

GRAPE VINE

machetes: 8; and rounds of ammunition: 2,681.

According to Sergeant Joseph Martin, "the program has been very successful to date and will continue to September."

For more info contact Halton Police in Milton at 825-4899.

Open House at Moore House this weekend

Acton builder Peter Zions will be hosting an open house at the renovated Thomas Moore House this weekend.

The house, located across from the old Esso station at 3 Young St., was built in the early 1890s by Thomas Moore, who was a respected Acton resident. Moore was for 25 years a school principal and the municipal clerk treasurer.

Built by Moore himself, the house construction is wood frame with a classic Victorian design. It is one of the few remaining original wood-sided homes in town.

The house had been unoccupied for many months before Zions purchased it as a renovation project.

"This home is in the centre of Acton and is considered by many as a landmark in our community," states Zions.

"We hope that we have preserved a piece of history in our town for many more years to come."

Gun Amnesty stats

According to Halton Regional Police, the following are the totals of the firearms and weapons turned in to the police during the first two weeks of the Gun Amnesty program.

Handguns: 14; rifles: 20; shotguns: 12; prohibited weapons: 3;

Acton resident joins cast

Acton's Neville Worsnop has joined the cast of Fergus's Theatre on the Grand for the first production of the summer season, *Run for Your Wife*.

Worsnop has been a stage actor and director for years, and has served as president of the Association of Community Theatres.

Run for Your Wife, billed as a hilarious farce, runs from June 29 to July 16. You can order tickets by calling 1-800-461-7891.

Be a Lucky Loser

Next Thursday (June 30) at the Eramosa Library is the introduction meeting for the next session of the Rockwood Lucky Losers.

Organizer Dot Polo says many Rockwood and Acton residents already are members, and she urges people to "join us to hear all about our group and about weight loss."

The group is now offering a 12-week session for the price of 10 weeks (\$50; \$40 for seniors and students).

Dot is asking all members to bring to the meeting a can of food for Acton FoodShare.

Our mistake!

Last week's front page photo of Bantam bowlers incorrectly identified one trophy-winner.

Our sincere apologies to Derrick McKeown. Congratulations on your award, Derrick.



CON-GRADS! Graduates from the Teen Education and Motherhood (TEAM) program posed last Wednesday at Acton Baptist Church. From left: Terri Miller, 25, and son Steven, 2; Rozanne Fife, 19, daughter Deziray, 14 months and son Shawn, 3; Joanne Woodfine, 24, and son Robert, 2; and Tracey Hatcher, 23, and son Derek, 22 months. (Doug Harrison photo)

A bit of this, a bit of that ...

"Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." — Thomas Paine (1737-1809).

We hear ya Tom, we hear ya! We certainly seem to have lots of intolerable government these days. Sometimes, given the hair-brained schemes these guys come up with, one has to wonder if these people have enough to do.

The Departments of Fisheries, Environment, OMB and who knows who else, have forced our town and regional governments into a \$250,000-plus fish study. Before we can build our badly-needed houses and arena, we have to prove that new development won't change the fish habitat.

As reported last week, United Aggregates applied to dump an additional one million gallons of water into Black Creek. Because this Province needs jobs they'll probably get approval. That's not necessarily a bad thing — our people do need the work. I don't know what the two million gallons the quarry will dump into the creek will do to the fish habitat. (I'm fairly certain the fish won't drown.) It does seem to negate the reason for the Acton study however.

If we knew the real cost of this exercise, we'd be sick. If you count Town and Region staff hours, Provincial staff, federal staff, intervenor funding, lawyers, consultants and all the rest, the taxpayers are on the hook for millions. For what?

Isn't it about time for Provincial and Federal Departments to quit screwing around and give the green light for this town to grow?

More Madness. StatsCan says that crime *isn't* increasing. That proves the old saying — figures lie and liars figure. We could review stats from Metro police that show retail robberies up 500 per cent from 1985 to 1993. Handgun incidents are up from 243 in '89 to 958 in '93.

Perhaps if you live in Beaver's Armpit you can still leave your doors unlocked. In the urban areas of this country we have a huge problem that needs to be addressed.

Last week a young Metro policeman was shot to death and his partner wounded. With the increase in handguns we should expect more of this type of violence.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



The federal government responds to these situations by disarming duck hunters. It's depressing!

Does anyone understand what's going on in the Bernardo case? Its been over two years since those kids were killed. The investigation has cost over \$10-million so far. More millions will be consumed by the trial. Even Bernardo is reportedly "anxious to get on with things." Last week legal wrangling caused yet another delay.

Reporters continually try to nail down Attorney General Marion Boyd. She's become adept at ducking the hard questions on this case. Boyd is short, and every time I see her on TV scurrying away from the cameras, she reminds me of a chipmunk with an attitude.

I hear that much of the evidence is technical. I appreciate that the police and Crown need to proceed carefully, but it's time. It's time to resolve this case and let the families of the victims lay their children's spirits to rest.

Laughable immigration laws and extradition rules make the Metro area a haven for criminals. Police, six months ago, had to form a "fugitive squad." They've nabbed 25 cons since November, most from the U.S. But Fiji, Australia, Norway, Europe and the Caribbean are also represented.

The average fugitive commits 10 offenses while hiding here. Perhaps we should put the cops into StatsCan and the clerks on the street. I'll bet the only thing that would change faster than their report would be their pants. Fiji?

