

GRAPE VINE

Plant yourself early

The Acton Horticultural Society wants to see how all those green thumbs manage in the kitchen. They're hosting a Potluck Dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church on June 18, starting at 6:30 pm.

Members should bring their favourite dish and utensils (that's knife and fork, *not* spade and hoe) and dig into some good eatin'.

The Society just completed their town planting, and several out-of-town guests were impressed with the civic pride in this activity.

It's your turn to speak!

The Halton Board of Education invites delegations to attend their next Board meeting, Monday, June 17 at the Singleton Centre in Burlington.

Those wishing to respond to the recommendations made by the Renewal Committee, should contact Mavis Camden at the Board to request a spot on the agenda. Fax (905) 319-9261 or phone 878-8451, ext. 3350.

Bagel Bar opens

Acton's newest eatery, The Bagel Bar, opens on Saturday at 116 Mill St. E. in the former home of Jager's Leather Fashions.

Owner-operator Catherine Kausch said she was both "excited and scared" at taking on her first food venture as she put the finishing touches on her new cafe on Monday.

"I got the idea to open a business

like this after seeing a very busy bagel franchise at a Brampton mall. "People don't want a heavy lunch anymore and our menu will include soup and chili, sandwiches and salads, bagels, yogurt and coffee, juices and soft drinks," Kausch explained.

Kausch, a licensed private detective on a leave of absence, said that her only staff so far is her sister but she has already two unsolicited resumes submitted and may hire additional staff once the business gets going.

Cancer Society \$ tallied

Although still waiting for some canvassers to turn in their efforts, Liz Bailey of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society reports overall, the results have been positive.

"It looks like we'll certainly be the same as last year's collection of \$25,000 or slightly over," she said Monday. "We're very pleased and people have been very generous."

The amount collected was a little lower than expected, but Liz explained it was due to some areas of Acton not being canvassed which in turn was due to a lack of volunteers.

Donations are still being collected and can be made by calling Liz at 853-0585. You can also sign up to be a volunteer for next April's canvassing - it's never too early!

Know what day it is?

Every day of the year seems to be designated to something. While you may be aware of some of the more popular ones, such as Father's Day this Sunday, here are a few of the lesser known ones:

- June 11 - National Sense of Smell Day
- June 14 - Farmer's Day
- June 15 - World Children's Day
- June 19 - Tax Freedom Day
- June 28 - Columnists' Day



STONE SCHOOL CLASSMATES: The Grade 11 class of Acton Continuation School is shown in front of the old stone school in 1945. The historic old school was demolished to make way for Robert Little expansion, but most of the students here are still around, many of them living in Acton. Front row, left to right: Shirley Kentner, Irma Kentner, Frances Chew, Mary Smith, Olga Locker, Dena Braidia, Helen Jocque, Martha Turbosz. Middle row: Principal Stewart, ??, May Dyriw, Doreen Steele, Shirley Elliott, Jean Robertson, Joan Coles, Betty Bauer. Back row: Don Matthews, Paul McCron, John Barr, Calvin Sprowl, Ken Papillon, Lorne Arbic and Ernest West.

When is a killing a killing?

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



Most folks I've been talking to over the last few weeks are confused and afraid of the senseless violence which has taken so many young lives recently. Perhaps the most chilling component is the utter lack of respect these juvenile murderers have for a human life. We can't blame everything on TV violence. Some day, our society is going to have to admit that we have marginalized the basic concept of respecting all life in favour of quality of life.

In Ottawa last week, a young mother of two was charged with trying to kill her unborn son by shooting a pellet into his head while he was still in her womb. People were shocked. It was a big news story. Will she ever be convicted? I doubt it. Already the pro-life and abortion rights people see this as a pivotal case.

According to Section 223 of the Criminal Code of our country, babies are considered human beings only outside the womb. Kit Holmwood, past president of the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, is quoted saying, "I don't understand why the courts have charged her (the mother)." This is what we have come to.

