

GRAPE VINE

Local citizens lauded

Kudos to rural Acton's Rita Landry, and Rockwood's Cindy Lunau, who received Commemorative Medals for Canada's 125th birthday at a special ceremony in Georgetown on Sunday.

Landry, an outspoken member of the north Halton environmental group POWER, was honoured for her environmental work and Lunau received recognition for her significant contribution to community programs at the United Church on Guelph Line.

Forty awards were presented by Halton North MPP Noel Duignan, who called them a reminder of the values of service, individual respect and community effort on which Canada was built, and on which its quality of life will always depend.

Don't cry for me, Acton

Aspiring Acton actress, 12-year-old Gillian Banyard, received rave reviews in an out-of-town appearance in a concert production of "Evita" last weekend at Brampton's Heritage Theatre.

Gillian, a Grade 6 student at McKenzie-Smith Middle School, is no stranger to the limelight, having appeared in the Globe production of "Oliver" in the fall.

Rent-a-row

Good news for those Acton residents with green thumbs, but no

place to grow.

Plans for a Community Garden Plot program have sprouted, and for \$10 a year, you can rent a plot and plant, water and harvest vegetables and flowers to your heart's content.

The organizers include members of the Christian Reform Church, Acton Horticultural Society and Acton FoodShare, all of which tout gardening as a healthy form of recreation for everyone.

The group is negotiating with a local landowner for a location for the plots.

If you'd like to rent one, call Trina Virgin at 853-0519.

Viennese visitors

Vienna, Austria is seeing a lot of the Manes families this month.

Acton IGA co-owner Mike Manes and his wife Monica were in Vienna last week as guests of the Oshawa Group Wholesalers; dad Dave Manes, and his wife Marnie, are there this week.

The business and pleasure trip is an incentive for food store owners to meet their quotas.

Marnie Manes apparently really needed the trip. She'd looked after her grandson, who became sick, while his parents were away.

Calling all grads

Tickets are still available for the Acton High reunion dance on Saturday, April 24.

Organizers hope that 100 grads, members of the first classes to graduate from the new school in 1978, will take a walk down memory lane and attend the reunion.

Plans call for a school tour, open house and dance at the Legion.

For tickets call Patti Gordon at 853-4728 or Elaine Foster at 853-0104.



PRETTY PARROTS: These five parrots ham it up before they hit the ice during the 29th annual Acton Figure Skating Club's Carnival, "Disney's Magic Kingdom" held at the Community Centre on the weekend. Shown here, from left to right, are 4 to 6-year-old parrots Cathy Pearn, Ashley Masters, Aislin Moore, Thea Van Rijk and Katy Boychuk. (Elizabeth Kessler photo)

My "inner mind" certainly has something to say

I've been trying to keep up with what's going on in the world because I really like to know what's happening and I do enjoy sharing it all with you but, believe it or not, my bathroom keeps getting in the way!

At first, I thought it must be a personal, cultural flaw — what some, irreverent folk call "English bathroom humour" — but after a while, I began to realize that what was happening was certainly far more serious than that. I think I'd better try to explain.

I had decided to write about Kim Campbell's decision to spend five billion bucks on hi-tech helicopters that'll never see an enemy sub in their operational lives but, when I came to do it, all I could really think about was how to get the drain fitted onto that shiny, new tub that was sitting, large as life, in the middle of our living-room.

I started out wanting to talk about better ways to spend enormous sums of our hard-earned tax money but all that came to mind was stark fear — that the new tub wouldn't fit when we came to put it in.

Abject terror began to take over then; I'd likely end up using the damn thing as a fish bowl or perhaps even an ornament on the front lawn? I wondered if Ms. Campbell ever suffered the same kind of trauma.

I thought I'd comment on the more local controversy over the proposed dump site and the enormous sums of our money being squandered over legalities, but when I came to do it my mind was

preoccupied with the placement and fitting of the new toilet. Would it look right set over by the side wall or would I be better to put it in the corner?

