

Year in Review: Town, councillors sued for \$7M

tor who shot *Bad Golf My Way*, a sequel to *Bad Golf Made Easy*.

LOTTERY WINNER SAYS 'MIRACLES DO HAPPEN': Acton resident Mark Jones, 41, won \$219,060.10 in the Lotto 6/49 draw on two Quick Pick tickets. His previous Lotto 6/49 winnings over the past 12 years totalled \$70.

CAT BURGLAR ON THE PROWL?: Little Margaret Bowes, 7, hadn't slept well in 10 days since her pet cat Smokey vanished from her family's Kingham Road residence. This was just one in a series of recent incidents in the Kingham-Greenore-Cobblehill area, where at least three cats had disappeared.

'Y' FINALLY SOLD: After four years of vacancy, Acton's YMCA building has finally been sold. The YMCA of Greater Toronto reportedly accepted an offer from a local business owner, Levi Vernon, to purchase the Mill Street building.

HIDE HOUSE BACK TO FULL HOURS: The olde Hide House reports it will resume seven-days-a-week operations beginning Aug. 1 and Jack Tanner's Table will re-open on Aug. 17. Financial trouble forced the olde Hide House to close its doors and those of its two satellite stores, in June 1993.

AUGUST

N.Y. THIEF NABS ACTON BUSES: An Acton tour company, Denny's Bus Lines, had its customized bus stolen on a sightseeing trip to New York. Denny's then sent down another bus and driver to transport 45 tourists around the Big Apple. This second bus was stolen in New Jersey. Fortunately, both were recovered.

HUGE CROWD AT 'BEST' FESTIVAL: Great weather and big crowds made the third annual Leathertown Festival the best yet. Organizer Janis Fread reports over 4,000 visitors attended the Festival, up from 3,000 in 1993.

FORREST SAYS HE'S 'NO HERO': Acton's Adam Forrest saved his uncle, Acton Auto Tech owner Floyd Foster, after the latter was knocked in the water by the water current while fishing near his cottage in Washago, Ont. Adam held his uncle's head above the water, gradually moving him to shallow water before help arrived.

CASH FOR SENIORS' CENTRE: An Acton seniors centre was one major step closer following a surprise grant of \$30,000 from the

Ministry of Health. "Without this money there wouldn't be a centre in Acton," says Acton councillor and committee chair Gerald Rennie.

ACTON LOSES A TRUE SPORTSMAN: At age 89 and arguably Acton's biggest Toronto baseball booster, Grenville "Tinny" Masales passed away just hours before the last pitch to signal Major League Baseball's eighth work stoppage in 22 years. Tinny witnessed his first big league game in 1918 and captained the 1922 Halton County Junior baseball champions from Acton.

FOODSHARE HITS ALL-TIME LOW: The Acton FoodShare shelves reached a level never seen in its four-year history. "We're really desperate. One lady doesn't have anything and another had to take extra money just to pay her rent," says acting FoodShare co-ordinator Joan Waldie.

HADFIELD HAPPY WITH COMMONWEALTH EFFORT: Acton cyclist Tim Hadfield, 23, finished 17th in a 10-mile scratch race and later teamed with three other Canadian members for a berth in the semi-finals of the 4,000-metre team pursuit at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, B.C.

SEPTEMBER

'NEW' PAGEANT IS FAIR HIGHLIGHT: It was announced

the Acton Fall Fair Pageant would be referred to as the Acton Ambassador Pageant effective immediately. Other format changes, including the insertion of a two-minute speech from each contestant on their feelings of the town or the Fall Fair to replace a second walk across stage, were added for the 1994 event.

REAL PIG TALE: Acton resident Carol Murphy finished third in the Senior Division of the *Ontario Hog Farmer's Ontario Hog Judging Challenge*. Murphy and others were asked to rank four pigs from best to worst by determining the cuts (penalties) in each.

FAIR WAS BEST EVER: The Acton Fall Fair pulled in the most money in its 81 years as gate receipts were up from 1993 over each day of the three-day event.

McMILLAN 3RD IN ONT. ARM-WRESTLING FINALS: Cobblehill Road resident Greg McMillan, 14, took a bronze medal in the Teenager bracket at the Ontario arm-wrestling championships in Alliston. The year before, McMillan ruled the children's super-heavyweight class.

EVERSON TOP CUB AT BOWHUNTERS CHALLENGE: Acton's Mark Everson, 11, knocked down three of six 3D clay bird targets in the final round to win the Cub Division of the second annual Automated 3D Bowhunters Challenge at the International Centre in Toronto.

VENEMA TAKES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: Acton resident Amy Venema, 14, capped off her first competitive season on the links, winning the North-Halton Junior girls' tourney at the North-Halton Golf and Country Club. She shot rounds of 98, 98 and 94 on the par-72 course for the title.

ROBERT LITTLE OPENS \$8,000 PLAYGROUND: After seven long years of fund-raisers, frustration with Town officials on budget commitments and delayed construction work, Robert Little's \$8,000 playground apparatus was officially opened. A ribbon cutting was attended by members of the Parents Assisting Children and Teachers group, principal Deanna Nodwell and then-Halton Board of Ed chair Dave Whiting.

