

ACROSS THE FENCE

With Joanne Stevenson



It happens once in a blue moon ...

There must have been a blue moon.

That's the only explanation I can find for a number of strange occurrences I noticed last week.

You see, I suddenly found myself without children for four days (one at camp, the other two at my father's cottage). This sort of thing usually takes months of preparation, begging and huge favours — and then I'd have to be going to the hospital!

There are a few pleasant side-effects you'd expect in the kids' absence: I washed the floor and it stayed clean all week; I didn't have to do laundry every day; I got through the grocery store without making any bribes or threats; I went to a restaurant for dinner and nothing on the menu started with "Mc."

But there were some other weird happenings that can only be explained by the blue moon theory:

- The clerk at the department store *opened* her register for me instead of going on her break.
- While driving along the 401, another driver actually let me in when I signaled to change lanes.
- A bunch of 40-somethings gathered in a farmer's field and rolled in the mud, in a vain attempt to re-gain their youth.
- All the ball players in both the American League and the National League struck out at the same time.
- Strange photographs of fast-moving vehicles began appearing in police files across the province. (I live in fear).
- Raccoons did *not* get into my garbage and spread it all over the driveway.
- My gas bill shows a credit balance this month.
- My credit card bill shows a \$0 balance this month. And I washed the car.

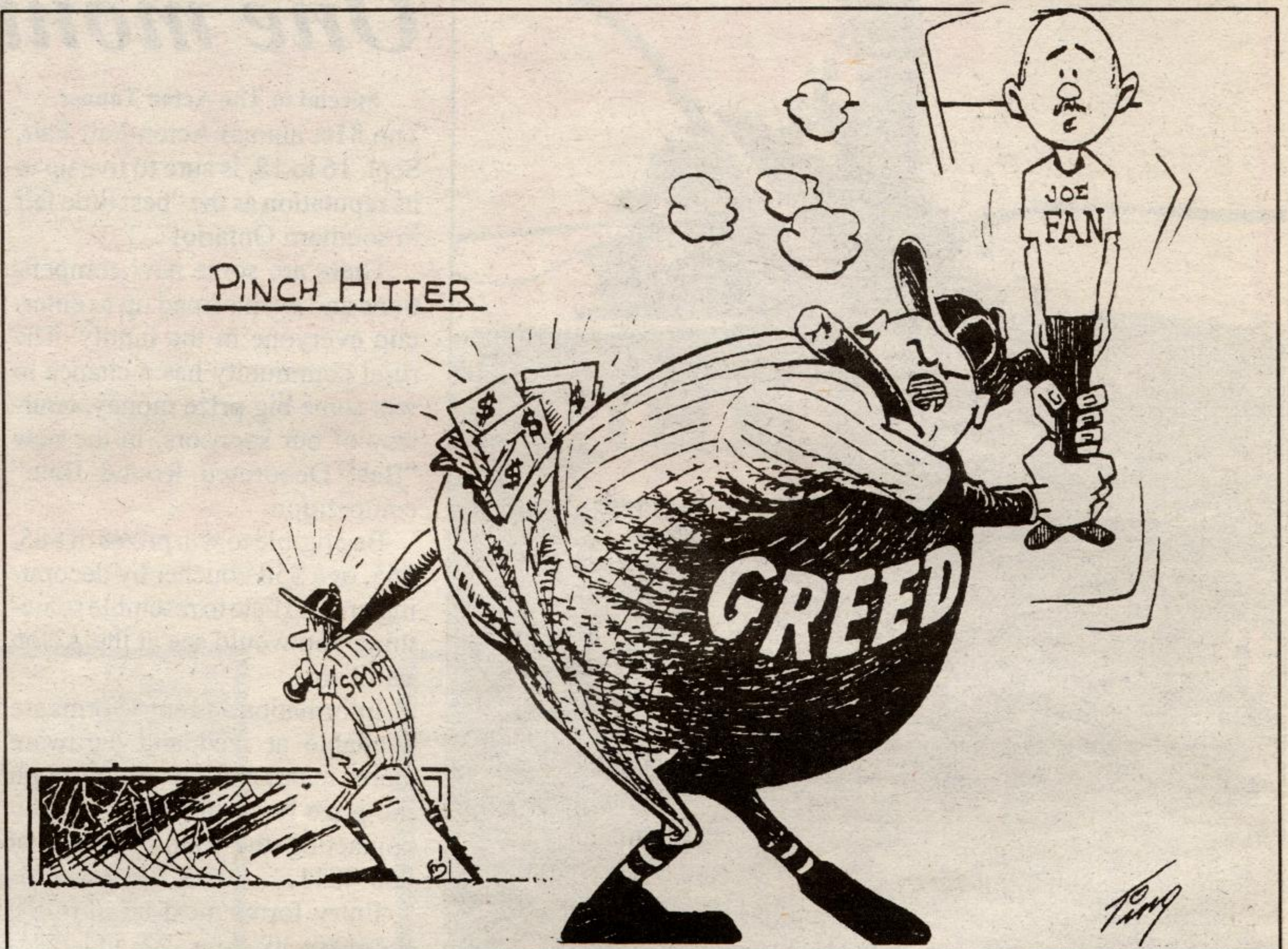
The recent highway accidents involving Acton residents should make us all reflect on the importance of safe driving. Whether it's summer or winter, day or night-time, a single mistake behind the wheel can have tragic consequences.

