

GRAPE VINE

Gibbons in Norway

Ex-Acton resident Denis Gibbons is playing an important role in CBS-TV's coverage of the winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

Denis, presently an editor at the Burlington Post, is a valued commodity any time an international sports competition is held because of his knowledge of the Russian language and his sports background.

Actonites Irma and Hartley Coles (see Hartley's *Editorial* on the opposite page) recently got a postcard from Denis; he reported that the weather has been extremely cold in Norway, but the food and lodging have been exceptional.

Denis's uncle Tom still lives in town, on Mill Street.

From teacher to author

Congratulations to former Acton High social science teacher Marian Hughes, who has just had her first science fiction novel accepted by Baen Books in New York.

Marian's second novel, a sequel, is presently with Baen as well.

Marian now teaches at the Self-Reliant Centre at General Wolfe high school in Oakville.

Career Fair for students

In 1990, entrepreneurs accounted for eight of every 10 new jobs that were created. If you thrive on challenge and are interested in being your own boss, a Halton career night tomorrow (Thursday) might help.

The Career Fair will provide students with an opportunity to speak informally with a variety of entrepreneurs and business managers. Areas such as accounting, computers and marketing will be covered.

The event will be held from 7 to 9 pm at 5230 South Service Rd. in Burlington.

Improve your diet

Find out how a vegetarian diet can help prevent heart disease, cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis. Attend a free seminar on "how and why" at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, in Georgetown, next Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

The Halton Vegetarian Association reports this is a BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug) event.

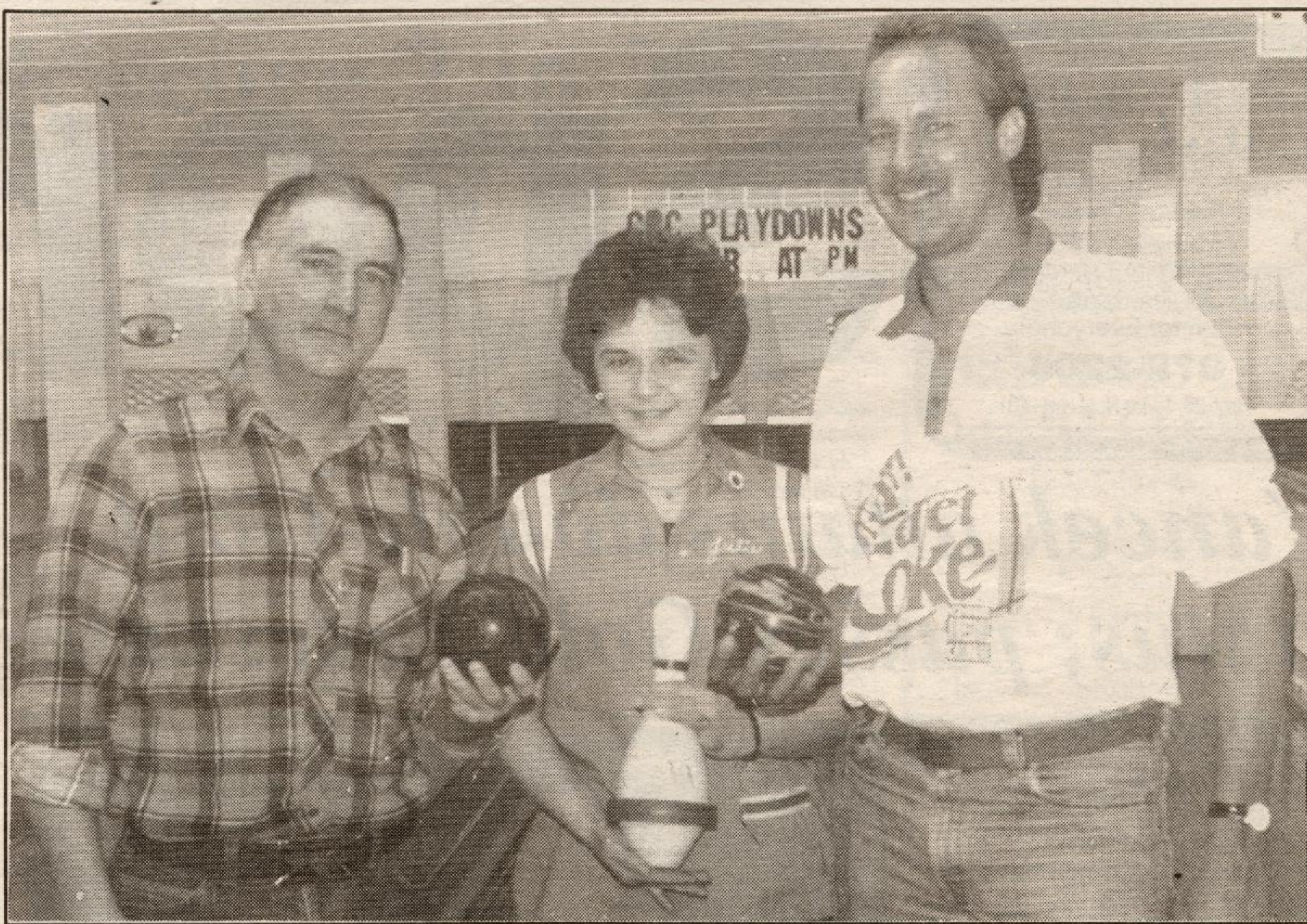
For more info, call Kari at 876-0563.