The legal community knows this will be a bombshell ruling. Other portions of the Criminal Code still say that action on an unborn child that results in the baby's death, or that was intended to cause death, is indictable as homicide or attempted murder. The law, including the law on abortion, is obviously in conflict.

In the U.S.A., President Clinton recently approved birth canal abortions. This procedure involves maneuvering the almost full term child into the birth canal, puncturing its head with scissors and vacuuming out its brain to collapse the skull, to make the delivery easier. I'm sorry if this upsets people, but this whole business, while nauseating to us, is fatal to the child. Other than being done in a sterile environment with a medical accomplice, what is the difference between what is being done to babies today and what that poor woman in Ottawa tried to do?

The wholesale abortion business was sold to Canadians as a health issue. There is no doubt that, in some cases, a pregnancy will put a

precious, then we should not be surprised when our young kill without remorse. After all, if we can choose who to kill and who not to, why shouldn't they? If we can rationalize it, why not them?

It seems we're not to be safe at either end of the life cycle. Jack Kevorkian (Dr. Death) was again acquitted of "helping" terminally ill people to kill themselves. I've written before against euthanasia. Once started, it's a slippery and steep slope to the point where some doctors will start deciding who should live and who should die.

In 1971 it was not the intent that babies would die because they are inconvenient. Will we be looking at the same result if we approve euthanasia? Will we kill the infirm, the handicapped and the old because they are inconvenient? When mere humans strive to play God, we have always done a lousy job of it.

We want the right to kill the very young, the very sick and the very old. Is it any wonder the Pope, on his last visit, referred to North American society as "a culture of death." Some will write-off my opinion as the ranting of another Catholic. Well, Rev. Billy Graham has said that "If God doesn't judge America, he'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorra." Being pro-life is not some kind of Papist plot against women. It's about choosing where you stand on this most important issue. I stand for life - every time!

Many of us think the world is going to hell-in-a-hand-basket. Historically, in times of crisis, great leaders have come forward to point the way and inspire humanity.

What if there was supposed to be a modern-day Moses, or Ghandi, or Joan of Arc, or Churchill? Beethoven was deaf. What if our next great composer was meant to be disabled or infirm with age?

What if we kill them?

mother's life in jeopardy. In many cases however, abortions are performed because the child is unplanned or inconvenient.

Politicians told Canadians that changing the old abortion legislation would not lead to any significant increases in the procedure. In 1971 there were 16,000 medical abortions in Ontario. By 1993 there were more than 45,000. In those 20 years we spent billions on health and nutrition. Overall, the general health of the population is better.

If abortion is a health issue, why have they increased 181 per cent during a time when medicine has advanced, millions have quit smoking and we eat better foods? Health is a factor in very few abortions.

It was last year when a mother in the States tied her two children into a car and let the car into a lake, drowning the children. The reason - her boyfriend didn't want them. If that same woman had a birth canal abortion for the same reason, she'd be free today. The ultimate outcome for the children would be the same.

In Canada, abortions are being performed because the baby is the wrong sex. Tragically, the same abortion rights that many women support are responsible for the killing of female children.

The wholesale collapse of respect for life, even the tiniest life, has led us to the point where children kill children. Even the most violent child looks to its parents for protection and direction.

If we adults don't stand firmly and demand all life be considered

HEY!

What did you like best about Rockwood's Pioneer Day (held last Saturday)?



"The parade, because everyone was throwing candy."

Sara Kondratenko



"Seeing lots of friends I haven't seen for a while."

Erika Derstroff



"I loved the face painting and I got my mom some plants."

Shayne Monaghan



"I really enjoyed the ice cream booth - it was great!"

Robin Cherry

Same time last year ...

Jack Carpenter is awarded as Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1994 ... Acton's Joan Waldie is one of 20 Ontario seniors to be honoured with a lieutenant governor's award in recognition of community work ... Progressive Conservative Ted Chudleigh wins three times the votes of his opponents to become Halton North's MPP.