

GRAPE VINE

Pete Humeniuk slowly recovering

Patricia Humeniuk is advising Actonites who are waiting for Pete to reopen to get curlers for their long hair — it could be a while before he is able to return to work at his Mill Street barber shop. But she says, he is in good spirits and he is progressing nicely.

It seems like ages but it was just a couple of months ago that Pete was fighting for his life after a head-on collision on Hwy. 25. Since then, Pete has been recovering slowly, painfully, but steadily back to good health. Patricia says he goes to therapy every day and that his spirits are good. The Humeniuk's were very appreciative of the outpouring of kindness and generosity they have received from Acton residents. They wish to thank everyone for the good wishes, cards and gifts they have received.

TimBri expands dinner service plan

The TimBri Teahouse has decided to go one better than the planned Valentine's Day dinner we reported about in last week's grapevine: They are going to offer the dinner service every Friday and Saturday night.

The menu will feature a four course dinner with a selection of

appetizers, soups or salads, a choice of main courses and a variety of desserts, with tea or coffee to top things off. The emphasis will be on fine dining, but the price is more than reasonable at \$25 per person.

The dinner hours will be from 6 to 9 pm on Friday and Saturday and there will be a special Valentine's Day seating on Monday, Feb. 14. Reservations are required as seating is limited. You can phone 853-5231 for reservations or more information.

Possible opossum sighted by Councillor Rennie

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie says he is positive that it was an opossum he spotted on his back step a few weeks ago.

The animal is indigenous to the south, but Councillor Rennie says he did a little research and found they occasionally come this far north.

"This was definitely an opossum — I checked it out with pictures and everything." The animal was twelve to fourteen inches long, not including his tail.

At first the Rennies thought it was a rat, but they got a real good look at him when he came up to their door and pressed his nose to the glass.

"He might have come in," Councillor Rennie said, "but then I don't know what to do with an opossum once he gets in."

Apparently, the furry little guy has been sighted by a number of people around east Acton, so if you spot this animal, give us a call here at *The Tanner* so we can snap a picture of him.



FLOUR POWER: Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce committee chair Tom Ramautarsingh (centre) congratulates Halton Flour Milling Inc. owners Debbie and Brian Dolotowicz as the fifth Business of the Year. The company displayed good business ethics, made significant social and economic contributions to the community and showed growth and stability in 1993. In operation since 1835, the Dolotowicz purchased the milling plant in 1983 and have built it into a thriving business, employing 25 people. (Doug Harrison photo)

Not on my street, Noel!

Aren't you sick and tired of hearing the gruesome details of the Bobbitt case? Newspapers, TV, radio; you can't escape it! Don't you wish they would cut it out? (Sorry.)

And did you hear Bob Rae's song on the radio? As a songwriter he makes a good street sweeper. By the same token, as a Premier he makes a good street sweeper, but I digress.

Seriously, have you ever heard such patronizing twaddle in your life? Rae tried to sell the song to Sony Canada. A bemused Sony official politely declined. Tongue in cheek, he offered that Barney the dinosaur might find it appropriate.

I can just hear the big purple "Barn" singing:

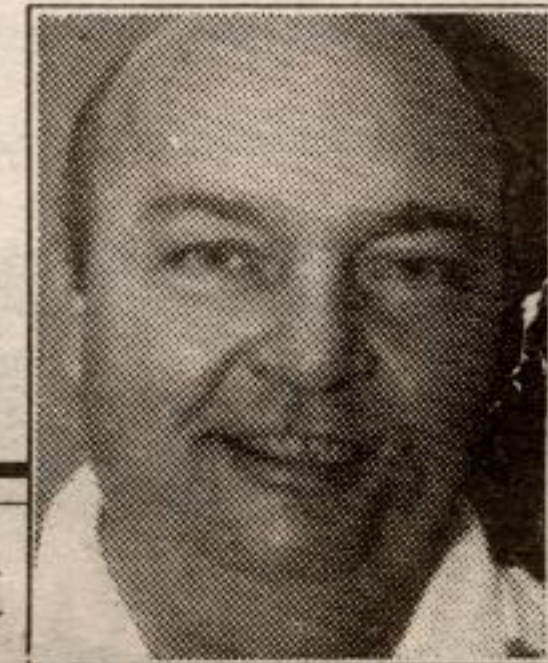
"You love me, I love you
Let's put Bob Rae in a zoo;
Nothing normal, it's world class,

Hey kids look, There's a real — um — socialist."

When I returned from B.C. I observed that "their socialists aren't as feather-brained as ours."

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



I underestimated them.

