

# GRAPE VINE

roof has held well through the winter months and adds two heating and air conditioning systems are a nice additional package to the sale.

## Warehouse has a tenant

Acton businessman Ali Pasha, who owns the property housing Jug City and Acton Laundromat at Mill and Willow Streets, has successfully rented out one store in an adjoining warehouse-turned retail lot.

"The old warehouse was an eyesore, but this is a great improvement to the downtown," says Ali, who had the 500 to 600-square-foot building, which is wheelchair accessible, restored.

He adds the unsold space is ideal for a professional, such as a dentist, doctor, lawyer or accountant.

## Teacher leaves to be V.P.

Bob Armstrong has left his teaching position at McKenzie-Smith Bennett for a vice principal's role with the Wellington Board.

Brian Speed, who formerly taught at Robert Little, replaces Bob. Brian is a highly respected educator in the community and will be an excellent addition to this staff, says McKenzie-Smith Bennett principal Chris Logan.

## Clothing store

Lasting less than two months in the downtown core, Unique Discovery Clothes and Gifts has closed.

The store, which catered to all ages, offered clothing sizes from two months to extra-large. Ladies' and men's wear were also offered.

## Parade still a go

It may have lost about \$600 in 1995, but there will be a 1996 Acton Santa Claus parade.

This was the consensus from a recent Acton Firefighters' Association meeting. Chair Herb Dodds says for both the parade and July 1 fireworks display, \$10,000 must be raised.

"The Santa Claus parade is great, and I don't think the guys would cancel it," remarks parade organizer Bill Spielvogel, a retired firefighter, who adds that the 1994 parade lost \$1,200.

Losses this year could have threatened that mark, save for a \$500 donation from the Acton Rotary Club.

"We have to raise the money publicly," points out Herb, "but it's more difficult all the time. At this time we will be sponsoring both events in 1996."

## 'Y' offer falls through

A conditional offer on the YMCA building on Mill Street fell through before Christmas, says a Royal City Realty sales representative.

Bill Pshyk said last week that owner Levi Vernon is quite disappointed at the latest turn of events, so he has lowered his asking price by \$25,000. The initial price tag was believed to have been between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

Bill reports the YMCA's new



**ALL TOGETHER NOW:** Members of the Silverwood Women's Institute recently met for a year-end get together. From left, Anmarie McDonald, Halton County District Tweedsmuir curator; Doris Lindsay, provincial board director; Doris Calder, Silverwood president; Peggy Knapp, Associated Country Women of the World Canadian president and Wendy Purvis, Halton District secretary. (Eve Martin photo)

# Inquiring minds want to know

Why do people persist in leaving their keys in cars while running errands around town? In addition to being against the law (approx. \$105 fine with court costs), it's downright dangerous.

Two parents in Toronto found that out just before the new year, when their cars were taken with their children in them. Luckily, the children were returned to the parents unharmed.

Closer to home, 20 years ago this spring, a car with the engine running was parked in front of a laundromat. A kid stole it and took off, heading south on Hwy. 25. A policeman saw the theft and switched on his lights. The kid raced down the highway and piled head-on into a pick-up filled with innocent teens returning to town.

The six Acton teens plus the young car thief were killed. Would you want to be responsible for something like that? To me, the person who left the car idling is almost as responsible as the thief.

Now I realize that it's cold these days. It's winter - it's Canada. I also remember how hard it is to drag a sleeping kid out of a car and into a store. I also know that nothing like this would ever happen to us in Acton. Wanna bet?

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Were there changes to the firearms laws that we are unaware of? There must have been.

Clinton Gayle's lawyer claims a person - even an admitted drug dealer - is entitled to act in self-defense if his life is threatened. It doesn't matter if the person threatening his life is a police officer, attorney Phillip Campbell claims.

