

GRAPE VINE

Cat show was purr-fect

Madge Turner says the weekend cat show was a great success thanks in large part to the Acton Legion, which hosted the non-profit event, and the ladies of the Legion, who prepared food for the show.

Madge says hundreds of people attended and there will be a substantial donation to feline research from the show's profits. Madge also thanked Tyler Travel, Tim Horton's and Halton Cable for their support.

United Way blitz

The United Way will be conducting a door-to-door blitz tomorrow as part of the final stage of the 1993 fundraising campaign. So far they have raised 60 to 65 per cent of their total goal of \$180,000. They are asking for volunteers to help canvas during the blitz Thursday.

Painting on P.A. day

Kids 7 years and older can sign up for a paint-fest at the Acton Library this week. The one-day program will feature sponge painting of Christmas greeting cards and wrapping paper.

Space is limited for the free activity, to be held on Friday at 2 pm, so if you have a child who might be interested you should register NOW by phoning 853-0301.

Council backtracks

The Town has reversed an earlier decision to send the Royal Bank a letter stating objections to a dump at the Acton quarry.

The original motion to draft a letter was suggested by Barbara Halsall, president of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), as a way of dissuading the bank from financing Armbro Enterprises, the parent company of RSI, which is trying to locate the dump at the quarry.

The Town recently backed off from sending the letter, heeding legal counsel. Meanwhile, POWER is featuring Paul Muldoon from Pollution Probe as a guest speaker at its annual general meeting on Dec. 1 at 8 pm. For information call 873-8769.

Nominate a business

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for "Business of the Year." The award recognizes outstanding business ethics along with social and economic contributions to the community.

Last year's winner was Acton IGA. If you would like to nominate a business send a letter describing the company and why you think they should win the award to P.O. Box 111, Georgetown, L7G 4T1. Nominations must be received by Dec. 16.

Correction

In last week's *Tanner* it was incorrectly reported that Ray King was treasurer for the town. Mr. King is the administrator for the town; Andrew Koopmans has been the Town treasurer since Nov. 1.



SPECIAL TREATMENT: A gourmet dinner was served Friday at the home of Rev. Andrew Asbil as a prize in a raffle at St. Alban's Church. Some \$700 was raised for World Mission from ticket sales. Pictured here, from left, are Ross Clancy, guest; June Clancy, raffle-winner; Clarke Somerville, chef; Rev. Asbil and guests Barb and Merle Dear. (Tony Rouse photo)

Pictures in time — our legacy

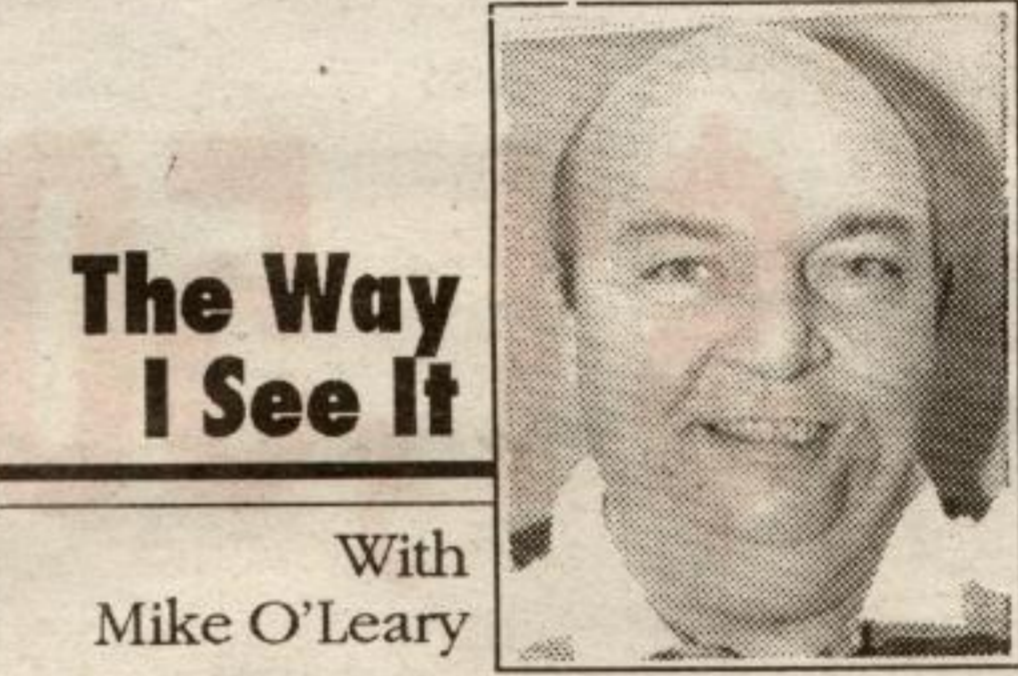
I had a Kodak moment last Saturday. To my good fortune, it lasted an hour and a quarter. As we've done for the past 18 years, we attended the Acton Santa Claus Parade. It was wonderful!