Last week, the acclaimed B.C. NDP candidate for the upcoming by-election in Matsqui riding confirmed he's a witch. (Honest folks, I don't make this nonsense up.)

I wonder if this is a new strategy? Vote NDP or — ZAP — you're a frog. (Amphibian-Canadian for the politically correct.) I'm worried that ol' Noel and his little band of songbirds might consider this scheme, especially if this guy in B.C. wins.

Before test-flying a new broom, ol' Noel should check out all the facts: the wild witch of the west also worships a horned God during nude moonlit rituals.

Well none of that naked stuff better happen on my street, and I'll tell you why.

My neighbour has a huge vicious dog named Robert. The dog has been neutered. We call the dog Bob-it. You've been warned. (Okay, okay, that's the last one.)

You could almost be thankful for the comic relief of politicians (I said *almost*) when faced with the harsh realities of life.

The recent assault on U.S. figure skater Nancy Kerrigan left most sports fans numb. The investigation is proceeding and hopefully those responsible will be caught and punished. I think it would be appropriate if they were run over by a Zamboni.

I'm an enthusiastic Canadian fan. I'll be watching and cheering our team at the Olympics. I'll also be rooting this year for Nancy Kerrigan. She'll be a winner just by competing. That success will drive the stake of despair through the hearts of those who would dare steal her dream. They deserve nothing less, and Nancy will prevail. In the real world, nice people sometimes do finish first.

HEY!

Who should pay the remaining \$31,000 to conduct the fish study?

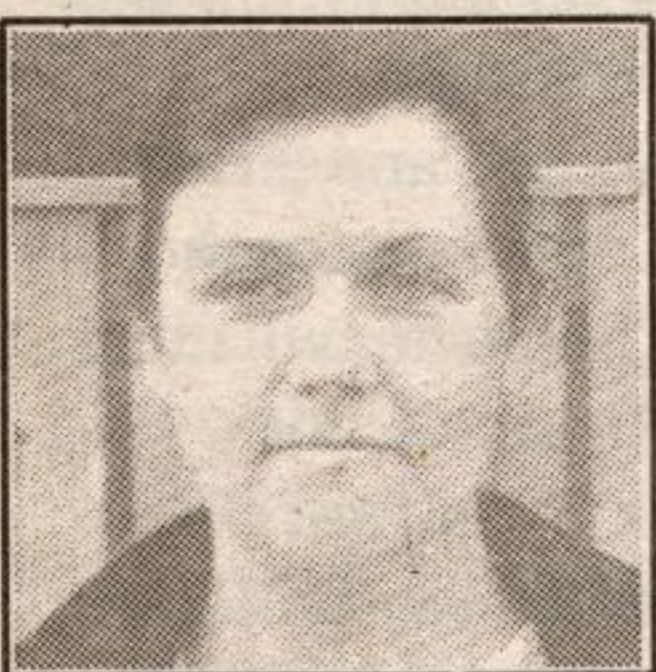


"It certainly shouldn't be taxpayers. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority should. They're the ones who stopped me from building an addition. The Town isn't getting any money, so they can't put more in. I feel sorry about the fish but ..."

Sandra O'Donnell, Greenore Crescent

"Whoever can make a dollar from it. How many studies have we done? The study is a big waste. I live on the lake. How is it going to be decided what development we need? I don't think housing is the answer. We need industrial development."