OCTOBER

TOWN, REPS BEING SUED FOR \$7M: The municipality and all Council members except Mayor Russ Miller were being sued by Equity Waste Management, because of Council's decision to pass an interim by-law freezing development in the 401-Steeles Avenue industrial corridor. The lawsuit asks for damages of \$5 million for abuse of statutory power, abuse of process, interference of economic relations, and abuse of public office. Equity also wanted \$1 million for

exemplary, punitive and aggravated damages and \$1 million for "outrageous conduct."

BLAME QUARRY FOR WATER WOES: Some rural Acton residents blamed their water problems on United Aggregate Limited's quarrying operation south of town. Their water quality and quantity concerns were heightened by UAL's application to increase the amount of water it may pump daily from the Fourth Line operation.

BUTCHER SHOP STILL MAY MOVE: Most Town councillors seemed confident — despite a long list of objections from Town planning staff — that Al and Janet Cunneyworth, owners of Al and Janet's Red Brand Meats, could build a butcher shop and apartment unit on their Main Street property.

ARENA HOME TO SENIORS: After two years of exploring such venues as the old fire hall and most recently the vacant Flight Line building, seniors were settling for an 80-foot by 30-foot space on the upper level of the Community Centre. In the long term, the seniors want to make the new arena complex their permanent home.

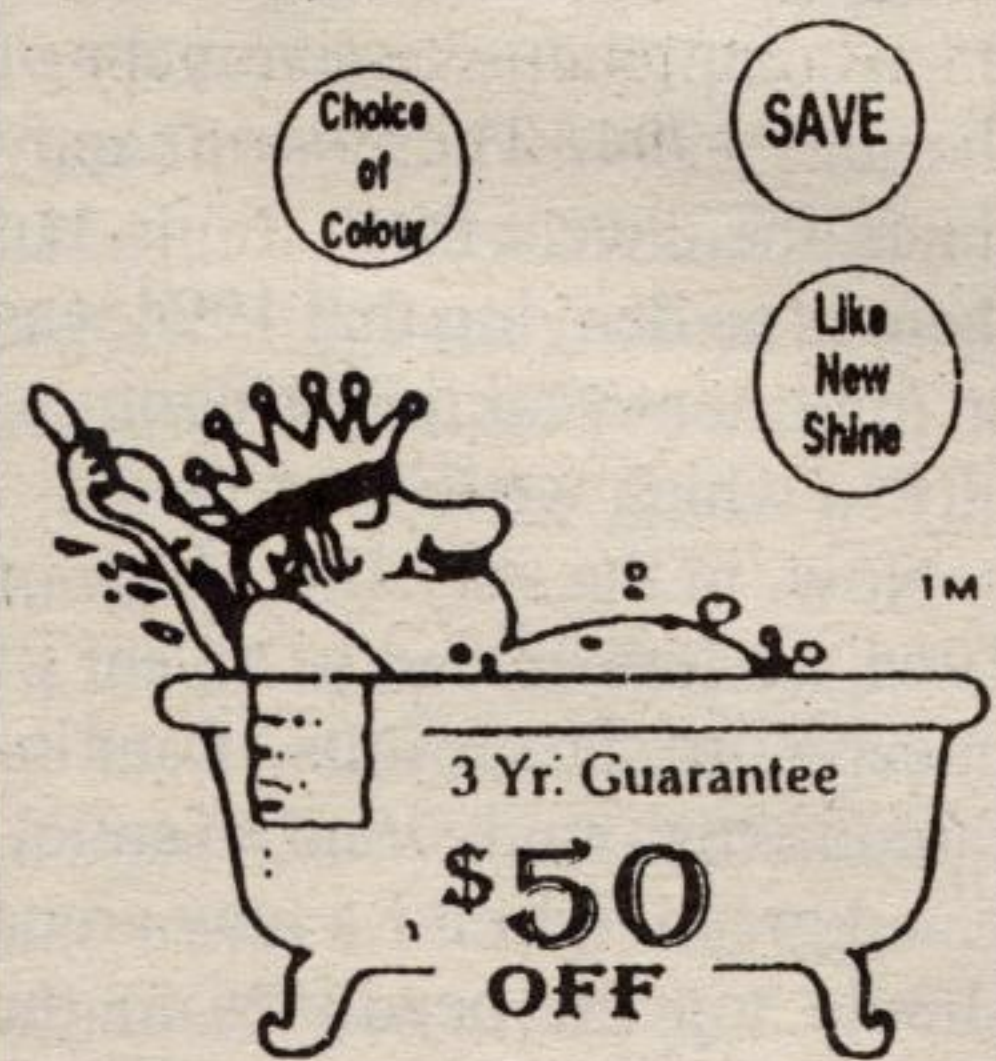
NOVEMBER

RURAL SUBDIVISION APPROVED: Halton Hills Council approved a drastically down-sized 13-

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