Great idea!

Construction students at Acton High are prepared to design and build a structure for members of the community for the cost of material only.

A typical project could be a summer cottage, garage, garden or tool shed.

Interested parties should contact Murray Swanston at the school (853-2920).



EXECUTIVE BOWLERS: Acton Bowl house league executives, from left, Bob Doyle, president; Julie Heatley, treasurer and secretary Ron Kuiken recently won an in-house President-Secretary-Treasurer (PST) tournament and are shown here after returning from the Regional PST tournament in Cambridge. (Brad Hammond photo)

This time, they're going too far!

Benjamin Franklin wrote "Everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." Most of us are resigned to governments controlling taxes, but we should certainly draw the line at them attempting to determine when we should die.

Sue Rodriguez and others have experienced a painful death. Anyone with any humanity feels genuine sympathy for her and her family. Do you think that her death gives anyone, let alone a politician, the right to impose the agenda of a few "right-to-die" proponents.

"You wouldn't treat a dog like that," people have said to me. What has that got to do with anything?

Mankind considers itself to be superior to animals. We decide if some poor animal is in too much pain to live. We call it humanity.

I don't want a doctor or group of doctors or all the doctors in the world deciding when I will die.

Oh sure, some will point out that only the terminally ill and those in pain are involved. You'll have to ask for "assisted-suicide"

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



they say, or your family will. I don't believe them and I sure as hell don't trust them. There is a real possibility that some people would take advantage of this change in law to get rid of an elder or sick relative to maximize their estate.

If you doubt this, talk to the folks who run nursing homes about the glaring avarices shown by many who have infirm relatives.

The proponents point to Holland, which has legalized euthanasia. Studies have shown, however, that 50 per cent of the people euthanized in Holland were unconscious or in a coma. Many seniors there are carrying a card stating they don't want euthanasia performed on them. People are scared and they should be.

In the Hippocratic oath, doctors

vow to do no harm. What further harm could there be than to take someone's life?

Are these people medical doctors or veterinarians? If the medical community is so concerned about patients' pain, why are few, if any of them, prescribing heroin. Have you ever noticed that doctors and lawyers say they are "practicing" their profession? Until they get it down pat, should they have final say on whether you live or die?

Wasn't it fortunate that Svend Robinson happened to have a Private Members Bill ready to go? The Provincial NDP have demonstrated they can't run a two car funeral. Now the Federal cousins want life and death control over you when you're sick and in hospital. This doesn't make me comfortable.

