

# GRAPE VINE

cafe is closed on Mondays.

## Beckers' business booms

On the heels of the sudden Canadian Tire closing, everyone is happy that the rumoured closing of the Acton Beckers store is false.

In fact, Acton Beckers owner Arman Shoshanian said business is so good that he just signed a new 10-year lease on his Queen Street-Churchill Road store.

Confusion regarding the rumoured closing arose because Beckers is contemplating shutting its store at 126 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

## Val needs visitors

Val Farrell, hit by a van at the Main Street-North-School Lane pedestrian crossing in April remains in a coma in Milton District Hospital.

"Doctors have told us it could take a year or longer for Val to come out of the coma," mom Cindy Farrell explained Sunday.

"Val is out of isolation and can have visitors. The doctors say the more stimulation she gets the better, so we are encouraging people to come and see her."

Twenty-four-year-old Sean Sears, critically injured in a motor-bike accident east of Acton June 8, is now listed in fair condition at Sunnybrook Hospital.

The accident, which claimed the life of Ryan Morgan, 22, of Rockwood and injured Jason Luedee of Acton, remains under investigation pending a coroner's report.

## Camp openings available

Nature lovers aged 8-13 can still join the Nature Camp held at Prospect Park. Activities include nature hikes, campcrafts, songs and nature lore. Overnight camping and swimming round out the list. Call Recreation and Parks, 873-2600, ext. 275.



## Century club member

Mrs. Ellen Lindsay, formerly of Arthur Street in Acton, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Lindsay was a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church. May Hoare, a former neighbour and Mac and Joyce Sprowl attended the birthday party at the Shelburne Residence in Shelburne, Ont.

## Bagel bonanza

As the Bagel Bar celebrates its one-month anniversary on Mill Street, sister-owners Catherine and Chris Kausch are happy to report that business is great.

"We've been a lot busier than we expected, although we've had a few slow periods," Catherine said Sunday. "Acton people have been more than friendly and have treated us very well."

The Bagel Bar's new summer hours are 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 am to 4 pm Friday, 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The



Remember when there was a mayor and council of the Town of Acton? Here's a photo taken in Centennial year, 1967, in front of the town office when it was located in the old YMCA building on Mill Street. Posing, left to right, are Councillor Ted Tyler Jr., profile of Hydro Commissioner Ted Tyler Sr., an unknown (looks to be Wellington MPP John Root), Mayor Les Duby, Reeve Dr. Frank Oakes, Councillor Bert Hinton, clerk-administrator Joe Hurst, Councillor G.W. "Pat" McKenzie, assistant clerk Grant Usher and arena manager Harold Townsley. Only three are still alive: Ted Tyler Jr., Grant Usher and Harold Townsley.

# From the trivial to the tragic

Elizabeth Taylor caused quite a fuss when she said, "Frankly, I would have expected something better." She was at the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver and was referring to the level of funding committed by our federal government to AIDS treatment and research.

Well frankly, who cares what Elizabeth Taylor says? I don't mean to diminish her efforts at fundraising for research and treatment of AIDS. I know how difficult fundraising is and give full credit to someone like Taylor who donates her time and talents to a cause she believes in. But for her to come to our country and start commenting on how our federal government is spending our tax money is a bit much. Her information was also faulty - our government spends more on AIDS than it does on cardiovascular disease, diabetes and a host of other diseases that kill more Canadians than AIDS. We are, in fact, generous in funding for this disease.

Yes, future AIDS funding is under review. All government expenditures are. We're broke, folks. The feds know it and so do most Canadians. We're going to see even more cuts in social spending after the next election. The cost of financing the deficit has caught up to us. It's time to pay the piper. Amongst others, AIDS funding will probably be less.

I thought David Dingwall showed a lot of class when the conference attendees turned their back and shouted him down during his speech. That's not my idea of trying to convince the feds they should increase funding. I would have left a copy of the speech and left. Obviously that's why I'm not a politician and he is.

Then, Lizzy throws her two cents worth in. Dingwall said it best when he replied, "Elizabeth Taylor - who's Elizabeth Taylor?" I'm always amazed that these Hollywood-types are taken seriously when they come out with

## The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



statements on social issues. They're under the delusion screen credits give them legitimacy when criticizing government policy. As if!

Why is Ms. Taylor famous? A bunch of movies, gorgeous eyes, magnificent mammaries and a string of failed marriages. Yep, those are the qualities I look for in a social commentator. I wonder who will be the next "star" to lecture us on how to run our country?

I will look forward to Michael Jackson's lecture on how to choose a babysitter. Perhaps Demi Moore and Madonna could run a seminar on the erosion of morality in our society. You get my drift.

Everyone has the right to express themselves in a democracy. When it comes to the Hollywood Squares though, pardon me if I yawn while browsing over their comments.

Carry on Mr. Dingwall. Canadian policy should be formulated by Canadians. And besides, who's afraid of Virginia Wolfe?

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Speaking about things inconsequential, the long-awaited divorce of Chuck and Di was finally completed. (Yawn!) Other than the Queen, who cares?

I know, I know - we should have some interest since Charles may some day be our King. Let me tell you, if Dumbo marries Trigger (Camilla Two-Names), and she becomes our Queen, I intend to vote for Lucien Bouchard.