John Miller, Cameron Street

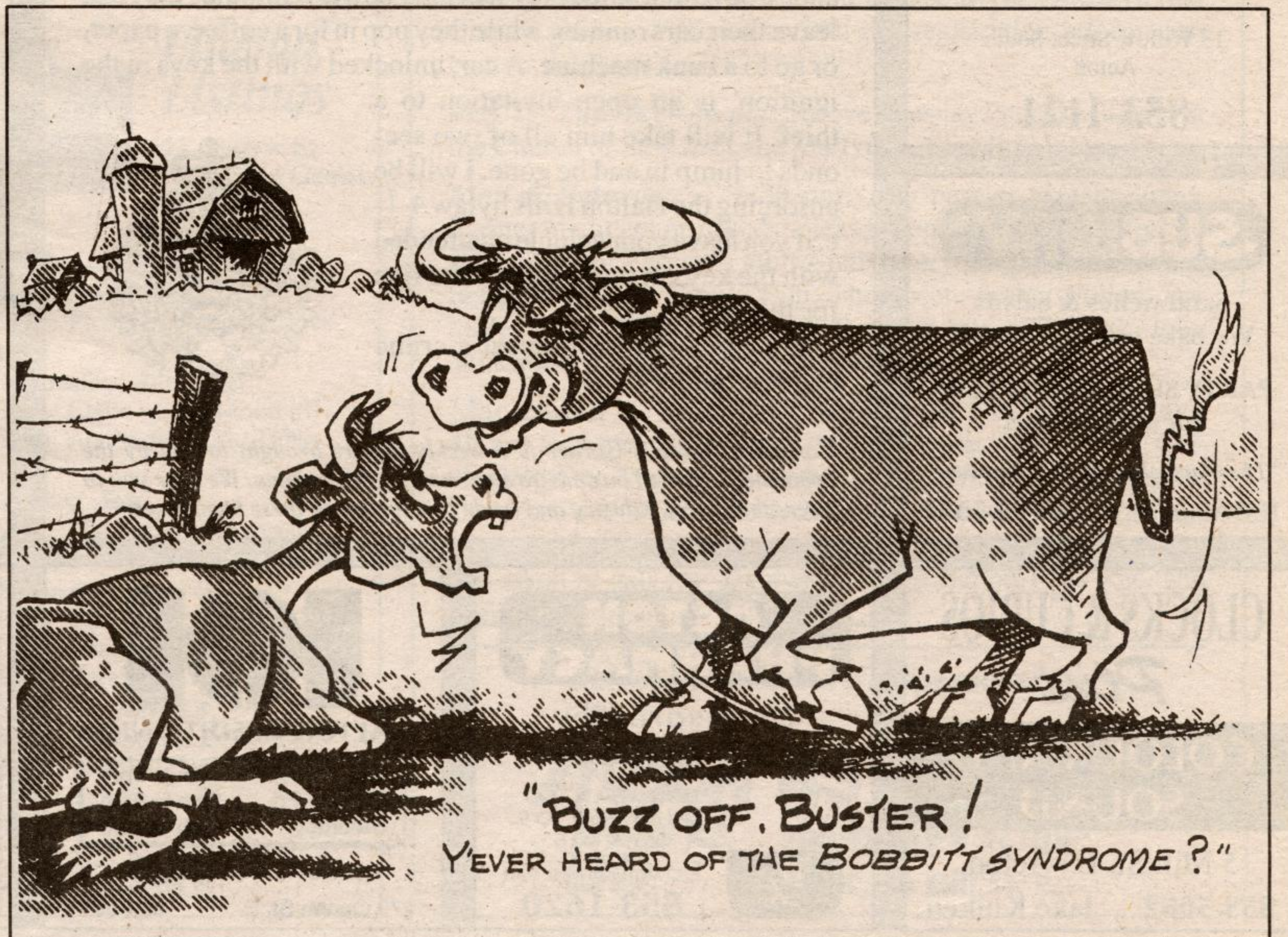
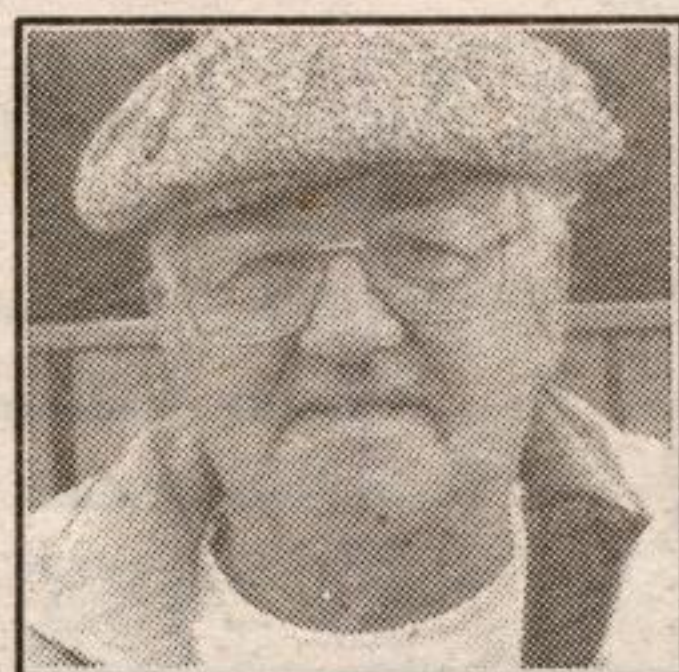


"A lot of taxpayers don't have the money. I think a lot of big companies should put the money up. The lake needs to be cleaned out. If that's done, we would get more people here."

Patty Taft, Speyside

"The departments insisting on it — Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans — should contribute, but they say they won't and that's wrong. The onus shouldn't be just on us in Acton."

Frank Spielvogel, R.R.4, Acton



"BUZZ OFF, BUSTER!
YE'VE HEARD OF THE BOBBITT SYNDROME?"