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## Longtime opponent gives praise

The following letter was filed with this newspaper for publication

Noel Duignan, MPP  
Dear Noel,

I know that in the past we have tended not to agree on the many issues affecting our community and I have made my views known to you, however if one is going to criticize, one must also be prepared to pass along praise.

Your determination to get Bill 62 passed into law is perhaps the best

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legislation that could happen in Halton Hills. The residents of this riding will no longer have to worry about a dump site in this area which would threaten our water

supply. In addition all residents of this province will feel secure in the fact that the Niagara Escarpment will remain free of garbage.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for working so diligently on getting this legislation passed, as very few private members bills ever get this far.

This is not only a victory for the residents of this riding but yourself as well.

Yours truly,  
Doug Penrice

## Pet rabbit deserved better treatment

The following letter was filed with this newspaper for publication  
Letter to owner of released pet rabbit last Friday:

Luckily your pet rabbit found us; as it is being cared for. There are alternatives to releasing a pet to fend for itself.

Why didn't you post notices on telephone poles in your neighborhood looking for a new home for your pet?

Why didn't you use the bulletin boards in grocery stores supplied to you free to advertise for a new home?

Why not phone the Erin Hillsburgh Humane Society (519) 927-5152; they certainly would have helped you with your problem.

Please think twice before releasing any pet into the countryside — there are alternatives.

A concerned citizen

## Be a hometown tourist

As we prepare to head into the height of summer vacation time, and soon another long weekend, many readers may be wondering how to spend this leisure time. Well there is not a lack of things to see or do right here in Halton Hills.

We suggest you become a hometown tourist.

Explore the diversity of shops — in products and architecture in Glen Williams, Norval, downtown Georgetown and downtown Acton, swim or canoe at Prospect Park, enjoy the picnic pavilion at Cedarvale, explore the old lime kilns of Limehouse, investigate the art galleries of Terra Cotta, go for a slow country drive through the hamlets of Speyside and Ballinafad — and don't forget to sample the traditional country stores. And that just for example. There's still more!

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Trailer parked in the Trinity United Church parking lot, 70 Mill St. East, Acton, offers plenty of local tourism information. (There's brochures from Festival Country and provincial brochures as well.) And they're all free of charge. The trailer is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week.

So drop by and plan out your vacation as a hometown tourist.



## In the summer of '69 ...

Earlier this week we watched as television reminded us of the silver anniversary of the first man walking on the moon.

July 20, 1969.

That was the date Neil Armstrong and 'Buzz' Aldrin landed on the lunar surface, and later we watched with fascination as Neil Armstrong took his historic walk on the moon's surface just before 11 p.m.

I guess that's one of those times in our lives we all can recall where we were when it happened. Sort of like where were you when Kennedy was assassinated or heard John Lennon was shot, or when Henderson scored the goal.

Well the moon landing is the same.

I have an advantage remembering that one. It happened the day after my eldest sister's wedding, and July 20 is my other sister's birthday.

Yep, I can recall it vividly, us huddling around the TV in our living

room to watch the moon walk.