The woman must have some talents (the discussion of which would not be appropriate in a family newspaper) but it beats me. Di may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer but I figure Chuck loses in this trade.

But hey, if that's his choice, he is the one who has to live with her.

The Queen may yet regret pushing Chuck and Di into divorce court. Di walks away with over \$36 mil (Canadian) and the Queen can look forward to the amorous adventures of Camilla and Chuck. Gag me with a spoon.

My guess is Di will re-marry within two years and gradually fade from public life. That will be her choice. She really doesn't like the press intrusion but she does love the attention. We'll still hear from her often.

And Charles? He will never be King. The Queen, God bless her, will hang on until Prince William (now 14-years-old) is ready. Even if I'm wrong and Chuck becomes King Chuck, Camilla is despised by the British people, so something will be worked out to keep her from the throne.

Rule Britannia?

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Northern Ireland erupted in flames again. What a sad state of affairs. You have to wonder if those people will ever let this hatred die.

The Orangemen marched through a predominantly Catholic neighbourhood while celebrating "The Glorious 12th." The march celebrates the victory by William III over Catholic King James II at the Battle of the Boyne 306 years ago. I just don't understand how this perceived "insult" is worth people being killed, police shot, and property destroyed.

On top of the carnage, some are now claiming that the peace negotiations with England are trashed. That will only ensure more years of bloodshed.

I'm eternally grateful to my forefathers for coming to this country. Ontario had substantial religious discrimination here until the late '60s. I think we've grown out of it now. Don't you think 306 years is long enough to fight a battle? I do.

# HEY! How much of your shopping do you do in Acton?

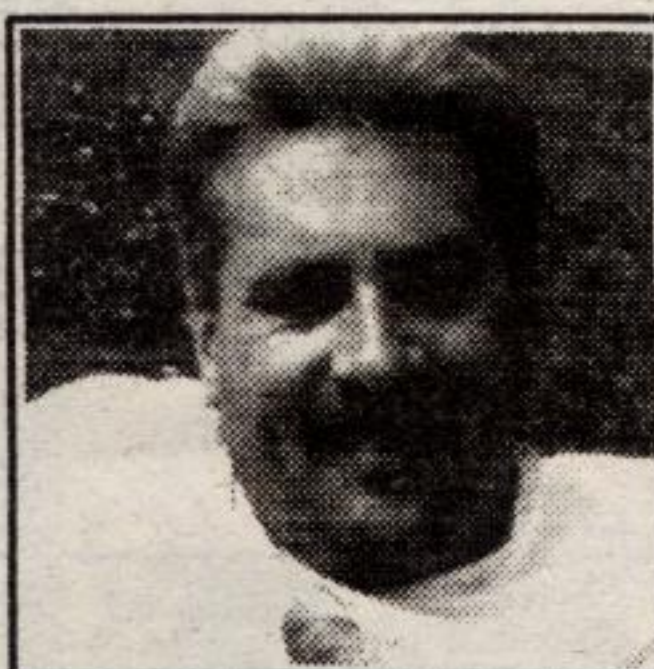
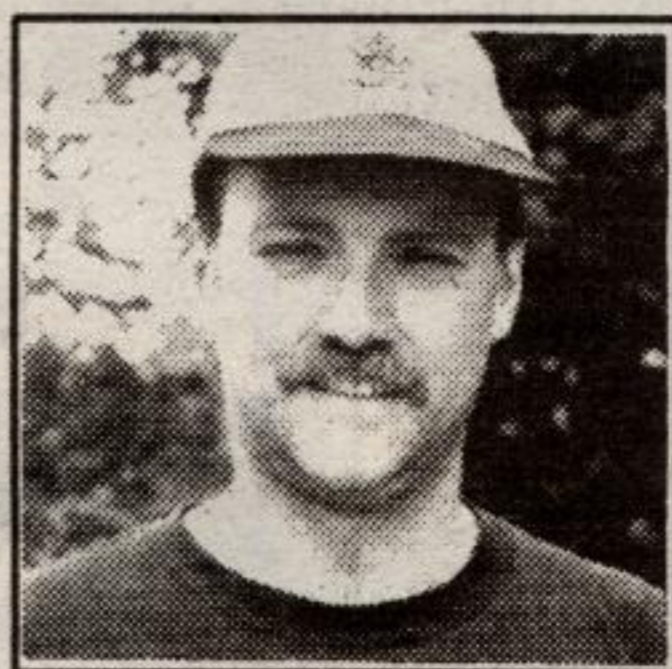


"All of it. It's handy and adequate for what I need. It doesn't make sense to try Georgetown, Milton or Guelph when it's handy right here in town."

Wendy Reeve, Victoria Avenue

"About 95 per cent of our food shopping is done here. Clothing - zero per cent. Things for the home - five to 10 per cent. I work in Toronto, so I do a lot of other shopping there."

Bruce Nicholls, Brock Street



"Grocery shopping - 80 per cent; clothes - 10 to 15 per cent. We look here 100 per cent of the time. If we can't find what we're looking for, we'll go out of town. It's probably a shame that more residents don't shop locally."

William Dalglish, Cobblehill Road

"I do 95 per cent of my grocery shopping in Acton. Some things I have to go out of town for - shoes, women's and kids' clothing. But I make the effort when I know I can get what I want in town."

Brenda LaRose, Greenore Crescent

