

GRAPE VINE

Al joins Foodland team

Al Cunneyworth, owner of Al and Al's Red Brand Meats, confirmed on Thursday that he will soon take over the meat department at Acton Foodland.

He said all equipment in the Al and Al's store, along with any food remaining from their Feb. 26 closing date, will be auctioned off at the store on March 2.

"This gives us the opportunity to grow and grow together," Al said of the partnership with owner Tim O'Connor at Acton Foodland. "This is definitely a move up. This is the opportunity I've been looking for and the less expensive way to go about it."

All programs reviewed

Contrary to rumours that the Recreation and Parks Parent-Tot Learn to Skate program will be cut from the Town budget, all programs are presently being reviewed, said the Town's recreation supervisor.

Stacey Green says the skate program, which runs from 10 to 11 am on Fridays at Acton arena, has been cut previously because of low attendance, but adds it has been well attended this past fall and over the winter.

"We're going to have to look at all our expenses and the revenue generated from each program," Stacey states.

Unionists damage houses

About 60 members from Brick Layers Union 183 in Toronto caused about \$10,000 damage to two houses after entering the Birchway Place sub-division on Friday at noon and dismantling bricks from the sides of houses under construction by non-union workers.

A site supervisor said the union workers, on strike for about three weeks, broke a cement mixer and caused him \$1,000 in lost labour time (four hours to seven employees). Tools were also stolen during the incident.

Acton Lions on track

Having boosted membership to 13, the Acton Lions club in late January received a letter from Lions International in the States thanking them for rebuilding the club and meeting the quota of 12 members to keep their charter.

"We're quite pleased we are over the hump," said relieved Lions Treasurer Jim Glatt on Friday. "We can make sure we're visible again and get some money back into the community. Things will look much different in Acton in the next year."

CPR blitz in Halton Hills

A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Blitz will be held in Halton Hills on Feb. 17 to train community residents how to recognize the risks, signs and signals of heart disease. Residents will also learn how to perform CPR and how to assist a person who is choking.

Two sessions - 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm will be held in the cafetorium of Georgetown High.



FUTURE RAPTORS? These Acton youngsters competed at the Knights of Columbus regional free throw competition held in Burlington last Saturday. In back from left: Ryan Turpin, 13, Alex Holland, 12, Marc Borrelli, 11 and Mary Krasnay, 13. In front are Meghann Williams, 11 and Holly Petkoff, 10, who finished with a second place medal in Burlington. (Eve Martin photo)

Out of touch or out to lunch?

Sometimes I have to wonder if we all wouldn't be better to pull a cocoon over our families and let the world go to hell-in-a-hand basket. Everywhere you look, politicians appear to be out of step with the people they purport to represent. Here are a few examples that cause me to wonder if the fight is worth it.

Few Canadians would disagree that the GST was the most disastrous tax ever imposed on us. The Liberals promised to trash it during the last election campaign. Now, Finance Minister Martin is trying to tell us that if he harmonizes the GST with the PST, he has lived up to his promise. Silly Martin - Trix are for kids.

Do the Liberals really think we are that dense? If we have to pay PST on the extra services we now pay GST on, it will cost more. Even if the combined tax is reduced to 13 per cent, it will cost more money.

True, the cost of collection will come down. If you think you'll see any of those savings, you're in serious need of professional help.

The government always claims they are saving us money when they float these schemes. The GST, if you recall, was going to save us all a bundle. (Note to Julian Reed: Please, Julian, don't save me any more money. I can't afford it!)

Closer to home, Halton Hills Town Council is still dithering over the Golden Report. The latest is there will be consultation meetings to see how "the people" feel.

I doubt Council is that far out of touch with their constituents. Even so, do they not read papers, listen to radio or watch TV? The only people pushing for the GTA amalgamation are Toronto councillors, who have spent themselves into a "world class" bankruptcy.

I watched the Council discussion on this issue. Regional Councillor Bonnette is against getting rid of the Region. I don't want to impugn his motives, but his stance comes as no great surprise.

