

GRAPE VINE

Fox run nets \$23,800

Threat of rain wasn't enough to stop 150 participants from walking, running and riding around Acton High's track on Sunday in the 15th annual Terry Fox Run.

Organizer Jon Hurst says this year's event was up \$400 from last year when there were 126 runners. This year's total was \$23,800.

"The turnout and pledges aren't even amazing anymore. I just know what Acton is capable of. It just shows what a caring community Acton is. It makes you proud you're from here," Jon explained on Monday, adding more collections are expected, which likely will push Acton over \$24,000.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and 1995 Acton Ambassador Jamie Davies were on hand for the official ribbon cutting at 8 am, some 10 minutes after a steady rain had dissipated.

Jon said pledges across Canada were up 15 per cent this year.

Hurst hits the airwaves

Acton Terry Fox Run organizer Jon Hurst was heard last week on a number of Ontario radio stations in a promotional ad for the run.

The actual radio spot was done five years ago to mark the 10th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. Hurst, along with other event organizers in Ontario, was asked to speak on some public service announcements.

"They just plopped a microphone on my desk, started asking me questions and kept one or two quotes," Jon recalled, adding a future in radio is "unlikely."

Fair beef draw winners

The Rotary Club held its annual beef draw on the weekend at the Fall Fair, with local resident Harold DeForest taking home the top prize of a 1,000-pound steer.

W. Keeler of Brampton was the recipient of a 200-pound hog as the second-prize winner, while Rockwood's Max Storey, Waterloo's Art Van Spronsen and Acton's Corey Lindsay won turkeys of 25, 20 and 12-pounds.

"It went very well," reported Rotary president Peter Van Dam on Monday. "People were looking for us, which means they must know about us and the good work we do. It made us feel good."

Tanner Trivia returns!

Tanner Trivia finally has returned after a summer hiatus, and to kick things off we've got a terrific prize for the winner: a custom-designed personal gift basket from Country Reflections on Mill Street.

Here's the question: Sir Donald Mann and Acton P.S. still are being considered potential names for this town's new linked school despite the insistence by many residents that the name McKenzie-Smith-Bennett be retained. **What are the first names (or nicknames) of the three former Acton educators known as McKenzie, Smith and Bennett?**

Phone your answer in to us at 853-5100 by Friday at 4:30 pm; we'll draw one name from all correct entries and announce the lucky winner next week.



THE DREAM RUNS ON! From left, Meghan Kenzie, 18, Rachele Taylor, 14, and family pet Misty participated in the Terry Fox Run for cancer research at Acton High on Sunday. Meghan and Rachele raised a combined \$79 while the local run took in close to \$24,000 total. (Eve Martin photo)

Some things are a real drag!

Mike Harris is in for his first big fight. He has taken on the legal profession by bringing to a head the mismanagement of the province's Legal Aid fund.

The government hints that they won't be paying the full amount owed to lawyers. Lawyers are resigning from cases and indignantly puffing that "We won't work for nothing." Why not? By the time the rest of us pay for four levels of government and all their programs, we're ahead if we have nothing.

The whole exercise is just that—an exercise. All of the hyperbole is strictly tactical. The real fight is over who will control the Legal Aid funds in the future, and how much those funds will be.

The proposition that there will be no Legal Aid in the future is ludicrous. The form, control and scope of the fund are the only issues to be decided. All of the rest is simply fear mongering.

My penchant for blaming the NDP for all our ills is probably wearing thin with a few readers. My brother tells me I'm like the prairie farmer of old who, after his crops were ruined by a freak hailstorm, raised his fist to the heavens and screamed "God-damn the CPR!" The facts point to Bobby and his crazy crew as being responsible for this mess, though.

Legal Aid costs have doubled in the last five years. Who came to power five years ago? As the federal government cut back, the provincial contribution has increased from \$57 million to a projected \$130 million this year. That's an increase of 128 per cent over the last five years. Has your salary kept pace? Obviously something must be done.

If the Tories are to achieve their goal of drastically reducing government, you're going to see a lot more of this type of dramatic frontal attack on entrenched and intransigent bureaucracies.

Each time we'll hear horror stories from the affected institutions. It really is getting to be a drag. If that sounds hard-hearted—so be it.

The opinions of the working class have been ignored by the "enlightened elite" who have run

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



this country for the past 25 years. And now, they're upset because we refuse to have our salaries hijacked any further? Who cares?

Why was it necessary to support the murder of Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy with a \$30,000-per-month defense? Why do people ordered to be deported get unlimited appeals? Why do we fund immigration cases for new Canadians who arrive here illegally?

Why have Legal Aid costs more than doubled when the case load is up only 58 per cent?

And finally, if this province is as safe as the "enlightened" in our society say, why have unlawful homicide cases increased from 747 in 1989 to 4,931 in 1994? Up over 550 per cent in five years. (Is there a lawful homicide?)

When the authorities can come up with a Legal Aid plan *not* riddled with the potential for abuse, by lawyer and client alike, it will be supported by Ontarians. We want to do the right thing. The Tories were elected to do exactly what they are doing. Soldier on, Mr. Harris.

My colleague on the page opposite, the ravishing and jovial Joanne (J.J. for short), just can't let the slightest perceived criticism go by.

Two weeks ago, I gently chided her for writing a pernicious article on golf. I was only trying to set the record straight.

Last week J.J. penned a stinging rebuttal, which included scurrilous innuendos regarding my heritage. Where the hell are the NDP thought-police when you need them?