We sent a team of about 15 to observe the elections in the Ukraine last March. Why? What were we supposed to do if the election was fixed? Invade?

Foreign Minister Oulette said that expenses were "for the most

part, under budget." What does that mean? Were they under budget or not. Oh, I almost forgot to mention, they spent \$185,000. For that money they could have bought the election, declared it any way they wanted and kept the folks at home.

Last weekend Debbie Mahaffey organized another remembrance service for her daughter Leslie, and for the families of those who have been killed. They read out the names of the children and lit a candle. This year some 70 names were read. Meanwhile Alan Rock and Warren Almand still tend to be on the side of criminals. A few token changes are promised but nothing meaningful has been done.

It is the shame of my generation that we have allowed these vermin to prey on our children. I still have not received an answer from MP Julian Reed. How many more, Mr. Reed — how many more?

You ladies will probably be surprised to know that Parliament was told that you (a) don't want changes to the Young Offenders Act; (b) want more protection for immigrant and aboriginal women; (c) want more spending by government; (d) want more universal income support programs; (e) oppose working or attending training courses for welfare; (f) want billions spent on universal day care; (g) support hiring quotas by race and sex and more.

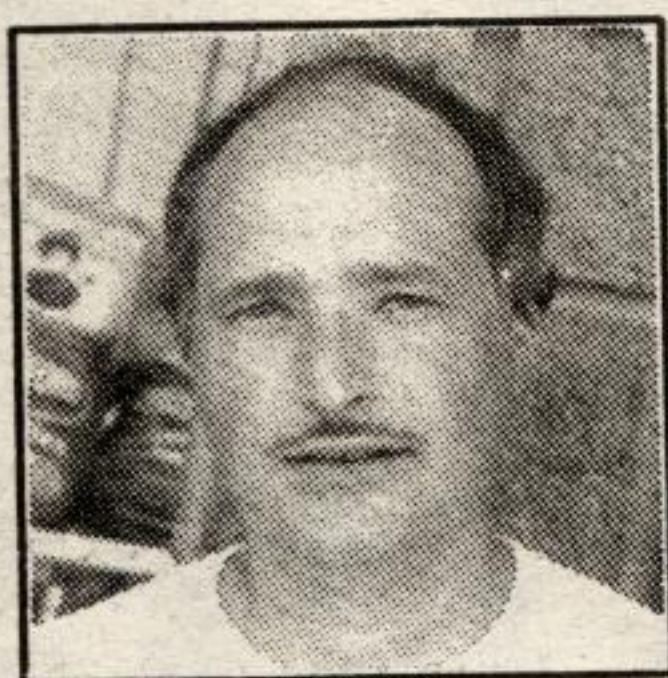
Sunera Thobani, who speaks for you, said so, as she and a hundred or so tried to storm Parliament Hill. They belong to the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, who have declared that they speak on behalf of Canada's 13 million females. I guess I missed that election.

I know this, though — every time I see her speak on behalf of you women, I'm glad I'm a man!

Finally, if you think Bob Rae's four years of government has been longer than most, it has. Those who keep track of the world's atomic clock have added an extra second to this June. Damn, we're never going to get rid of these guys!

HEY!

How do you beat the heat?

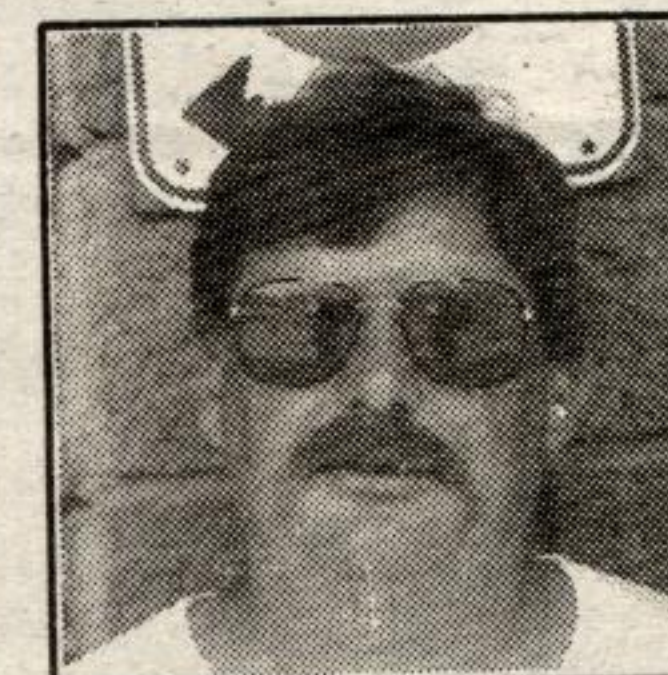


"Cold showers. It's a little too humid for me. I stay in the shade, have a few cold beers and do as little as possible."

Roman Mec, Trillium Terrace

"I like the heat; I have no complaints. I have a pool and swim every night, so that keeps me cool. I also work for the Canadian Pro Golfers Association, so I'm outside a lot. I prefer working outside to being in."

Laurie Van Vliet, Georgetown



"Sitting in the comfort of my house or swimming. I'll also stay in the shade with plenty of iced tea on the rocks. I like the heat — it's what summer's all about."

John Hopkins, Scene Street

"I live in an old farmhouse, so it's always cool inside. It's also on top of a hill, so there's usually a breeze."

Lisa Braine, R.R. 2, Acton

