

GRAPE VINE

Condo conversions?

Rumour has it that rental apartment buildings at 40 Maria St. and 128 Church St. E. may go condo.

Tenants in the buildings, many of them seniors, have received letters and a questionnaire from the owner, Highmark Properties, asking if they would like to purchase their units.

A one-bedroom unit would sell for \$48,000.

The letter states that if residents don't want to purchase the units, they will be able to sign a 10-year rental lease.

Several seniors living in the Maria Street building are upset with the prospect of having to purchase their units, or sign a long-term lease, and are contacting a lawyer for advice.

Oklahoma a big hit

Two local actors wowed capacity crowds during the recent Brampton Musical Society's presentation of Oklahoma!

Acton's David Shrubsole (Kindergarten teacher at M.Z. Bennett) and Rockwood music teacher Debbie Tilson, starred in the musical staged to mark the Society's 30th anniversary, and the 50th anniversary of the Broadway opening of Oscar and Hamerstein's masterpiece.

At the end of Saturday's per-

formance, Tilson and Shrubsole stood up for two other cast members who were married on stage.

Mom's feast

What could be better than a gourmet breakfast in bed for Mom on Mother's Day?

Can't cook? Don't worry, the Town's Rec. and Parks department will teach you how to make a scrumptious feast.

On Saturday, May 8, the Town is offering a two-hour class to kids, aged 7 to 10-years-old, on how to prepare breakfast for Mom. For details call 873-2600, ext. 275.

Band boosters

You can help the Acton Citizens Band retire some of its old, frayed uniforms by donating unwanted and unused items cluttering up your garage or basement.

The Band is holding a garage sale on June 13 and 14 and is looking for donated items that can be sold to purchase new uniforms.

If you have anything to donate, call George Elliott at 853-0365 or Harry Ashcroft at 877-7148 for free pickup.

Always prepared

Kudos to John Ollivier, marketing manager of Halton Cable Systems, who was recently awarded the Canada 125 Medal for his significant contribution to Scouting.

Ollivier, who actually was not a Scout as a youth, has been working with the Scouting movement for 20 years, most recently as provincial public relations and training officer.



YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT! Members of Acton High School's first graduating class returned to their alma mater on Saturday for a 15-year reunion. They spent an enjoyable evening at the Legion, catching up with old friends and reminiscing about times gone by. Shown here, from left to right are, back row: Carole Staley, Paul Brunelle, Simon Wilson, Russell Lee and Rick Gibson. In the front row are: Patti (Gordon) Knapton, Debby (Neely) Lunn, Judy (Pink) Moore, Marilyn (DeBruyn) Miller, Sandra (Dubuc) LeBlanc, Karen (Vandereyken) Walsh and Nora (Doherty) Bamsey. (Elizabeth Kessler photo)

Be a guerrilla of goodness

It's a crisp winter day in San Francisco. A woman in a red Honda drives up to the toll-booth. "I'm paying for myself and the six cars behind me," she says with a smile, handing over seven commuter tickets.

One after another, the next six drivers arrive at the booth, only to be told, "Some lady up ahead already paid your fare, have a nice day."

The driver of the red Honda had read, on her friend's refrigerator, an unusual message which said: "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." The message really got to her and she acted upon it.

Another woman spotted the message spray-painted on a warehouse 100 miles from home. She couldn't get it out of her mind and eventually drove back all the way to copy it down. Now, she's taken to writing it on the bottom of all her letters explaining: "It's like a message from above."

The message continues to spread and people are beginning to use real ingenuity in order to show their own form of guerrilla

WORD'S WORTH

With Eric Balkind



goodness. Given our times, all of us would likely enjoy being the recipients of some random kindness and, as for me, I'll take all the senseless beauty I can find.

I once watched one older gent, right here on Acton's Main Street, making his way down the street weeding and cleaning up the little concrete flowerbeds which used to grace the sidewalks.

Another citizen, while walking the dog in a local park, cleaned up after the animal but, in addition, usually filled the rest of the bag with droppings and refuse before leaving for home.

You may also have heard of the heart-warming experience of a young family which recently visited one of our local restaurants. While waiting to eat, their youngsters were clearly intrigued

with the meal that a couple at a nearby table were enjoying. Later, when they went to settle their bill the owner told them that it had already been paid — by the couple who their youngsters had been watching so intently.

