

GRAPE VINE

problem with the hydro or the freezer and everything in the restaurant's walk-in freezer thawed, leaving a horrid smell and a mess that wasn't discovered until last week.

During a major clean up the restaurant was scrubbed, shampooed and aired - ready for business when the liquor licence suspension expired on Thursday.

The Four Seasons' licence was revoked for 28 days following a June hearing, which ordered the sanction against the restaurant after an inspector found adulterated liquor and liquor not in the original government container, contrary to the Liquor Licence Act.

Seeing Dr. Pond?

If you're looking for Dr. Pond, head for 151 Mill Street East.

The optometrist has moved from his rented downtown office to the corner of Mill Street and Bower Avenue.

The new office, in a former home, opened today.

ET Video closes doors

The variety-video stores in Acton are doing well but another business that only rented movies has closed.

After three years in business on Mill Street in Acton, ET Video has pulled the plug and gone out of business. The previous video store to close was PREView Video in the Becker's plaza.

ET owner Paul Jordan refused to comment about the closure except to say that there may be a final liquidation sale this weekend and that his family would remain in Acton.

Four Seasons in business

It's business as usual at the Four Seasons Family Restaurant—hit with a liquor licence suspension and an untimely power failure last month.

While the Protopapas family was in Italy for a wedding, there was a

Members only

At the child identification day at Prospect Park, held by the newly formed Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs this Sunday (Sept. 8) from 2 to 6 pm, members of the RCMP Musical Ride will attend from 4 to 6 pm — not the full Musical Ride, as was reported in last week's *Tanner*.

Chairperson sought

BIA chairperson Edna Perkons, although taking a leave from her manager position at the Bank of Montreal, is staying on with the BIA for a few more months.

The BIA will be looking for a replacement chair and is suggesting to those involved with the downtown to consider an appropriate candidate. All BIA businesses are invited to attend the next BIA meeting, to be held Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 pm at Dan Dolliver's office, 54 Mill St. E.



No, it's not a Peek at the Past photo. Taking part in a Musical Theatre camp production, put on by the Recreation and Parks dept. earlier this summer were sisters Michelle, Jacqueline and Shannon Hofing. *The Tanner* would still like to borrow some of your favourite vintage photographs for this page every week. Call our office or drop them by — we'll make sure you get your memories back. (Eve Martin photo)

Yanks get sex, we get the pits

Being a political junkie, I've been keeping a critical eye on the presidential nomination conventions south of the border. President Clinton (Slick Willie) officially takes on Senator Dole (the Old Geezer) in the months leading up to the November election.

There are two things I really like about the U.S. system. First, the head of state has to run on his own right. Here, of course, the leader (elected leader only via back-room machinations and cronyism) of the party getting the most seats is automatically crowned P.M. If we had the U.S. system here, I suspect we would have a Liberal parliament with Jean Charest as P.M.

Second, I like that elections are held every four years on the same day, and no President can run two consecutive terms. You never see the U.S. President flitting around the country playing silly little mind games as to when the election will be. I'm so sick of our leaders playing out this childish charade while the major media follows them around and pretends that somebody actually cares.

The conventions Stateside are a far cry from the rambunctious gatherings of 25 years ago. Now, the outcome is pre-determined from the start. Everyone went gaga over Elizabeth Dole's speech where she told us over and over why she loved Bob. Granted, it was a masterful performance and the Senator has overcome tremendous obstacles in his life and should be respected. But is this any reason to think he should be president? Ailene Chrétien so loves her man that she packs a loaded Inuit statue to protect him. But I'm going to need a tad more than that to vote Liberal next time.

This whole trend of having to know all the personal habits and foibles of our leaders is going way too far. About the time Mrs.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



Dole introduced the nurse who cared for Bob right after the war, I started to fear she was going to say, "And in spite of all the suffering Bob went through, to this day he has never had a hemorrhoid." I mean, we heard all about almost everything else!

Over at the Democrat convention, Slick Willie was blind-sided when it was disclosed his chief political advisor used to let his \$200 per hour hooker eavesdrop on presidential telephone calls. It is alleged former aid Dick Morris was trying to impress his — um — er — part-time employee. Now, I went to Catholic school, so I have absolutely no experience in this area, but it seems to me the only presidents who would impress this lady would be the ones who appear on the aforementioned \$100 bills. Mr. Morris appeared with his wife who, as fate has it, is a lawyer. He, while not denying the allegations, pleaded for privacy. "I have my wife and we're in love," he said. Ain't that sweet?

Meanwhile, from our "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" file, his wife Eileen McGann is shown standing arm-in-arm. On her face, however, is a slightly bemused expression: a dirty little grin with her eyes cast away from him and down. My experiences living with five females, plus the survival skills present in any married male, tells me exactly what that look means: *After this is over Bucko, I'm going to nail you sooo bad! You'll be lucky to have enough left to call your little friend from a pay phone.*

As I said to The Bride and my Ladies the other night — serves him right! Honest, I did!

The conventions were pretty dull except for the rent-a-date episode the Democrats had. Republican and Democratic election platforms are radically different. That's kind of a refreshing change from here, where both the Liberals and Tories try to push each other off the middle.

