

GRAPE VINE

Spring Carnival a hit!

On Saturday, about 1,000 people visited Robert Little's spring carnival, which is believed to have made about \$2,500 or twice as much as the two previous events.

New events at this year's third annual carnival (such as a silent auction, bubble gum contest, paper airplane contest and pony rides) were a big reason for its success.

"It was great—the weather, the turnout. I was pleased with the turnout from the schools both inside and outside the area," enthused Gladys Stoneham, a member of the school's parents group.

"The pony rides were a big attraction and the bake and wheel sale brought in more people."

Nomination deadline

Today (Wednesday) is the last day to submit nominations to the Rotary Club for Acton Citizen of the Year voting.

Nominations should be mailed to "Citizen of the Year," Rotary Club of Acton, P.O. Box 22, L7J 2M2 or given to any Rotarian.

Rotarian Doug Fread said last week that a number of nominations have been received, but not as many as they would like.

Bible school in August

Acton Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from Aug. 14 to 18, with this year's theme being the Sontown

family celebration.

"Sontown is a fun place where children will feel at home," says Janet Cullen, wife of Acton Baptist Church Rev. Tom Cullen.

"We will be having a great time with lively songs, skits, crafts, games Bible studies and snacks—all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children."

For info call Janet (853-2712).

Watts a candidate

Vic Watts, an Acton resident in the 1960s, is running in the provincial election as a Libertarian candidate in Peterborough.

The 54-year-old business owner is a friend of Libertarian leader and Actonite John Shadbolt.

"I'm tired of bureaucracy, waste and everyday nonsense (within the provincial government) that goes on," said the 23-year Peterborough resident, who owns Weesco Electronics Distribution and Marketing. "We (Ontario) are the highest taxed community in North America and it's getting worse."

The father of six promises to avoid tax increases if he's elected.

Holiday Trunk Sale

There will be a Trunk Sale on the July 1 holiday weekend, complete with a car rally and fireworks.

Organizer Jack Carpenter says the rally will start at the sale at 11 am and make its way to Prospect Park, where he understands fireworks will go off later in the day.

"It will be a real July 1 event in Acton that we've never had," Carpenter beams.

Also, all Halton North candidates in the June 8 provincial election are expected to show up at this Saturday's Trunk Sale.



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM ...

We all scream for ice cream! These youngsters cooled off on a warm Friday afternoon with a visit to the Big Scoop last week. From left: Alexandra Jewell, 2; Spencer Chisholm, 3; Meagan Brown, 10; and 4-year-old Jesse Bellinger. (Doug Harrison photo)

Why welcome the 4 horsemen?

Many Canadians are wondering about a couple of recent government decisions. Or perhaps, the seeming lack of resolve in the non-decision process would be a more accurate assessment.

The first situation involves our troops in the former Yugoslavia. Last weekend, we learned that at least nine Canadian troops are being held hostage by Bosnian Serbs. Another 45 or so are being prevented from returning to base. Why is the government having such a hard time making the decision? Let's get our people the heck out of there!

Canadians and other U.N. troops are supposed to be "peacekeepers." This implies a willingness on the part of the belligerents for a peace to exist. Nothing could be further from the truth.

U.N. troops are allowed to separate the opposing forces while each side takes a breather to re-supply and bring up reserves. Then, when they're ready, all hell breaks loose again, with our guys caught in the middle.

Our people don't have the men or material to enforce a peace. Much of the U.N. equipment is 40 or more years old. We have no heavy artillery or tanks to speak of. The other side appears to have plenty of both, but if they run short, they steal what they want from the U.N. forces.

The majority of Canadians can't understand the passions at play here. We can't understand the hatred the opposing sides feel for each other. We live in a country where, if you express dislike for another, you're branded as a racist, a bigot, a homophobe, or some other type of social outcast.

The war in the former Yugoslavia has smoldered for over 900 years. How can we understand the feelings that were causing problems 400 years before Columbus got lost on the way to India?

These people lived in peace only when forced to by the former communist regime. Since the U.N. has neither the will nor the way to impose peace, its mission is doomed. Why should our soldiers suffer loss of life and limb so politicians can congratulate each other over martinis at the U.N.?

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



It is a tragedy-in-waiting, but it's not one we have the military might to solve. We should get our troops out and home. Now!

Another situation that I don't understand is the foot-dragging regarding stopping travel from Zaire. The fatal ebola virus has taken many lives in that country.

I don't want to sound cold-hearted, but shouldn't we be refusing entrance to anyone who has been there? No problem, claimed Federal Health Minister Marleau. Then she listed a ton of statistics, meant to prove her point.

The next day a refugee turned up at Pearson Airport from Zaire. Since then, another has been stopped at the airport.

Immigration workers are worried about their safety and who can blame them? Why are we taking any risks at all, when it comes to a disease for which there is no cure? I mean, I'm proud that Canadians are viewed as nice people around the world, but shouldn't there be a limit to our hospitality?

War and pestilence are but two of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. I hope the federal government isn't planning on giving all four a shot at us before they get off their rumps and make decisions aimed solely at protecting us.

The situation at Acton Precision Millwright (APM) requires immediate action by the new government. Rather than re-hash the news

story seen elsewhere in *The Tanner*, perhaps I could make some suggestions as to what we can do to help these folks.

When the candidates come banging on your door, ask them point blank what they intend to do about APM. Why should we support any candidate who is not prepared to fight for the jobs of 50 or so of our friends and neighbours?

