

## EDITORIAL

With Frances Niblock



### Hope Cantel listens

Good luck to the 40 or so rural Acton residents who will go toe-to-toe with officials of Rogers Cantel at a meeting tomorrow (Thursday).

The residents are fiercely fighting Cantel's plans to build a massive 340-foot cellular communications tower on four acres of leased land in the Highway 7-Dublin Line area.

Going into the information meeting the residents know that Cantel's plan falls under federal jurisdiction, which supersedes Town and Regional planning policies. Still, they hope at least to convince Cantel to move the tower, which some say will become an "antenna park," further away from their homes.

The residents, many whose dream homes will be overshadowed by the tower, are bewildered that Town official plans and zoning bylaws offer them no protection. They are worried about aesthetics, possible health problems, potentially deflated land values and the loss of agricultural land.

With Council's help they will at least get an audience with Cantel.

Let's hope Cantel listens.

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News that yet another Mill Street merchant, this time Leathertown Fashions, may close because of poor sales disturbs me.

What disturbs me even more is that for the business to survive, the owner says he will have to switch to selling mostly leather clothing to tourists.

I know that local merchants have to go after the millions of tourist dollars that make the drive to Acton each year, but I don't often need leather fashions or unique giftware.

I, and many others, need good-quality, fashionable, affordable clothing and shoes for our families.

Why can't we find them in Acton?

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Where's Howard Cosell when you need him?

The man I love to hate makes his debut in *The Tanner* today.

The outspoken, brash sports personality, Don Cherry, will pontificate, shrewdly analyze and argue about the latest trades, rising stars and has-beens in the world of sports each week.

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## Wit & Wisdom

When we play a game most of us like to win but some folk certainly do take winning more seriously than others. Is it the nature of the game which dictates the human response or is it some more primal urge? Herewith, a couple of examples from the wonderful world of Bridge. You be the judge.

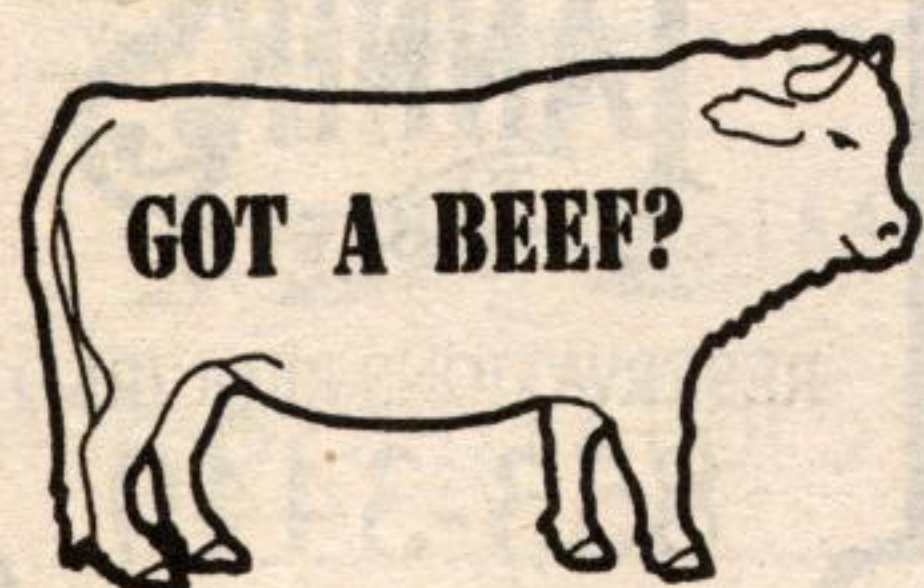
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Harry Meachem of Wilkesboro, North Carolina was having a terrible run of luck during a game and announced that he would shoot the next person who dealt him poor cards. He dealt himself a poor hand, whereupon he took out a gun and shot himself in the head.

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Then there was the couple who were arguing loudly and fiercely in the elevator about a contract which had gone wrong. "Are you two married?" asked a fellow rider. "Of course," replied the irate woman. "Do you think I'd live in sin with an idiot like him?"

Taken from "The Bridge Bum," by Alan Sontag



Write a letter to the Editor!

Be sure to sign the letter and don't forget to include your address.



## LETTERS

### See the ability, not the disability

To the Editor,

I am responding to your Editorial of Wednesday, Feb. 24 regarding Oakville Re-Entry Homes.

Although being a co-ordinator of two non-profits in Halton Hills, I can only speak from my own personal views regarding your comments.

Why does it appear that the community stereotypes "non-profit organizations" and does not want them "next door." I can understand the right for privacy for these two Acton homes. If you were a future resident, would you not appreciate the feeling of re-entering the community without being placed on security watch by your neighbours? I know that if the house sold next door, to any of us, that your neighbours and yourself

would not have a say or request approval or education as to who could purchase it.

The residents who would be moving into these homes have chosen Acton for a specific reason, being they are originally from this area or presently residing in this area and want to remain in the community they are familiar with. Should we not look after our own?

Experience has shown that being low-key is the only way to deal with this situation. Unless we are ready to publish names of any individuals wanting to purchase a home for approval of the community, we cannot label or pass judgment on a specific group.

It concerns me that you would change your mind on welcoming you neighbors with a plate of cookies and a warm hello. They have all the same feelings you do and are in some cases fearful of community acceptance. Your friendliness could probably be a start to educating the community, not on non-profits but as to discrimination and prejudice.

Irene Maxwell,  
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### Everywhere, people fear for their safety

To the Editor,

Like many others I have been alarmed by the increase in crime over the past several years. My feeling of alarm has turned to anger. Not only is crime skyrocketing but the nature of crimes being committed grows more and more violent.

Everywhere, I hear people expressing fear for their safety on the streets, on the highways and in their homes. We are admonished to lock our houses and cars, install

alarm systems and learn methods of self-defense. We are told to not walk or drive alone and what to do if confronted by a hoodlum. We are told to street-proof our children. The advice is endless. If we do not take every possible precautionary measure, we are considered to be guilty of having "invited" someone to commit a crime. Something is dreadfully wrong here!

Politicians in the three major parties have ignored public outcry for tougher measures in dealing

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