On behalf of thousands of kids, young and old, I would like to express our thanks to the organizers — the Acton Firefighters Association. The parade must cost thousands of dollars. (Anyone wishing to make a donation can drop a cheque off at the firehall.)

I think our firefighters should take tremendous pride in the smiles of our children. One can only imagine the dreams those kids had Saturday night, and envy them. Long after we are gone, these kids, then grandparents themselves, will be telling stories about the wonderful Santa Claus parades in Acton.

During the parade we noticed a little girl, about 3. She was an absolute delight. Her smile and the sparkle in her eyes could be seen clear across the street. The best, was her reaction to the bands. As each passed by she would clap and sway to the beat, then wave like mad at the clowns and floats.

This little girl made the parade special for those of us around her. One of the joys of Christmas is



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seeing it through the eyes of a child. I wish I could truly portray the excitement in her eyes.

Next year, I'm going to rent a child to take to the parade.

On a sadder note, it's hard to believe it's been 30 years since John Kennedy was assassinated. In addition to remembering the man (yes, I know exactly where I was when I heard the news) I mourn for what might have been.

Kennedy held the promise of a new era in government and was in tune with the wishes of the people. He envisioned a new Republic where all persons were equal and government was truly responsive to the will of its citizens.

Kennedy's inaugural address challenged everyone to get involved in nation-building and cautioned that the state could not be all things to all people. Who knows

if he could have lived up to his promise, but I think, had he lived, our government today would be different.

Instead, our governments promise us everything and then rule like demagogues. One only has to consider the GST, opposed by over 80 per cent, but rammed through by those who said they knew better.

On the local scene, Ontario's government is determined to pass racist legislation denying your sons, and maybe your daughters, the right to work. Are these the actions of people in tune with the wishes of the people? I had never conceived that our government, would turn its back on the will of the majority and become so ideologically driven.

I think that we are sick and fed up with legislators who would steal the future from our children and try to enslave us with onerous taxes. If you don't believe me, ask Kim Campbell.

I think that if the course of government continued to be people-driven, we'd be better off today.

Kennedy's promise was vision and hope. Today we have debt and duplicity. Somehow, over the next few years, we have to recapture
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HEY!

How would you clean up the "Welcome to Acton" sign?



"My husband cleans brick with muriatic acid, which is the same solvent used to clean the sides of pools. I don't like the sign anyway."
Shirley Lovell, Rockwood

"Use warm vinegar. We use it at Mohawk Raceway to clean milk or ice cream stains off the sides of escalators. It just lifts it off. Stripper could also be used. Just keep soaking it and it will come off. That's guaranteed!"
Patrick Currie, Mohawk Raceway



"I think something should be set up at variety and drug stores to take donations to fix the sign up. The sign looks really bad, since it's the first thing you see when you're at the corner. I think the community is upset about it and I think they would help."
Terri Lindsay, Worden View

"Hot vinegar. I don't think it would injure the sign's Plexiglas covering. It's a shame because the damage gives the town a bad impression. Acetone could also be tried. The Town should phone the Chemistry department at the University of Guelph."
Art Pasanen, R.R. 3, Acton

