

ACROSS THE FENCE

With Joanne Stevenson



NHL owners remove laundry pressure!

I'm willing to take some responsibility for the Toronto Maple Leafs losing in the Stanley Cup semi-finals two years ago, but they have only themselves to blame for last season's loss.

Now we all know that sports figures are not superstitious, but during the '93 semi-finals it became apparent that whenever my son wore his "hockey" pajamas the Leafs would win. Life, and laundry, revolved around the play-off schedule.

Things got a little hectic though — winter commitments were not quite finished when summer sports started up. School kept everyone busy, the garden had to be planted, there were windows to clean ... you know how it is in the spring. I confess I fell behind with the laundry.

When that final Leafs vs. Kings game began, the hockey pajamas were in the washing machine. It wasn't till the third period that they were finally dry enough to wear, but by that time the Leafs were too far behind to make a comeback.

Last year was different. Even though my house was upside-down with renovations, the garden was only half planted, and we were in the middle of that winter/summer sports scheduling crunch, the hockey pajamas were clean for every one of the play-off games.

Either the magic had been washed away or some great and evil force was working against the Leafs. I'm just glad I don't have to take any of the blame for last season's defeat.

I know there are thousands, if not millions, of fans who are currently suffering the loss of baseball and hockey. And I know there are thousands of related businesses that are losing millions because of these labour disputes.

So I'm really taking a risk in admitting this, but a part of me was relieved when the ball players went on strike, and I am equally relieved about the NHL lockout.

It really takes the pressure off on laundry day!



LETTERS

Acton citizens come through again!

To the Editor,

On behalf of the directors and volunteers of Acton FoodShare, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the residents of Acton who came through with food donations at the Fall Fair Parade.

Donations of food collected totalled 360 pounds. Donations also came in later, dropped off at the

food bank.

Thank you to the high school students who collected food in the parade, to the IGA for the use of their grocery carts and to Mr. Mike Reinders for the use of his trunk.

Thanks also to our behind-the-scenes volunteers.

Special recognition must go out to Anita and Tony Welsh of Suit Yourself Costumes (856-4550) for the use of the Barney costume.

Thanks to the Acton Fall Fair Parade judges for awarding our float first prize. We are all delighted!

Once again Acton has proven that this is a wonderful, caring community. We salute you!

Joan Waldie
FoodShare Co-ordinator

Thanks from Pro-Life organizer

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all those who participated in the Life Chain on Sunday in Acton.

There were 165 people who joined tens of thousands from coast to coast to oppose abortion in this great country of ours.

Life Chain originated in the United States and is heavily supported there as well.

This is an annual activity which takes only one hour but makes a

very bold statement. People are asked to stand silently and prayerfully while they hold a sign opposing abortion.

There was a choice of four signs this year: *Abortion Kills Children*, *Abortion Hurts Women*, *Adoption: The Loving Choice* and *Jesus Saves and Heals*.

The Life Chain event went very well and we once again thank everyone who stood up and were a voice and witness for the "little ones."

Margaret E. Aitken
North Halton Pro-Life

United Way ready to begin campaign

To the Editor,

It's October, and that means United Way to many people. We had our kickoff luncheon and the Industrial, Retail and Residential campaigns are organized. There are about 150 volunteers ready to knock on doors in town.

Without volunteers, there could be no campaign. Without donors, there would be very little support

for the 23 agencies funded by the United Way of Halton Hills.

With the team of Peter Zions, Janet Cunneynworth, Heather Ferguson and her 12 captains, Harold Postma and Alana McCoig in place — and working very hard — we have a good chance of making this the very best campaign ever.

With your support, it's sure to be!

Robin Elliott
Campaign West Chair

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Oct. 5, Wednesday: Acton Library launches its annual bookmark contest. Twelve bookmarks will be chosen to be distributed each month during 1995. Entry forms available at the 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 Parish Hall. Have some laughs while getting your exercise. Info: Barb Smith at 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 to register for this free program.

Oct. 7, Friday — 1 to 2:20 pm: P.A. Day free skating at the arena through the generosity of the Acton Rotary Club.

Oct. 15, 16, Saturday, Sunday — 9 am to 4 pm (Saturday), 1 pm to 5 pm (Sunday): Learn how to save a life! St. John's Ambulance is offering a C.P.R. Course at St. John's Anglican Church corner of Trafalgar Rd. and 15 Sideroad (Stewarttown). For more information please call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

Oct. 17, 19, 24, 26 (Monday, Wednesday) — 6:30 pm to 9 pm: Learn how to save a life! St. John Ambulance is offering their First Aid Course at St. John's church, corner of Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad (Stewarttown). For info call Yvon at 853-4889.

Oct. 18, Tuesday — 7:30 pm: *Slap!* the Elizabeth Arden Make-Up 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.

Oct. 29, Saturday — 2 to 4 pm: Come to the Acton pool for a "Spooky Splash." There will be a prize for the best Halloween bathing suit, but be sure to decorate with items that will not pollute the pool.