Both Jean Chretien and Lyn McLeod have made high profile campaign stops at APM. Call their offices and demand some action. If APM is good enough for the politicians to use as a vehicle to garner votes, shouldn't it be worthy of their immediate attention?

Don't let Mike Harris and Bob Rae off either. Harris says he wants to change labour laws so Ontario is more employer-friendly. Here's a perfect opportunity for him to demonstrate how he would accomplish this.

Mr. Rae has, of course, already demonstrated that he has no reservations about breaking union contracts to save jobs. In fact, he campaigns on the issue. Well, here's 50 jobs for him to save. Over to you, Bob.

This community can't afford to lose this company. Mr. Lyons and his employees have worked too hard to see their livelihoods strangled by red tape. As a community, we should support them. The leaders' phone numbers are easily available. Let your fingers do the walking... and get those politicians talking.

This week's *Bonehead Move of the Week* goes to the jerks who developed the three leaders' TV commercials. These feeble efforts are supposed to turn our heads? They're more likely to turn our stomachs.

Thank God for channel surfing.

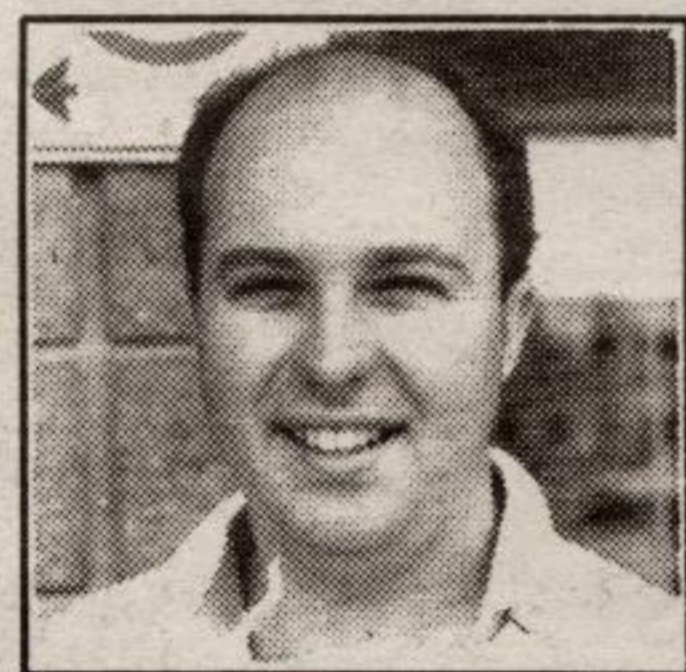
HEY!

Have you decided who you'll vote for on June 8?



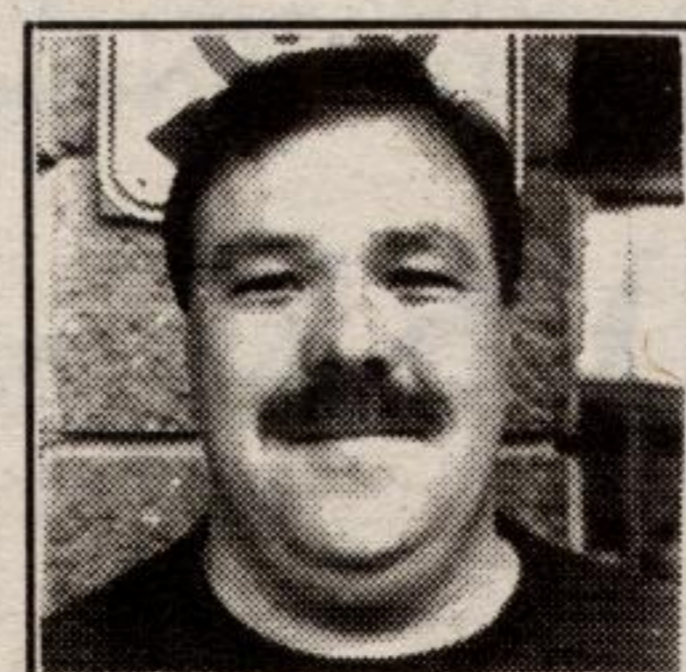
"I really don't want to go NDP! I think I'll look at the party who can do the most for the middle guy. I usually get a lot of literature, but I've got nothing yet. If you want to get information, you have to read the paper."
Betty Tunney, Campbell Court

"Chudleigh doesn't have the political experience, Elliot hasn't returned my calls and Duignan is nowhere to be found. I haven't decided who will get my vote, but I think it's between Chudleigh and Elliot."
David Quinn, Cobblehill Road



"I'll probably vote NDP. Bob Rae is the only unpopular provincial leader because he does unpopular things. Noel Duignan answered my letter and directed me to assistance when I had a problem, which was nice. We have to cut government spending."
Maya Drechsel, Adams Court

"Bob Rae seems to be a better talker and is the strongest leader of the three, but I don't want to vote that way. I don't like their policy."
John New, Elmore Drive



Same time last year ...

Acton High's **Dave Wray** advanced to the U.S. Skills Olympics in Kansas City after a silver medal in a computer aided drafting competition ... Acton Councillor **Norm Elliott** complained that Town land in front of the Acton library was a sea of dandelions ... **Pat Giguere** was named the town's Senior Citizen of the Year.