

ACROSS THE FENCE

With Joanne Stevenson



Summing up the summer of '94

There are signs everywhere that summer is ending. Not only has school resumed and the leaves have already begun to change colour, but the flowers are fading fast too. Before long we'll be covering the tomato plants at night, trying to save them from the frost. It's also getting dark sooner and the evenings are downright cold.

But the real indicator that summer is over at my house is the fact that the baseball gloves have been put away, and road hockey has become the pass-time of choice.

It seems fitting then, to pause and reflect on the summer gone by.

The most outstanding events of the summer of '94 were:

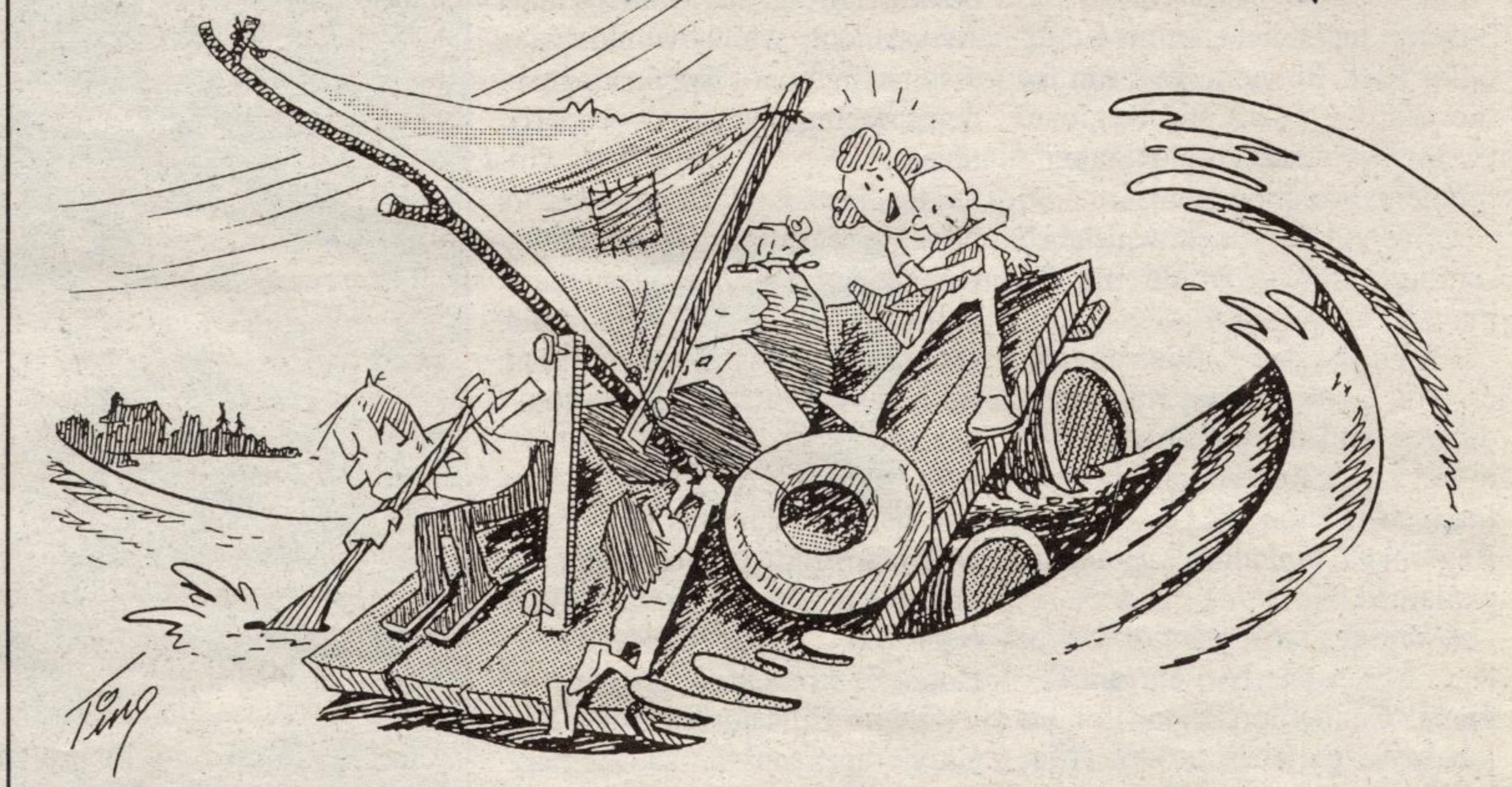
- Yours truly got up on water skis (this suggestion comes from my kids).
 - The weather was terrific this summer. After that horrible, rainy summer of '92, I'm grateful for the sun and heat, especially on the weekends. (Remember: the joke went "What comes after two days of rain? — Monday!")
 - Action for Acton held its highly successful weekly trunk sales, giving local businesses a boost (and they're not over yet).
 - The olde Hide House re-opened, and Acton is on the map again.
 - The O.J. Simpson hearings dominated television this summer; newscasters can't decide if this is news or entertainment.
 - Michael Jackson married Lisa-Marie Presley; newscasters can't decide if this is a marriage or a merger.
 - Also on the marriage scene, Fergie and Andrew reunited, Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley split up, and Rosanne and Tom Arnold split, reunited, split, reunited ... which begs the question "Who really cares?"
- Looking back leads to looking forward, and I begin the season with a new resolve to stick to the exercise program and finish a number of odd jobs around the house. Collectively we are also looking forward to:
- All the fall and winter sports and activities the kids have signed up for.
 - The Acton Fall Fair.
 - Hallowe'en.
 - Christmas (only 15½ more weeks).
 - Football season. (Not really, my son says, but with baseball on strike and the possibility of a hockey shut-out too, what else is there?)
 - Cleaning the basement. (Not really, I say, but with the kids back at school, I don't have an excuse to put it off any longer.)