Last Sunday we visited my mother-in-law who lives in a nursing home. Most of the people there are old and ill. As we left, we heard a service where they were singing "Nearer My God To Thee." If Svend gets his way, that hymn may be a prophecy.

HEY! What's your beef?

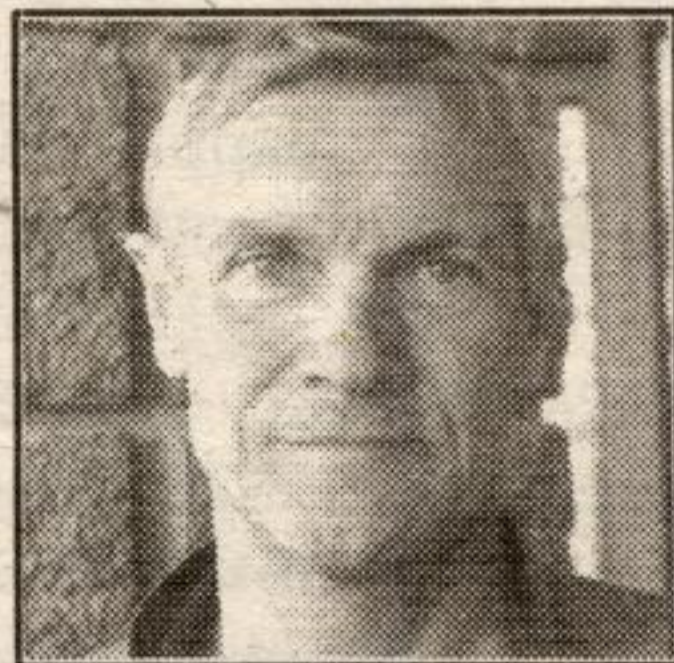


"Jag Bhaduria. I think he should be gone because he lied. His constituents want him out. He can't represent them. He makes me sick. He's so arrogant."

Kate Elliott, Elmore Drive

"The way our company (Air Canada) lets people go in management. They will call someone into the office and in one hour they're gone. It shows you the respect they have for the people. We've been government-run too long."

Ray Hands, Gould Crescent



"I wish there was more co-operation between Acton and Georgetown in changing the long-standing tension between them. It would be good to resolve it. Problems between the towns come up unexpectedly in all areas."

Mary Piercy, Acton employee

"The snow plow drivers in this town. I live on a cul-de-sac in the corner unit and each snowfall I have an extra six feet of snow to shovel because they don't know how to find the curb. I've lived there for three years and it's the same each winter."

Wayne Amirault, Danville Avenue



Legion welcomes 12 new members

LEGION NEWS

BY HARRY NORTON

The milder weather last week brought out the card players and there were three tables of bridge and 17 tables of euchre. The winners were: Lil Howson, Len Lovell and Colin Baker for bridge and Lil Klimsiak, Bev Barfoot, Ross Britton, Clair Smith and Jim McKnight for euchre. Good to see that although Jim moved to Brampton, he still gets back to his Branch to play euchre.

The meat draw winners last Saturday were Alison Willmott, D. Kentner, Grant Allan, Jan Jensen, Pauline Sargent, Allen Ellerby, Janice Holley (2), Charlie Allen, Keith Andrews, Bill Taylor,

Jerry Clayton, Dave Lockerbie, Joyce Buchanan and Ed Molody.

Even though I mistakenly reported Karaoke for the 18th, word got out and the gang showed up Saturday. Karaoke is ALWAYS on a Saturday night.

Coming Events: Bridge, euchre and the meat draw on the afternoons of Feb. 23, 24 and 26.

General: I understand a Legion Curling Fun Day is planned for March 6. Watch the bulletin board and get signed up for this annual event. By the way — 12 new members were initiated this past Saturday. I am told most of them, along with their family members, came to the ceremony and stayed on for the Karaoke. A good time was had by all.

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