

## ACROSS THE FENCE

With Joanne Stevenson



## Fashion statement

I've never been a slave to fashion, but lately my fashion statement has been "if the pants still fit, wear them."

One look in my closet proves I dress for function and not the latest trends: Jeans, baggy sweatshirts, flat-heeled shoes, loose-fitting pants, and machine-washable sweaters are what I wear most often.

The maternity clothes are gone (thank goodness). There are a few items from the past still hanging around, and though vastly out-dated, I harbour a lingering hope that I will fit into them one day.

Cost is another factor with my wardrobe. As someone who can sew, I have trouble paying good money for clothes I can make myself for half the cost. Of course, I never get around to sewing those outfits, but I have some beautiful patterns and fabric in the basement.

Despite all this, I still love to buy up the fashion magazines in the fall and see what I can expect for the up-coming season. I also need to check if I made the "fashion don'ts" page.

*Glamour* magazine would have the women in Acton sporting plaid, pleated mini-skirts, along with over-the-knee boots or thigh-high stockings, while doing our weekly grocery shopping.

*Vogue* magazine sees an ethnic influence in fashion, with tribal prints, jungle prints, and even better — fake fur. Yes, fur skirts and vests will keep you cozy all winter while battling your way to work in the snow.

Always fashionable, *Cosmo* thinks the satin "slipdress" should turn heads your next night out. Can you see yourself wearing one of these to karaoke night at the Legion?

I checked out *GQ*, the fashion rag for men, just in case you fellas felt left out. From suits to sweaters to sweats, I don't think it matters what these male models wear — it's the flat stomachs, smouldering eyes and rugged chins I noticed.

One of my favourite fairy tales is "The Emperor's New Clothes." You remember the story: The Emperor is so vain he doesn't want to admit he can't see the invisible fabric his tailor has made for him. No one else in his court wants to admit they can't see the fabric either.

In this classic story about peer pressure, it finally takes a child to point out the truth — the Emperor is really in his underwear.

Like many of these stories handed down over generations, the message is as timely today as back when it was written.

In my opinion, somebody needs to tell these models and fashion designers that they're really in their underwear!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

**Sept. 28, Wednesday evenings — 7 pm to 9 pm:** The Christian Reformed Church and FoodShare invite anyone interested in sharing simple recipes and learning a little about nourishing food to the Hwy. 7 church. Each Wednesday evening, bring your favourite recipe, your sense of humour and a container in case we don't eat it all. Food ingredients supplied. Info: 853-0457 or 853-3310.

**Oct. 1, Saturday — 2 pm:** Y.A.C. is back! The Young Adult Club is making Laundry Gobblers at the library. If you are between 11 and 14, you can register for the program. Cost is just \$5 for supplies.

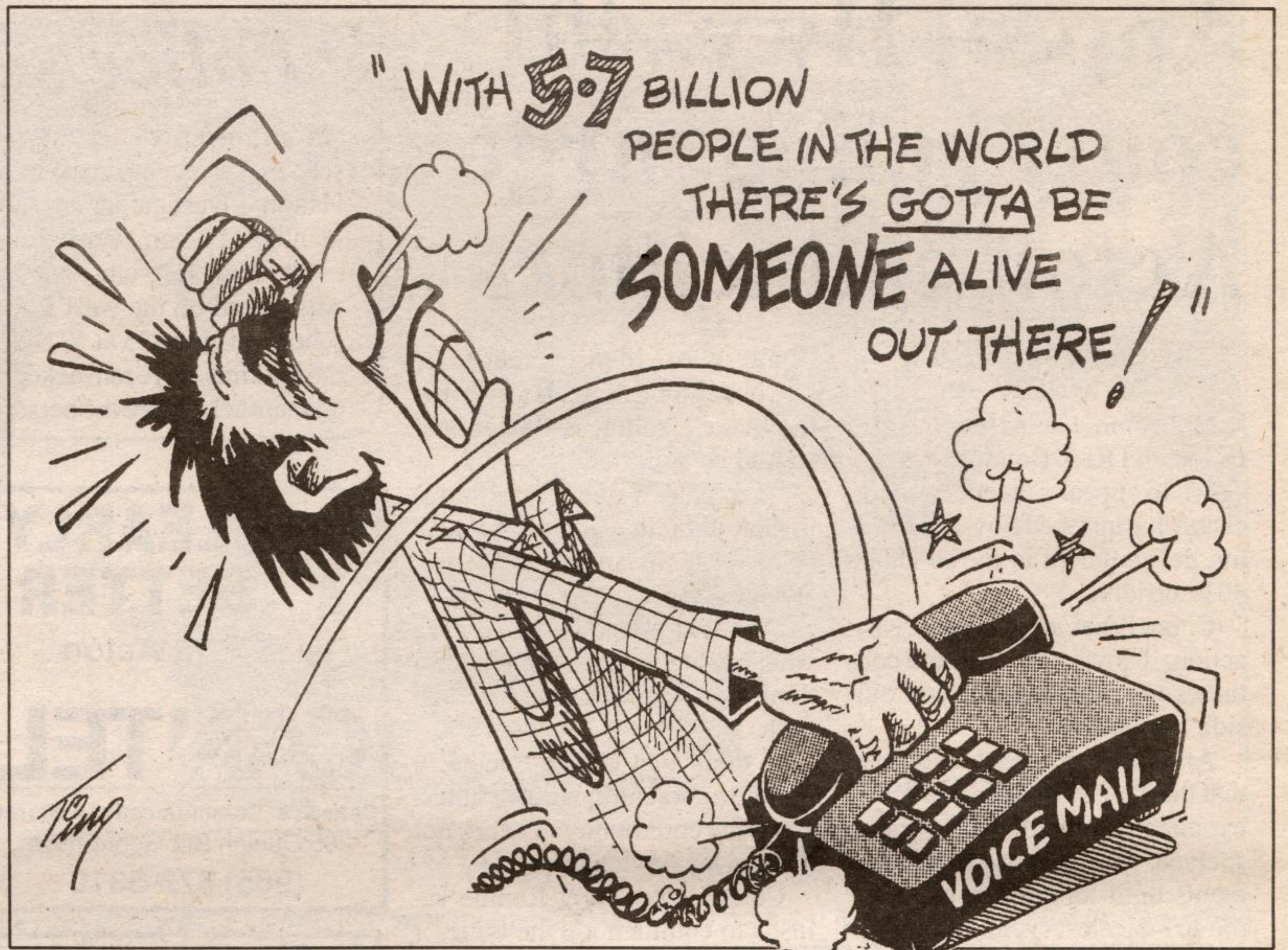
**Oct. 3, Monday — 8 to 10 pm:** Want to play badminton this winter? The Acton Badminton Club is looking for players. Come and play at Acton High. Call Anna Nichols at 853-5374 for info.