My family feels that this summer deserves an 'A' — the weather was good and there were no problems that we weren't able to solve.

And now as I sit here at the computer at 11:00 on Monday night, with five loads of laundry waiting to be washed, no food in the house because I only shopped for the long weekend, lunches yet to be made for school tomorrow, the grass needing cutting but the lawn mower isn't working ... well, I have to wonder if this is a fresh beginning or just more of the same.

But as I recall the fun we had over the summer, I'd have to agree with the rest of them — this summer gets an 'A' from me too.

" I COULD UNDERSTAND IT
IF WE WERE REFUGEES LEAVING CUBA
— BUT, WE'RE ANGLOS ON THE
OTTAWA RIVER! "



LETTERS

United Way kick-off planned for Sept. 28

Dear Editor,

For the past eight years, individuals, organizations and this community as a whole have been working together to improve the quality of life in Halton Hills. How? By supporting the United Way and its annual fundraising effort.

To formally start this year's campaign, we at Varian Canada

Inc. are pleased to be the organizers of the Campaign Kick-Off Luncheon for the United Way.

This event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the North Halton Golf Club in Georgetown, beginning with a cash bar at 11:30 am, followed at 12 noon by a delicious meal and brief presentations. Tickets are only \$18 per person.

Space is limited, therefore we encourage you to call Tammy Hilts or Lynda Huffman at 877-0161 as soon as possible.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to having you join us as we kick off the United Way's most successful fundraising campaign ever!

Joe Caldarelli
Varian Canada Inc.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

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 3 to adult, to be held at St. Alban's Parish Hall, Acton. For information please call Susanne Keith at 853-0390.

Sept. 10 and 11, Saturday and Sunday: Soccer Cup weekend. Coaches will have more information as Acton house league soccer winds up the season.

Sept. 12, 14, 19, 21, Mondays, Wednesdays — 6:30 to 9:30 pm (evenings): First Aid Course at St. John's Anglican Church (corner of Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad). For more information call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

Sept. 14, Wednesday — 7:30 pm: Esquering Historical Society meets for a talk and reminiscences of the Limehouse community for its September meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Limehouse. Any photos or artifacts for display would be most welcome.

Sept. 16 to 18, Friday to Sunday: Acton Fall Fair weekend. The fair kicks off Friday night with the all-new Acton Ambassador Pageant, on stage in the Community Centre. Come to Prospect Park next weekend and celebrate our rich agricultural heritage — and you'll see why people say it's the best little fall fair in Ontario!

Sept. 17, Saturday — 11 am: Knox Presbyterian church hosts a pie sale, soup-and-sandwich luncheon and rummage sale. It all starts at 11 (before the Fair Parade). All welcome. For details call the church office at 853-2360.

Sept. 24, 25, Saturday, Sunday — 9 am to 5 pm (Saturday), 1 to 5 pm (Sunday): C.P.R. Course at St. John's Anglican Church (corner of Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad). For info call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

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