Photo radar is now in effect, and area roadways like the 401, Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 25 are all affected. Let's hope this proves to be an effective way to slow us down. Because if common sense doesn't work, maybe a speeding ticket will.

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LETTERS

Festival '94 was a terrific success

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Halton Hills Tourism Committee, I would like to express our thanks for your help with the third annual Leathertown Festival.

By all reports, the attendance was up from last year, to an estimated 4,000.

Thank you to John and Betty Jean (and family) who collected fares and monitored the double decker bus for us. Our treasurer is still receiving monies and bills, so we won't have the final financial picture for a week or two, but the bus turned in about \$350 (our cost is \$400) which is very good considering we anticipated a 60-seater and they sent us a 40-seater, which cut down on our revenue.

Thank you also to Ted who keeps spreading these loads of gravel we've had dumped in the pot holes!

Janis Fread,
Chairperson, Halton Hills
Tourism Committee

Students thank the community

To the Editor,

The Georgetown Canada Employment Centre for Students would like to thank the town of Acton for making our year a great success!

Over 500 students were placed

from the Acton, Georgetown and Erin areas and we had a 25 per cent increase in jobs available.

We could not have done it without the support of local businesses, homeowners, media and community agencies.

See you next spring!

Melissa, Andrea and Janet
CECS

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Aug. 20, Saturday — 8 pm: Live concert! Acton Baptist youth ministries presents the Christian Rock Band "Megiddo." Come and experience the sound and the talent that makes people describe this band as "up and coming." Acton Baptist Church, corner of Mill and Elgin Streets. Come as you are. Admission is free.

Aug. 21, Sunday — 2 pm to 4 pm: Open House in honour of Dora Kennedy's 90th birthday, Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. Best wishes only, please.

Aug. 24, Wednesday — 7 pm: The Acton Public Library wraps up its summer reading program with the performance of "That's the Ticket," by Lilliput Productions. Tickets, available at the circulation desk, are just \$2, but they're going fast!

Sept. 6, Tuesday — Tai Chi classes start. To register and for more information call George Lee at 853-1066.

Sept. 8 and 10, Thursday, Saturday — 7 to 9 pm (Thursday), 10 to 12 noon (Saturday): The Acton School of Dance is offering Ballet classes for ages three to adult to be held at St. Alban's Parish Hall, Acton. For information please call Susanne Keith at 853-0390.

Sept. 16 to 18, Friday to Sunday: The 81st annual Acton Fall Fair comes to town! From the Acton Ambassador Pageant to the Saturday parade to the great food and midway rides, plan now to attend. It's the social event of the year here!

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