Believe it or not, I have heard people refer to this essential bathroom commodity as "the throne." If that's what it is, it then it should go front and centre but, on the other hand, maybe I'd be better to place the thing more discreetly to the

side. I just wasn't sure. I wondered if Mr. Wildman ever suffered through moments of indecision.

The more I tried to be serious about worldly affairs the more the problems of the bathroom intruded upon my mind and I have to admit to you the truth — the job came close to driving me crazy!

I bet you that Sigmund Freud would have had plenty to say about all this.

WORD'S WORTH

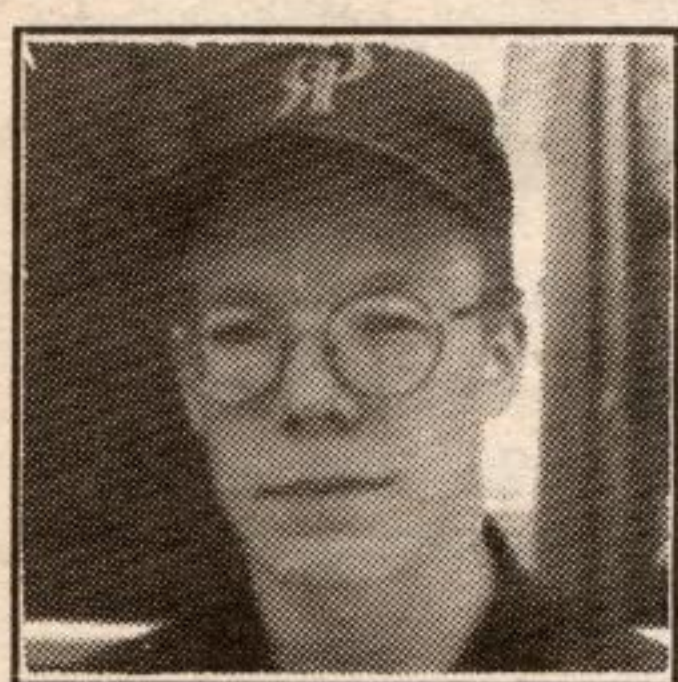
With Eric Balkind



HEY!

What is your favourite season of the year?

Why?



"I like summer because it's hot and there are more things to do. I play soccer and go camping as well. Last year we went to Carlisle and I'm hoping and would like to go back this year."

Bob Bard, Homesway Place



"I like fall because the colours look good on me and it's my birthday. Also, school starts and I like to play in the leaves."

Claire St. Audin, Mill Street



"I like summer because I go fishing and camping on Lake Erie."

Neil Overland, Kingham Road



"I like spring. It's pretty to watch things grow and school ends. Also, I like to see the different colours around town and the weather is nice. It's not too hot and not too cold."

Melanie Adshead, Brock Street

LETTERS

What is POWER doing?

To the Editor,
I am responding to the letter by Steve Dawkins that was printed in *The Acton Tanner*. It is clear that Mr. Dawkins is incensed over what he perceives POWER to be doing. Our goal is to stop the dump. While our methods may differ we must all remember we have a common goal. I have been working full time in this fight for five years and I can assure you that the group has not been hijacked.

Sadly Mr. Dawkins did not con-

tact Ruth French or Marjorie Kirkwood who continue to be on our board of directors or call me to ask, "What is POWER doing?"

What ever happened to face to face discussions. POWER would never shrink from criticism and would welcome calls from any of its members or any members of the community. I'm on the phone all day anyway, one more call would not be a problem. POWER will be seeking to meet with Mr. Dawkins to air all of his concerns. He has a right to be heard.

When Jean Hilborn, Rob Barlow and I all appeared on the same council agenda, it must have looked like we were ganging up on the councillors. Nothing could be further from the truth. I had no prior knowledge that Jean or Rob were on the agenda. POWER had no consultation with them nor should we tell anyone when to speak or what to say.

When anyone becomes a member of an organization they do not become the spokesperson for that organization. When Jean Hilborn and Rob Barlow chose to speak to council recently they went to speak as individuals.

It is any citizen's right to speak to council and being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Lion's Club or POWER, does not take away that individual's right to speak out in public on any matter.

Barbara Halsall
POWER president

