and so' isn't doing her share of the work- she's supposed to be doing the lunch dishes today, but she won't and I'm going to get stuck with them and that's not fair and I want you to tell her to come to the phone and MAKE her do

those dishes RIGHT NOW and can I have my allowance early this week?"

They're so predictable.

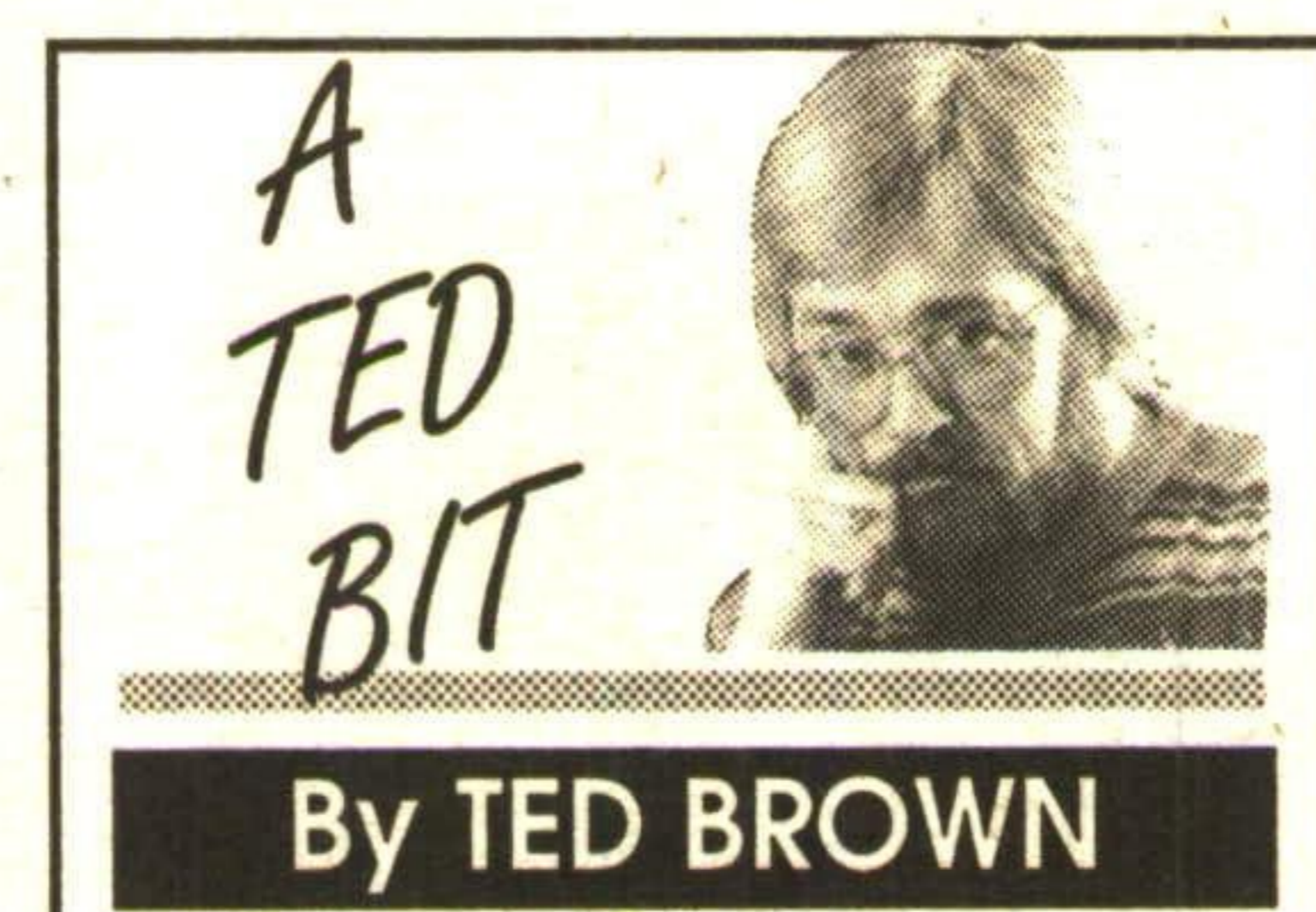
Of course, we often take the 'drill sergeant' approach and make some totally ridiculous threat we know we could never carry out and demand the dishes be washed. Hopefully, it makes a significant enough impression to set things in motion so we don't come home to a sink full of dirty lunch dishes.

Of course this scenario only applies to those families out there who don't own a dishwasher. If you own a dishwasher, the fight will be over whose turn it is to load it.

Then there's the "I need permission" type of call we receive. It always comes when you're up to your ears in paperwork, or have a dozen different things to do, all at once.

And it's always so polite.

"Hi Daddy," (Kids, especially daughters, like to use the cute names 'Mommy' and 'Daddy' when they are ready to ask for the earth;



it sounds more vulnerable and tends to disarm you.)

"How are things going at the office today?" the concerned little caller cheerily continues. These calls always start on a positive note, just to catch you off guard.

You know something's up, and wait for the next line as you try to look busy and sound professional on the phone while the boss is leaning over your desk.

"Daddy," she coos, "Can I stay at 'so and so's' house tonight? There's a sleepover and like EVERYBODY is going. Please Dad, can I go? Huh Dad? Can I? Huh? Please?"

I guess it's reflex, I don't know,

but just about every father says the same thing.

"What does your mother say?" And I'm sure every mom does the same thing as well.

"Mom says if it's all right with you, it's all right with her."

In other words, Mom was so busy at her work, she didn't have a chance to say 'no,' so she simply passed the buck.

The usual reaction is to quickly say "Yeah, sure, you can go," and crawl out from under the boss' glaring look.

But every so often, there is a little something deep inside, that makes you exercise your position as a parent, dig in your heels and make a stand, saying, "I don't think you need to go to another party tonight; after all, you've been to....," and you go on to list the number of parties the kid has attended since conception.

And, just like clockwork, you'll be greeted with something like, "But DAD! Everybody is going to this party! It's going to be the best

one yet, and EVERYBODY will be there!"

And when you still refuse, the next step is "What have I done wrong Dad? Why are you punishing me? Why don't you want me to have a social life? Why can't I go?"

All the while this call is taking place, you can hear a war going on in the background at home, because someone still won't do the dishes.

And your boss has asked you the same question for the third time.

After spending a few minutes trying to justify the decision, we are all finally driven to take that autocratic approach and level them with that line we all hated when we were kids ourselves:

"Because I said so!"

Ah yes, school's out and bosses everywhere can look forward to seeing those strained looks on the faces of parents in their office as they receive yet another call from a kid to settle an argument at home.

But take heart parents, it doesn't last forever. Just until September.