

GRAPE VINE

Should we laugh, cry or just move to Guelph?

Carol Ann Whitehead-Perrott, a candidate for the Ward 3 (Georgetown) Regional council seat in this fall's election, said Monday that she was surprised some of her recent comments would upset Acton residents.

In last week's edition of *The Georgetown Independent*, the 37-year-old Georgetown resident said that Fairy Lake was 60 per cent goose sh— and that Acton was “a low-income town. There is a lot of trouble there with derelicts.”

When *The Acton Tanner* contacted Carol Ann on Monday we asked her if she stood by her comment about our community's lake. Her response: “Stand by it? I wouldn't stand by that lake unless they cleaned it with a giant vacuum. It stinks.”

Regarding the “derelict” situation in Acton, Carol Ann went on to explain that she wants to “put the people who are out on the streets into jobs.”

Whitehead-Perrott, who presently is on disability leave from her job with the Halton Red Cross due to her asthma, said that Acton is known as being “not worth the drive.” She explained that our community “does not have enough chain restaurants.”

Carol Ann said she is inviting the public to attend her “opening” at the North Halton Golf & Country Club on Sept. 29. However, this won't be any ordinary cam-

paigned kick-off. Admission price is \$12, with \$6 going to the country club, \$3 to her private driving school business and \$3 to charity.

So far, Whitehead-Perrott is the only candidate to declare for the Regional Ward 3 seat.

Congrats, Lois!

Congratulations to Lois Gordon, winner of last week's Tanner Trivia Challenge. Lois phoned to tell us that the old YMCA building housed the Acton Public Library before its present location.

Lois, a 68-year-old Main Street resident says she remembers “going to the old library back when Madge Chapman, Mrs. Watson and Esther Taylor were working there. I got a lot of books from that place!”

As our lucky winner, Lois will get a cotton library bag from the Acton Public Library and a dozen donuts from Tim Horton's.

There were 10 other correct callers: Kristy Allen, Rena Arbic, Lynda Bowen, Betty Hawes, Anna Lee, Doreen Lindsay, Gladys Melen, Adele Nolan, Jane Robertson and Sandra Snyder.

Way to go, everyone! Watch for more Tanner Trivia next week.

Remember at Fair

The Fall Fair is celebrating its 81st year in '94, and there have been many dedicated volunteers over the years who have built the Fair into one of Ontario's best.

Maggie Hall was one volunteer member who put many years of work into the Acton Fall Fair. At the point of her untimely death due to cancer, Maggie was the second vice-president. In her memory, the Fair Board is asking Actonites to give a donation to the Cancer Society at their booth on Sept. 16 to 18.



WELCOME! Heather Malcolmson, 18, has been “pretty busy, especially on weekends” at the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Trailer, parked in the Acton Mews lot on Mill Street. The trailer offers tourism info and free brochures to visitors. (Paul Nolan photo)

No, we should not calm down!

After last week's column, the bride suggested that I need to calm down. Several other friends also voiced similar sentiments. I took some time to consider their point of view and have come to a different conclusion.

For better or worse, our elected officials are the only ones who can start to change the law. I say start to change, since I believe that it will take many years to restore some sanity to the political/justice process.

It is our fault you know, yours and mine, that the system has devolved to the point where the government seems determined to penalize the honest citizen it is supposed to protect. Am I being melodramatic and overstating the case? I don't think so.

Over the past 20 years, the average taxpayers have suffered a constant erosion in our after-tax income. All of these moneys have gone to feed an ever expanding government presence in our lives. We now work over half the year just to pay our taxes and still the government goes further into debt.

Government laments that almost 40 cents of every tax dollar goes to interest on the debt.

How can we deliver the services you want, they ask? Well, taxes eat up over 60 cents of our dollar. How are we supposed to provide for our families? I, for one, am not prepared to pay one more red cent in taxes. Not until, that is, government stops throwing away dollars on any hair-brained scheme that might buy them a few votes.

You may think that your voice alone can't make a difference. You're wrong! People in the know tell me that politicians regard one letter as being representative of the views of 200 voters. If 1,000 people from Acton wrote to Julian Reed, that could be interpreted as the opinion of 200,000 voters.

A conversation I had with “the kid” this week brought to the fore our current mess. She is all excited about going away to Carleton University this year. We spoke about her plans, her hopes, her dreams. We spoke most about her security. Don't do this, don't do

The Way I See It

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that, don't go here or there. Use the security system. Don't walk home from class alone and so on and so on. What a bloody ridiculous situation.

Because our politicians don't want to be seen as being tough on criminals, my kid has to take extraordinary precautions to protect herself. The police can't, you know, because we can't afford enough cops.

No, my friends, this is not the time to calm down. If anything, we need to turn up the heat a notch or two. If we don't take positive action to change the present course of government then we deserve the contempt of future generations for the turmoil we leave them.

Week after week the newspapers report still more outrages. Instead of becoming complacent about the situation, we had all better start screaming blue-blooded murder.

It's time that the silent majority made its voice heard.

Consider these few incidents from last week and decide if you should start to comment on the system.

Canada is now accepting refugees from Israel. We are doing this in spite of a United Nations High Commission for refugees ruling that Israel is not a “refugee producing country.” Israel is in fact an ally. Canada sends hundreds of millions of dollars, both publicly and privately, to Israel.

What's next you ask — refugee claimants from the U.S? Well, actually, there were 10 people who claimed refugee status from the States last year. Our immigration system must be the laughing stock of the world. The only country we don't accept refugees from is Canada! Wait for it ... bureaucrats are working on that one.

A 62-year-old man was beaten to within an inch of his life in

Toronto. The father of three is holding on by a thread. The 5'1" victim weighed only 100 pounds. Warren Allmand would like to see the vultures who committed this assault out of jail early, if convicted at all. How do you see it?

This country spends millions on multi-culturalism. We promote the idea that immigrants should maintain their customs, their language, their identity. But last week the Canadian team at the World Basketball Championship was booed by Canadians. These “patriots” chose instead to cheer for the Greek and Croat teams.

Do we really need pseudo-Canadians who would boo the National Team of their adopted country? If they are so proud of their fatherland, maybe we should help them to go back there.

The debate about a new dump location continues to boil. Thanks, in part, to 'ol Noel's escarpment legislation, the Acton quarry dump may be stopped. The situation in Vaughan, however, defies understanding.

The site chosen is on top of a major aquifer. Instead of cancelling the project and going back to square one, the NDP is determined to blunder along. Why? Because they are ideologically opposed to transporting garbage or investigating incineration. Is screwing up a major aquifer the price we are supposed to pay for NDP idiocy?

Ontario Housing minister Evelyn Gigantes is under the gun for allegedly interfering in an Ottawa court case. Gigantes is accused of pressuring a director of a non-profit housing complex to drop her charges against other directors.

This is the second time Gigantes has been in trouble. Rae should dump her but he doesn't want to incur feminist wrath. Instead, we have to pay for yet another legislative hearing so Gigantes can have her butt salvaged.

If we continue to hold our silence we can expect more of the same — week after week.

Now is the time, dear readers, for you to tell your MP and MPP — ENOUGH!



SPRUCE-UP!

The Card Shop's Eugene Clarke spent part of last week painting the trim on the outside of his Mill Street shop. Eugene explained that he wants the sports card store to look great for the upcoming busy season. (Paul Nolan photo)