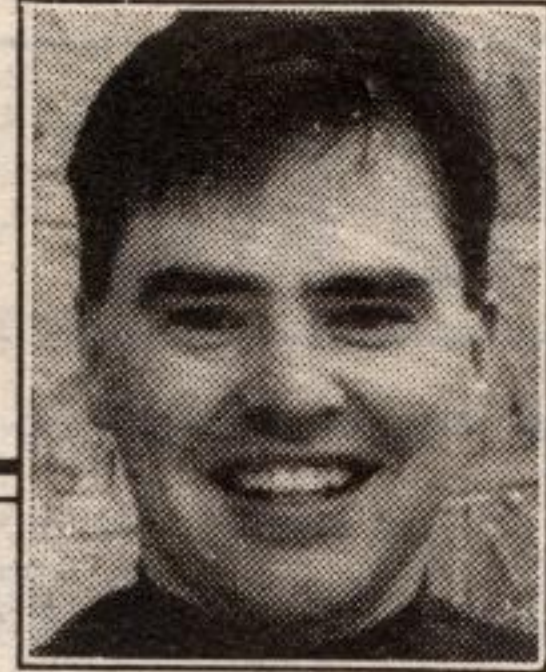


## EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



### What a year it's been

It was exactly one year ago today that the first edition of this newspaper hit the streets, so I'd like to mark the occasion with some quick thoughts.

We've learned many things in the past 365 days. Here are just a select few:

- Acton citizens, as a whole, are really quite amazing. The community spirit demonstrated by many Actonites throughout the year is really remarkable and this caring and concern for the welfare of fellow citizens is something to be treasured.

- Vision. Hard work. Persistence. They won't guarantee your success, but they help. I'm lucky to work with such a talented, dedicated, good-humoured group as the staff here at *The Tanner*. What we have is a small handful of people who choose each and every week to put team goals ahead of personal recognition. You, our readers, tell us you can see the difference ... and that is all we ask.

- Our readers and advertisers really do understand this difference. The difference between "real" community news and "filler." The difference between maintaining a real presence in a community and pretending to. The difference between caring and not really giving a damn.

- It's never easy. It's never over. There is no finish line. You're only as good as your last issue.

You know, things are getting better — you just have to believe it! Not only at this newspaper, but in this community. A few weeks ago our front page told us we had no water, no growth plans, no GO-Train and more PCBs than we know what to do with. Now, it looks like we might just get our water, we might just keep our train, and the PCBs, well, I'm running short of room here ...

Get active, Acton! Get involved, get caring, get happy. Get organized, get together, get real.

Happy first birthday! (And let's just forget about any Terrible Two's.)

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Retirement gatherings are planned for a pair of Acton educators, and I'd like to offer my own thanks and best wishes.

Tonight at Acton High there is a retirement reception for Keith Black. Ten years ago I was fortunate enough to take Grade 13 Geography with Keith; what a sincere, gentle, good-humoured man. His heart will be missed at AHS.

Next Wednesday at McKenzie-Smith is Ena Gibson's retirement "picnic." Ena was my Grade 8 teacher, so that was another lucky year for me. A terrific teacher, with great school and community spirit — here's to a wonderful retirement for two of our town's top teachers!

## Wit & Wisdom

Believe it or not, those creative juices really do flow in your veins but, if you want to put them to work, you'd be well-advised to exercise your imagination. No guff!

"Every age needs those who will redeem the time by living with visions of things that are to be."

— *Adlai Stevenson*

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

— *Albert Einstein*

"Don't go to your grave with the music still in you."

— *Anon. (But I wish I'd said it!)*

"The man with a new idea is a crank — until the idea succeeds."