**Oct. 4, Tuesday:** Acton Library holds its annual bookmark contest. Twelve bookmarks will be chosen to be distributed each month during '95. Entry forms available at library; deadline is Nov. 1

**Oct. 6, Thursday — 10 am to 11:30 am:** Calling all Seniors! Sign up for "Line Dancing With Barb." It starts with an eight-week session at St. Alban's. Come on out and have some fun and laughs while getting your exercise. For info call Barb Smith, 853-0289.

**Oct. 7, Friday — 2 pm:** Spend your P.A. Day at the library for an afternoon of card games and tricks! Children must be in Sr. K or higher. Call the library (853-0301) to register for this free program.

**Oct. 18, Tuesday — 7:30 pm:** *Slap!*, the Elizabeth Arden musical highlights the story of Elizabeth Arden and her career. Sponsored by ASSIC. Presented at Acton High. Tickets \$6 or a set of three for \$15. Call 853-3310 for more info.



## LETTERS

### Abandoned animals need homes!

To the Editor,

He waited patiently but "they" never returned. The note in his collar told all: "My name is Apollo. I'm three-quarter Doberman, one-quarter Shepherd. My parents cannot keep me. Please find me a new home."

As you may have guessed, Apollo was like many other dogs

who have been dumped out on the road. Why his owners didn't take him to a pound is not known — they thought enough to leave a note.

Lucky for Apollo and others like him, he was rescued by the Waterloo-Wellington Alliance for Animals. They now need to find him and others a new home.

Can you help? "Apollo" is brown with cropped ears and tail, lovable and willing to obey. He needs a fenced yard.

Also available and who urgently needs a new home, is a large black Terrier Cross named "Toby."

Please phone me at 519-856-4550.

Anita Welsh  
R.R. 2, Rockwood

### Thanks for support at Red Cross clinic

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Georgetown and District Red Cross, we would like to say "Thank you" to all of the people who took part in the recent Acton Blood Donor Clinic. Once again, the people of Acton showed their concern and willingness to help others.

The number of units of blood collected at the Sept. 22 clinic totalled 103. With children returning to school and registering for teams etc., we appreciate you taking time to help.

For those people who couldn't make the clinic, we encourage you to make your donation at any other clinic, as the need for blood never decreases.

Special thanks to Re/Max, Blue Springs Realty, who sponsored this clinic and to *The Acton Tanner* for advertising the clinic in this paper.

Of course the clinic could not be such a success without the many volunteers who helped run it, and the continued support of the Acton Legion.

Thank you to all of the great donors and volunteers from Acton and the surrounding area. Through your efforts, you have made it possible to give others the gift of life!

We look forward to seeing you at the next clinic on Dec. 22.

We appreciate your continued support.

Joe Graf, Chair  
Julia Roehrig, Asst. Chair  
Acton Red Cross Blood Donor Committee

### Thanks for flowers

To the Editor,

I would like to convey my thanks to all those connected with the beautiful flowers throughout the downtown and main streets of Acton.

The Acton Horticultural Soci-

ety should be congratulated for their fine work, and the Acton BIA (which looks after the watering) deserves our praise.

We are very privileged to have these flowers to admire each summer. Thanks again!

Lois Turkosz  
Peel Street

## Get it Off Your Chest!

Write a Letter to the Editor and drop it off at 12 Church.

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