The Yankees have better scandals, too. The biggest titillation we've had this summer was the revelation that one of our generals' wives spent \$129 of taxpayers' money to get her armpits waxed. Later, it was discovered to be a hairdressing appointment, which made me even madder. For \$129 I think one should get a shampoo, cut and spit-shine with carnuba wax. This same general charged us \$10,000 for "housecleaning" over nine months. The general is posted to Washington. You don't think he could be paying \$200 per hour for "housecleaning" do you? Naaw! Only the Americans have juicy scandals like that. Ours are the pits!

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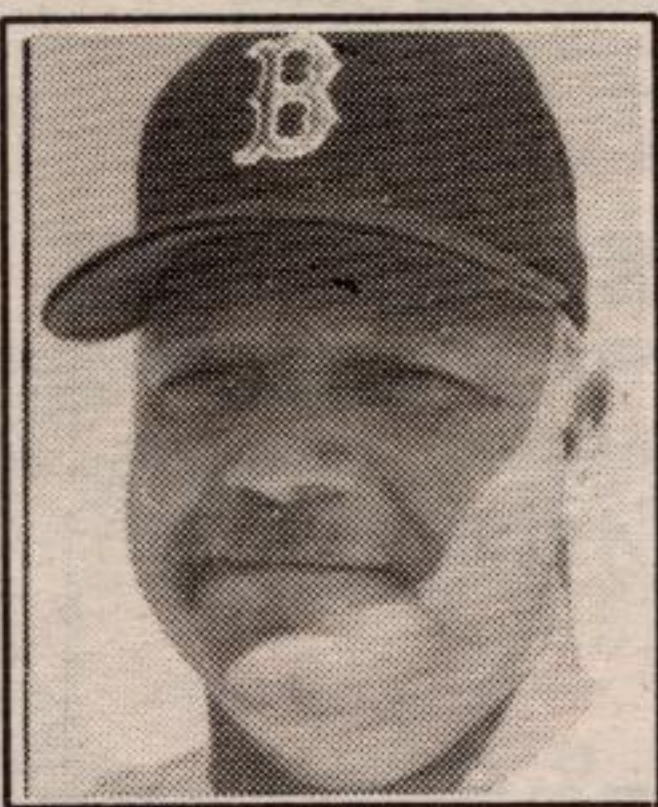
Are you enjoying the "Canada Cup"? No, it's not the "World Cup" no matter what that twerp Bettman says. After my hissy-fit over Canada's Olympic uniforms, I hate to sound like a broken record but who's the twinkie who designed the Team Canada jerseys? Can't we get this straight? Our team colours are red and white, not red, white and black — no matter what Nike says.

What is on their behinds? I think it's supposed to be a stylized maple leaf. On TV though, it appears they are wearing fanny packs. Since Gretzky and Messier are getting a tad old, my second thought was a nagging fear that their "Depends" were showing.

We need a Royal Commission to settle this uniform thing once and for all! Julian — over to you.

HEY!

Which name do you prefer for the pageant: Miss Acton Fall Fair or Acton Ambassador?



"Miss Acton Fall Fair. I liked the way it was. For the sake of political correctness it should not have been changed."

Mel Jansen
Meadowvale Street



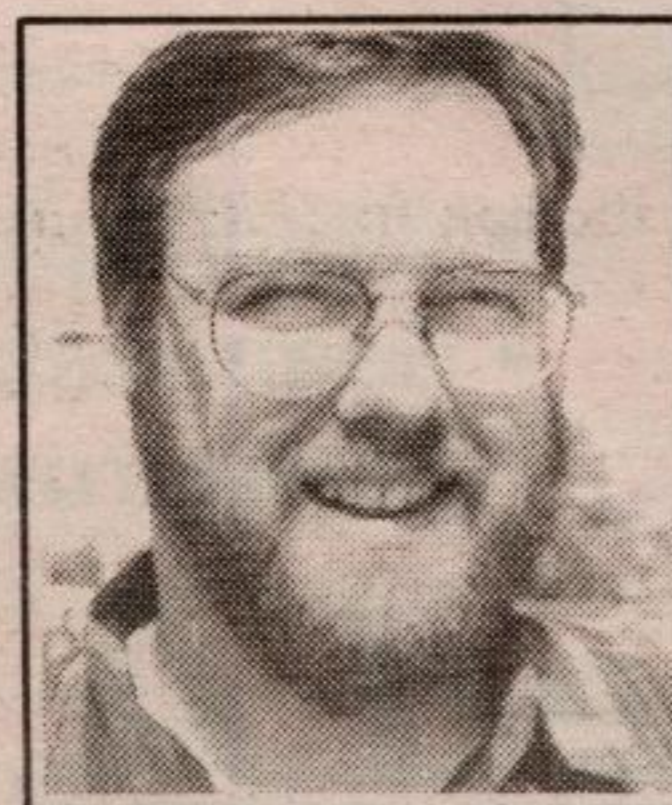
"Acton Ambassador sounds better. It has a more official ring to it."

Pattie Van Den Enden
Danville Avenue



"Miss Acton Fall Fair has a more traditional sound to it. This event should be for a female and this title seals it."

April McNamara
Greenore Crescent



"I don't know. If they do not wish to encourage men to participate, then it really doesn't matter."

Phil White
Poplar Avenue