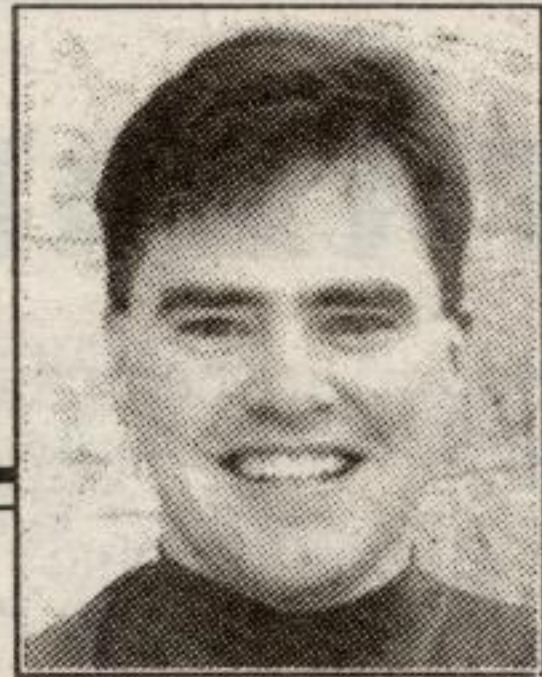


EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



What right?

Once again a convicted murderer, out on parole after serving a partial sentence, has been charged in a serious crime in the Toronto area. And once again I'm shaking my head, frustrated with a criminal justice system that just doesn't work.

Late afternoon on Saturday, shopkeeper Henry Lobe, 66, was attacked and robbed by a man who hit him over the head with a cash register. The robber then fled Henry's Variety store, located in the west-end, but police later arrested Nicholas Janzic, 30, charging him with robbery, assault and assault causing bodily harm.

According to a report in Monday's Toronto Sun, Janzic was released from prison last July after serving 12 years and two months for a first-degree 1981 murder in Hamilton.

This brings a few questions to mind: Who actually made the decision to release Janzic last year? Someone with an actual name? Or a face? How about a family ... or an honest, hard-working 66-year-old father, just like Mr. Lobe?

More questions. Is a 12-year imprisonment really enough of a deterrent to a cold-blooded killer? How long before Janzic, if convicted of this crime, is back on the streets, threatening the safety of you and your family? What right does Mr. Janzic have to *ever again* walk the streets of our communities?

In light of recent murders in Toronto, Hamilton and Tottenham — it's all around us folks! — many citizens have spoken in favour of tougher laws and sentencing. Our own Mike O'Leary has written some compelling pieces that have exposed the insanity of the present situation.

But, as Mike wrote in his Page 7 column two weeks ago, "the impetus for change must come from elected officials like Julian Reed." That is, the impetus for change must come from *you!*

If you want our country's law-makers to outlaw handguns, then say so! If you want to know why convicted murderers are released before the end of their sentences, then ask! If you want Ottawa to finally get tough with Young Offenders, then tell them so!

Circle this phone number: 1-613-996-7046. Leave it beside the phone in your kitchen. Then, tomorrow morning, when you're slicing a banana for your cereal, dial your Member of Parliament, Julian Reed, in Ottawa. Sure it's long-distance, but you can leave a message and he'll call you back.

Then tell him that you want your government to get tough with criminals.

This will be your own personal response to the craziness that's going on all around us.

You have a right. You have a reason.

LETTERS

Campaign underway

To the Editor,

The Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society would like to thank *The Acton Tanner* and the many people who have helped make 1994 such a successful year so far.

The photo on the front page was much appreciated and drew attention to our April campaign and Blitz Night.

We also want to thank you for

the great write-up regarding the Acton Cancer Society Campaign.

We would like to thank Mayor Russ Miller for kicking off our April Campaign with the flag raising, the T.A.G. ladies for the chili, Mr. Mugs for donating donuts, Acton IGA for coffee, tea, cream, sugar and the anonymous donation of rolls.