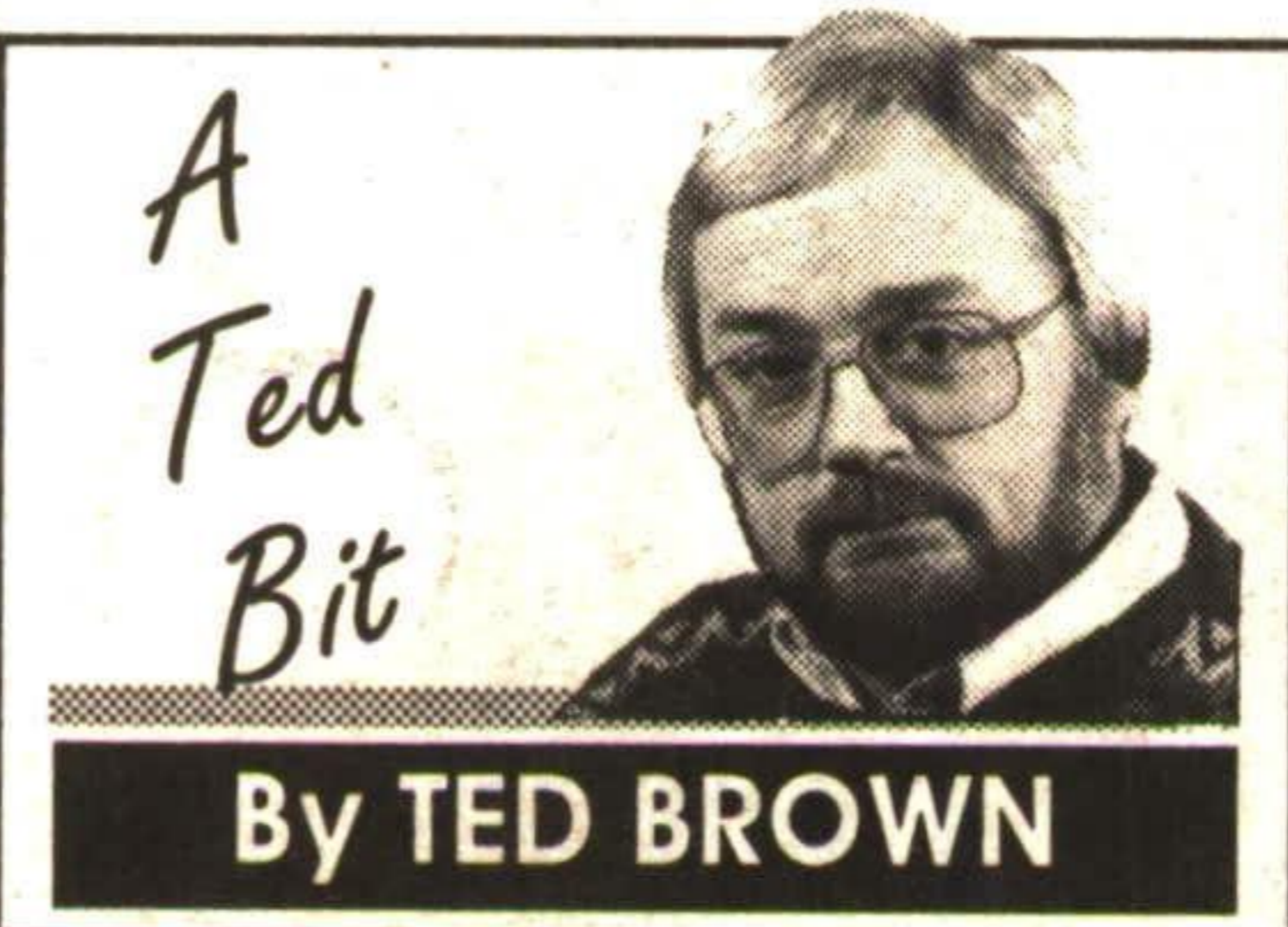
"Houston, Tranquility base here. The Eagle has landed."

Those words were followed about six hours later with the more famous quote from Armstrong, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

A bunch of friends of my other sister and I dropped by that night, the day after the wedding, while big sister and her new hubby were enjoying their honeymoon. Our friends wanted to wish my middle sister a happy birthday, and we all sat glued to the TV while the black and white images crossed the screen.

Later that night we headed out for a ride in the red International pickup truck owned by my good friend Ray, (who later became my other brother-in-law) as we "bombed around" town with a load of kids in the back of the truck.

The events of 25 years ago were more vividly recalled last weekend as big sister and her husband cele-



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brated their silver wedding anniversary.

A group of friends and most members of the original wedding party gathered to celebrate that wedding which took place in Limehouse Church, July 19, 1969.

As we gathered for pictures, and posed in the same order we were the day of the wedding, I noticed we all look older and move a little slower.

But I enjoyed reminiscing about bygone days, and chatted with members of the wedding party I haven't seen since that day.

Topping off the evening, my sister ran a movie of her special day,

shot by my cousin with a super 8 movie camera, recently transferred to videotape. (Video cameras weren't around 25 years ago.)

As I watched the main players in the group move about the television screen on the jerky movie, I watched myself, a lean, lanky youth of 18 years, (without today's beard, glasses and grey hair) posing with the group. Gawd, I was a just a kid, young and free-spirited, without a care in the world.

You know, I think everyone has "a summer of '69" sometime in their life.

At that time Peter Fonda was riding tall in Easy Rider and the free love and peace of Woodstock was just weeks away.

American soldiers were in the thick of things in Vietnam, protesters were taking to the streets all over the USA and "Tricky Dick" Nixon was president.

At home in Canada, we were still suffering from Trudeaumania, as Prime Minister Pierre Elliott

Trudeau regularly shocked the world with his actions (which seem tame by today's standards, but were somewhat outlandish in those days.)

In Georgetown, the Dog 'n Suds drive-in restaurant (located where McDonald's is today) was doing a great business while in Acton, everyone met at the old Hood Drive-in, to buy french fries or a milkshake, or parked their car in the Brewers Retail parking lot after hours to pass the time watching local muscle cars rumble out of town.

Georgetown police had one cruiser and a van, and Acton was patrolled by an OPP cop.

And gas was 42 cents a gallon.

As I watched the videotape, the happiness of the wedding, the glorious summer day and innocence and my youth stood out.

Yes, 25 years have passed since that historic summer of '69, and, after last weekend's trip down memory lane, one question seems to linger in my mind.

How did the time go so quickly?