Whenever we are the recipients of some small, unexpected act of kindness from someone who quite simply, didn't have to do it, or whenever we benefit from someone else's random caring, our world is made more beautiful. In that moment, we go our own way a little more lightheartedly and — we are quite likely to respond in kind.

So, here's your challenge. Look for your own, unique opportunities to "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." Your efforts will surely be repaid one thousand fold!

HEY!

What team will win the Stanley Cup? Why?



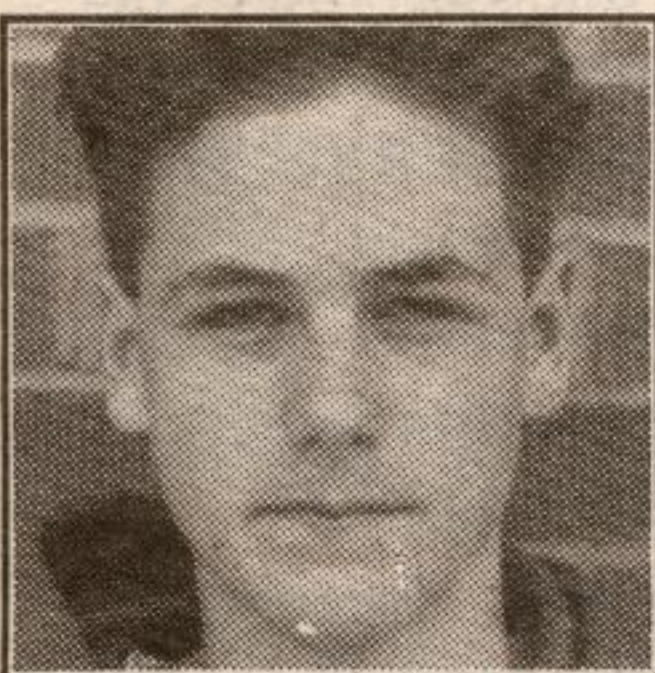
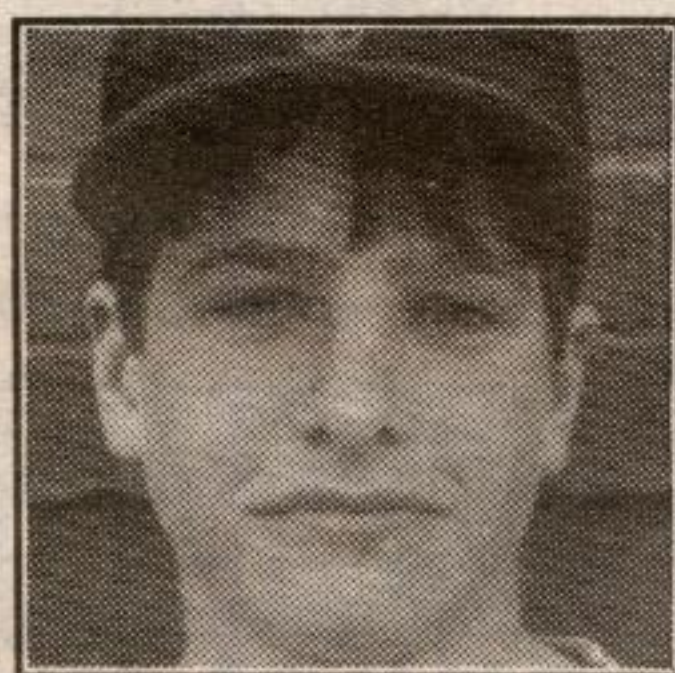
"Toronto. Last year they came out real weak, but this year they're strong and have a good chance for the Cup. Doug Gilmour passes a lot and gets a lot of points. He's a team player, has a lot of heart and is aggressive."

Brent McGuire, Kingham Road

"Pittsburgh. They won it last year and I think they have enough power to do it again.

They play a lot of playoff hockey, their players are hard to beat and they have good strategies."

Robert Campbell, Danville Avenue



"Pittsburgh. They've been really strong all season and were really hot at the end of the regular season. Lemieux's healthy, their offence is strong and although their goalies aren't too hot, they're good enough to win games."

Mike Debruyn, John Street

"Pittsburgh. Detroit's my favourite team, but I still think Pittsburgh's going to win. I'd like the Leafs to win but it probably won't happen. Pittsburgh's got Mario Lemieux and the team is outplaying everyone."

Chris Yeatman, Georgetown