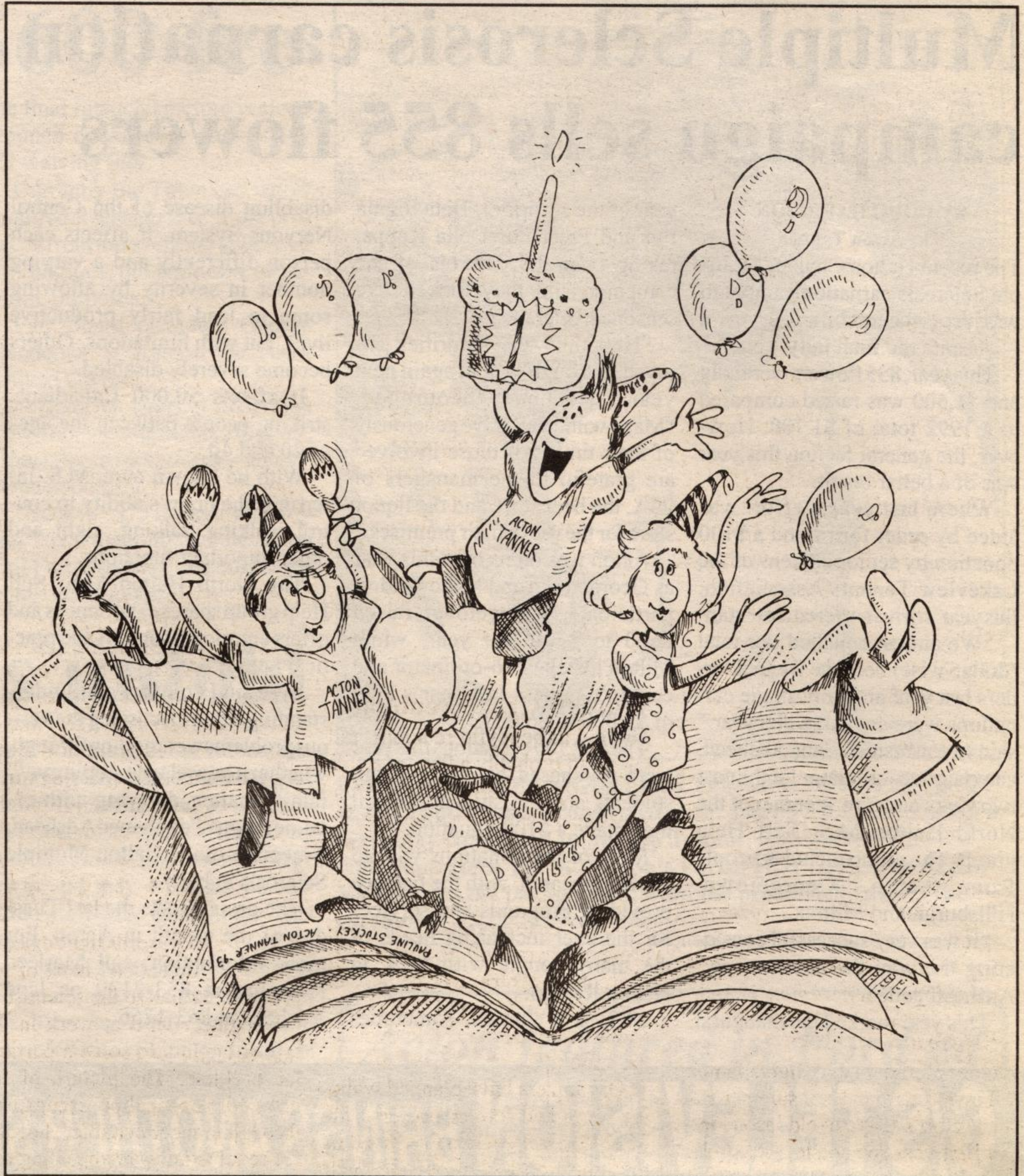
— *Mark Twain*

"To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end in life."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson*

"What you can do or dream you can, begin it; boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

— *Goethe*



## LETTERS

### Garage sale success!

To the Editor,

As the backs are just about returned to normal and the heat ligament has been put away for another year, the POWER executive would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have made this year's garage sale a success.

We want to thank the businesses who supported our efforts with

their donations. We want to thank Georgetown Terminal Warehouse for their storage space and manpower, without which our sale would not have been possible. We want to thank the many volunteers who gave of their time and labour to make this event possible.

Thanks goes specifically to Susan Coxe, Lois Fraser and Mary Grossman. Their tremendous efforts made this year's sale financially rewarding and fulfilling. The many hours of volunteer time were appreciated.

In events like this we can see the true spirit of community shining through.

*P. Hynds, POWER  
Elizabeth Drive*

### Recipe for disaster

To the Editor,

The recent budget that the NDP gave Ontarians is a recipe for disaster for people that live and work in Ontario.

People who work and pay taxes are the backbone of the country and of the province. Something like 85 per cent of Ontarians will pay higher taxes. Or at least that is government wisdom.

As a result of the budget, you can take money on certain things that will happen.

1. More and more people will retire — they will not take it any more. This will mean less people to tax.

2. The underground economy will grow like crazy.

3. Less work will be undertaken, costing jobs.

4. People from outside the province will look at us, and laugh, and pull out their investments.

5. More people will despise government, more than do now. This

in the long run makes it more and more difficult for government to operate.

6. Small retail stores on the front of the taxpayer revolt, will be hurt the most.

So what would Libertarians do, bearing in mind that we have long been against overspending by government.

The first thing we would do is put a stop to any new civil service hiring. The second thing we would have to do is stop spending money on "socialist ideas" that are costing us so dearly.

We do not want or need the legislation the NDP so dearly love: equal pay, equality in the work place, etc. These are great sounding socialist ideals, but destroy our industry.

The NDP are still carrying on with spending on their idea of heaven, a place where all people will have nothing, the government will have everything.

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