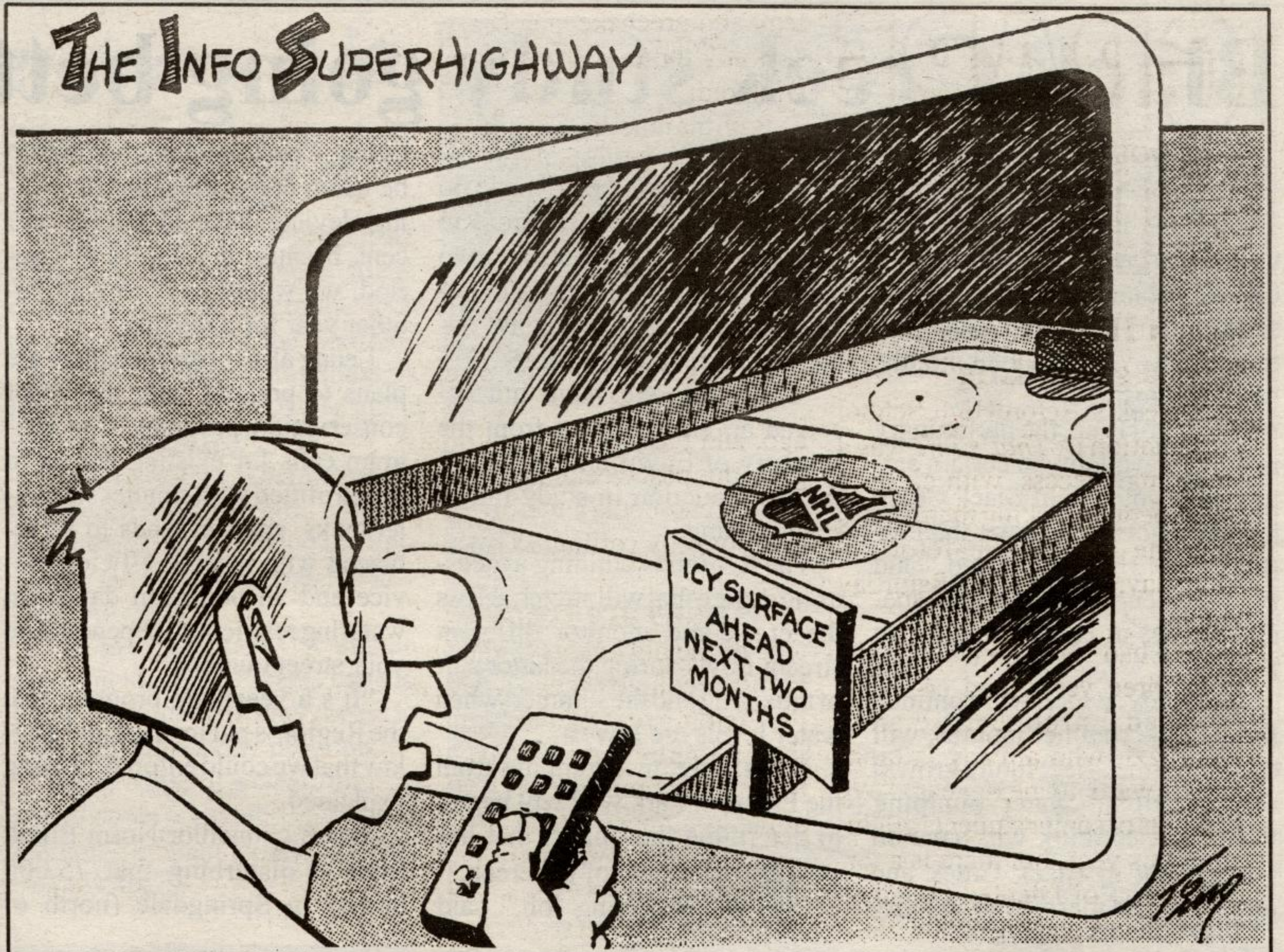
We also thank TimBri for donating Tea for Two as the draw prize this year.

The signs are up, the canvassers are out; let's make this the best year yet.

Once again, thank you for all your coverage.

Pat Kentner,
Acton Unit, Cancer Society

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LETTERS

Daffodils really do make a difference

To the Editor,

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society had a successful daffodil campaign this year, selling 1,300 bunches and making \$3,900.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this sale so successful.

The majority of the fresh daffodils are sold during the pre-sale, where volunteers go to every local business and take orders. Thank you to the following people for

their help this year with the pre-sales: Linda Neary, Janis Fread, Shirley McKeown, Irene Birrell, Susan Grierson, Cheryl Dayman, Pat Allen, Pat Kentner, Florence Fryer, Pauline Symon and Kendra Kellas.

I would also like to thank the following people who sold daffodils to the public: Barb Robinson, June Tribe, Liz Bailey, Nadine Eaton and Cathy McGillivray.

Thanks also to the Acton Legion for allowing us to use their facility for storing and packaging the daffodils.

The local businesses and the citizens of Acton have once again shown their tremendous commitment to the Cancer Society by their generous support of this event.

Cathy Gerrow
Daffodil Co-ordinator
Canadian Cancer Society

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

April 27, Wednesday — 6:30 to 8 pm: Acton Co-Op Nursery School Open House at M.Z. Bennett Public School (second level). Register now for fall classes. For further information, please call 853-1159.

April 29 and 30, Friday and Saturday — 9 am to 4 pm (Friday), 10 am to 12 noon (Saturday): St. Joseph's Rummage Sale at St. Joseph's basement hall on Church Street.

April 29, Friday — 7:30 pm: Spring Festival of Music at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. Come and enjoy music by the "Salvation Sounds", operatic tenor Ken Mitchell and the Presbyterian Junior Choir. Refreshments following. Tickets — \$5, available at Village Variety. For further information please call Inez at 853-4757.

May 1, Sunday — 2:30 pm: Acton Citizen's Band Spring Concert at Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E. "Musical, Magical Mystery Tour from Showboat to Llangollan." Refreshments following. Adults: \$5, students-seniors: \$3, children under 6, free. Tickets available at the door.

May 3, Tuesday — 7:30 to 9 pm: Acton High School presents their annual speaker series featuring keynote speaker Norbert Georget. Tickets are \$3. Phone Judy Auty at the high school (853-2920) to book tickets.

May 6, Friday — 10 am: Bake Sale for Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Join us at 14 Mill St. E., beside Towne Friar.

May 6, Friday: P.A. day at local public schools. The kids are out so be sure to drive carefully.

May 7, Saturday — 7 pm: Acton School of Dance and Acton Music Studio will showcase original music by students of both studios. St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall, 19 St. Alban's Dr. Admission is free but a donation to FoodShare would be appreciated. For info call Bob at 853-4104 or Susanne at 853-0390.

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