Councillor Elliott spoke strongly against the proposal. "We are

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or cut bait." If we wait for St. Muffy of Limehouse to define a vision, the carpetbuggers from T.O. will pick us clean.

Sheila (nobody's baby) Cops came up with a new scheme to fund the CBC. A quarter on video rentals and entertainment would be a painless way to come up with the cash, she thought. Wrong!

The feds have a real problem with the CBC. The people just are not prepared to write blank cheques to the "Mother Corp." any longer. This latest scheme won't fly any more than the special tax on cable. An extra 25 cents on entertainment will do nothing but wreck the entertainment industry.

To paraphrase John Crosbie - drink the tequila Sheila, and lay down, and dream up another plan.

The judiciary is a constant marvel. The mother of the 12-year-old accused of accessory charges in the murder of teenager Christie Christie, says her son is a "danger to society" and should be kept in jail. The judge can't see past the fact a 12-year-old is in jail. If he's so concerned about numerology, what about Christie never seeing 17?

Will Rock make meaningful changes to the Young Offenders Act? In your dreams, my friends.

As I was watching the mayor exhort Council for a "vision," I couldn't help wonder what Rob Heaton's would be? Perchance a tunnel? Just an afterthought.

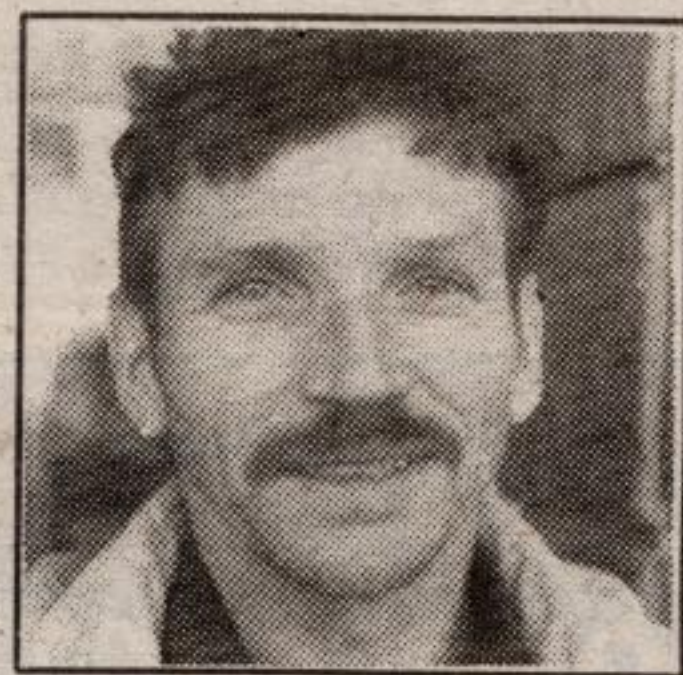
HEY!

Do you have the winter blahs?



"Yes, just a little. I want spring back, so I can plant my flowers and clean the yard. I try and stay inside as much as possible because I don't like the cold."

Sherry Ellis, Mill Street



"I like the winter. You have to take the good with the bad. I haven't got a cold yet this winter. I feel pretty comfortable."

Allen McKinley, Churchill Road



"Oh, of course. This has been an extremely cold winter. Even the kids can't get out to do much. I'm looking forward to spring. I'm having a baby in the spring, so that will keep me busy. I like to sit in front of the fire."

Karen McCarthy, Kingham Road



"I'm sick of this weather. I'll take 90 degrees in the shade any day. I stay inside as much as I can. I like the hot weather. I go camping up north every weekend in the summer."

Sandra Patey, Greenore Crescent

Same time last year ...

The Acton Co-operative Nursery School debates closure following the implementation of Junior Kindergarten ... Fire destroys the home of Ken Hurren, who escaped the blaze with his sons Ryan and Luke unharmed ... Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod visits Acton Precision Millwrights.