J.J. was at her pun-tifical best. She made one unbelievable claim. Five out of six of her friends like water-skiing better than golf. I wouldn't have thought there were that many tractor-pull enthusiasts in town. Go figure.

Water-skiing, according to J.J., is better exercise than golf. All golf requires is hand-eye co-ordination and walking. Of course, walking was the most recommended exercise by doctors. I say *was* because I assume, by J.J.'s reasoning, that doctors will now say, "Throw a rope around the bride, tie it to the pick-up and take her for a drag around town."

Too bad; I'll miss the sight of those couples strolling through town.

"Water-skiing is more exciting to watch." J.J.: try to get out more! The only reason to watch water-skiing in slow motion replay is to see if the bikini top will pop off.

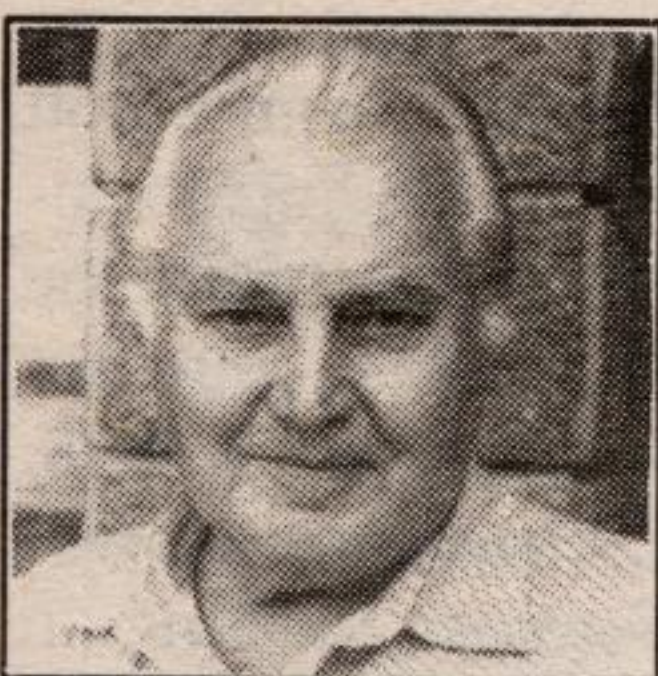
As far as the spectacular falls which occur in water-skiing, I agree—there's nothing like that in golf. The consequences on one's body, when dumped on one's tush while being dragged behind a boat, are best not described in a family newspaper. On that we agree, J.J. No self-respecting golfer would play again if that was liable to happen during a round.

There is a big difference, J.J., between you water-skiers and us Irish. To us a "wake" is a big party with, sadly, one less drunk.

You guys skip over the wakes. Pity; you don't know what you're missing!

HEY!

Should the L.C.B.O. be privatized?

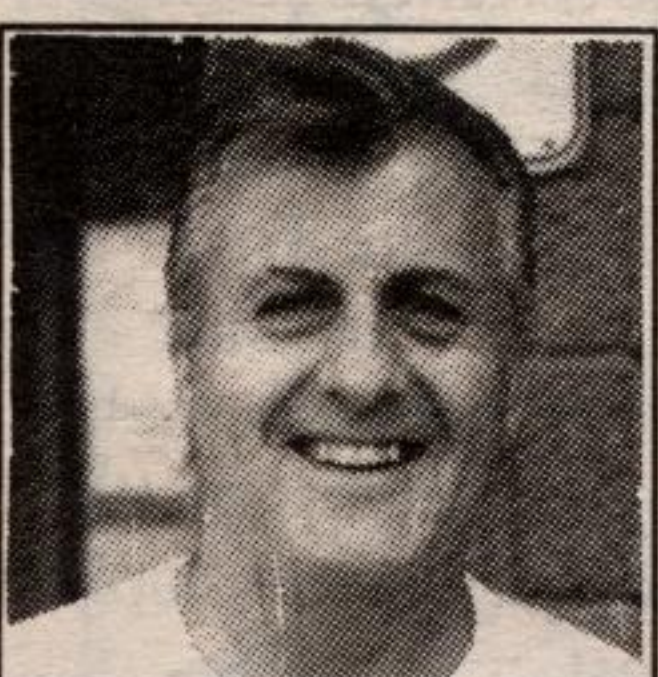


"I come from Europe where you can buy liquor anywhere, so I don't have a problem with it. It would be more convenient in stores and might be cheaper, but the L.C.B.O. has a larger selection."

Mark Kalous, R.R. 1, Acton

"I don't see anything wrong with it. I think the less government control we have, the better. I think people would be more responsible if it wasn't government-controlled."

Charlotte Koso, R.R. 1, Acton



"Yes. I hope it would be cheaper. I'm not a great drinker, so I don't have to worry about the liquor store."

Keith Bailey, Gould Crescent

"I think it's a useful idea. The L.C.B.O. is still going to collect taxes with sales in stores, so I don't know how much cheaper liquor will be. But my Scottish blood likes to see sales on everything."

Pat Hodkin, Kingham Road



Same time last year ...

The 1994 Acton Fall Fair wrapped up with record attendance and a new Ambassador in **Shana Peddle** ... Acton's **Amy Venema**, 14, captured the North Halton Junior Golf Championship ... Councillor **Norm Elliott** called for a major cleanup of industrial properties on Commerce Crescent ... **Greg McMillan**, 14, placed third in the provincial arm-wrestling championships.