Excuse me? A drug dealer can kill a cop with an illegal gun and it can be portrayed as self-defense? Isn't it bad enough that the Susan Engs of the world handcuffed the police with over-restrictive regulations regarding firearms usage? Hopefully the jury will see

## The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



We don't have enough police on the streets now to fulfill their mandate. How are we supposed to pay for several \$50,000-a-year babysitters for this pervert? Can anyone give me one rational reason why this trash is on our streets?

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through this charade. If this guy is acquitted, every cop in this country should quit. Let Susan Eng and her supporters patrol the streets. They wouldn't last 20 minutes.

To our fine police officers in these unreasonable times, please remember the prime considerations: 1. You go home at the end of your shift!; 2. It's better to be judged by 12 than carried by six.

It'll sure be interesting to see how the "legal left" embraces this self-defense theory the next time some shopkeeper shoots at an armed robber. For some, justice is reserved only for the criminals.

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How many chances does a child molester deserve to brutalize children? Pedophile Keith Legere was given three years probation and set free on Jan. 3. Happy new year.

He was arrested for breaking the terms of his last probation. This time though, the court imposed some *really* tough parole conditions. That will help us all sleep soundly tonight!

The man has been diagnosed as a high-risk repeat pedophile. How many children must be put at risk before he's put away forever?

The police say they'll watch him. How? Budgets are being cut.

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How come, if the Conservatives are as despised by Ontarians as Bob Rae and the labour leaders say, they are up in the polls since the election? Couldn't be that Rae and retinue are wrong - again - could it?

# HEY!

How are you coping with the cold weather?

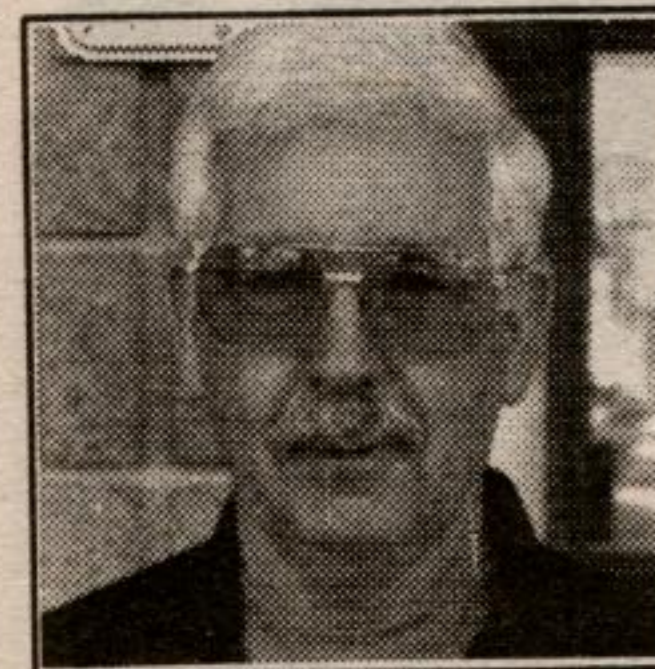


"I managed to buy a thick coat with a hood. I also have a pair of boots with a nice liner. I'm probably eating more, too. I walk the dog every morning, but when it's 20 below I don't go. It's tough but I'm living with it."

Betty Andrew, Fourth Line, Acton

"I've been staying indoors to be honest, unless my grandchildren are here. I nearly have a fire going every day. It's said there is a global warming, but where is it? It's certainly not in Acton."

Joan Johnston, R.R. 1, Acton



"I don't mind it. I worked outside all my life with Hydro. You get immune to it over the years. We're going to be cold some time in winter, so we might as well get it over with."

Dobbie Frizzell, Cobblehill Road

"I love it, I have a good thermometer. I don't do my jacket up unless there's a wind. I don't have a problem with the heat in the summer, either."

Mona Flinders, R.R. 3, Acton



## Same time last year ...

Halton Cable Systems goes ahead with its controversial negative-option marketing campaign ... Cody Leitch, born Jan. 8, is Acton's first baby to be born in 1995 ... Acton High School becomes smoke-free as smoking is banned on all school property by the Ministry of Health.