

GRAPE VINE

Bonnette will be in net in the batter's cage at the Fair grounds and for a nominal fee you can take three of your best slapshots at him.

There will be prizes for people who manage to get shots past him and all money will benefit the Seniors' Centre.

Hepatitis B shots

Students at Acton High can take part in a Ministry of Health mass immunization campaign against Hepatitis B next month as Halton Regional nurses will offer free Hepatitis B vaccines to students.

The vaccine has been offered to Grade 7 students since 1994 but this is the only time the immunization program will be expanded to include the older grades.

Students in Grades 8 and 9 who haven't been previously immunized are also eligible for the free vaccine this year, and although the health department recommends that all young people be vaccinated it is not mandatory for school attendance.

Hepatitis B is a serious viral liver disease, transmitted primarily through sexual activity.

For more information, call (905) 825-6060, ext. 7863.

Give a little to help a lot

Look for Acton FoodShare in the Fall Fair parade this Saturday at noon. This year's theme is, "Please give a little - it helps a lot!"

Volunteers in costume will be pushing shopping carts along the parade route. Your donations of pasta, canned foods, peanut butter or soups will be gratefully received.

Bravery rewarded

Acton resident Adam Forrest was one of 19 Canadians to receive Bravery Decorations from Governor General Romeo LeBlanc at a ceremony Friday at La Citadelle in Quebec City.

The Medal of Bravery is awarded "for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances" - in Forrest's case for rescuing his uncle, Floyd Foster of Acton, who almost drowned in the Severn River, north of Washago, two years ago.

Foster was trying to un snag his fishing line when he was caught in the undertow and pulled into a whirlpool. Forrest dove into the pool and grabbed his uncle, but the current separated them. Forrest managed to grasp Foster once again and hold his head above water until he could pull him into shallow water.

Pot shots

Ever wanted to take a shot at a local politician - a legal shot?

Well, back by popular demand, Acton Councillor Rick "Bunny" Bonnette (not a bad goalie in his younger years) will take on all comers on Saturday as part of a fundraiser for the Acton Seniors' Centre at the Acton Fall Fair.



The Junior Choir at Acton Public School was trained by Miss Hunt. They were prize winners at the Halton Music Festival and are holding the cup, symbol of county supremacy. We've identified most of them. They include: Barbara Nelson, John Agar, Vic Patrick, Dolores Lappin, Lorne Arbic, May Dyriw, Maureen O'Rourke, Shirley Kentner, Marjorie Norton, Don Lamb, Irma Kentner, Joan Somerville, Betty Masters, Stanley Killick, Martha Turkosz and Fred Kentner. (Photo loaned by Shirley McKeown)

Di's a dolt and other stories

Will the saga of Chuck and Di ever end? The latest to put his two farthings into the controversy is none other than Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury and the man who presided over the made-for-TV nuptials of the doomed duo. Poor Chuckles; it's getting pretty tough when your own minister rats out to the press.

In a recently released book, Runcie described Diana as shrewd and competitive. But not bright. "When you began on abstract ideas, you could see her eyes clouding over," Runcie claims. Big wow! A man more than 50 years her senior wants to sit around lecturing Di on abstract religious principles and she's dubbed a dolt for being bored? Wouldn't most of us act the same way? Chances are it's all Runcie's fault anyway - it was probably a lousy sermon.

Runcie also confessed he knew about Prince Chuck's relationship with Camilla Two-Names before the press blew the whistle on them. He also believed the union was an arranged marriage.

Let's see if I've got this straight. A minister goes through with what he believes to be a charade of a marriage, knowing one of the principals has the marital fidelity of an alley cat, and is then condemnatory because the other partner won't let him lecture her on abstract morality issues? Diana is fortunate to be shed of this bunch.

Have you noticed that we haven't heard much about the cuckolded husband? The invisible Mr. Bowles is so patriotic, it has been said, that "he laid down his wife for his country." Di gets millions, Chuck gets Camilla but what does poor Mr. Bowles get for having his name dragged through the muck? He gets rid of Camilla, that's what.

He won!

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Have to admit that I see the strike by O.P.S.E.U. employees as looking good on Leah Casselman and her cohorts.

The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary



During last summer's swivel servant strike, you couldn't open a paper or turn on the TV without Leah's mug confronting you. She ranted on incessantly about how the Harris government was destroying the province by cutting jobs and attempting to get its finances back into some semblance of order. The whole mess is symbolized by the violence which erupted the day the Legislature opened. Leah called the Tories every name in the book and even invented a few new ones.

To finance the strike O.P.S.E.U. went \$12 million in the hole. Why they had no money is another story, but I understand they have a spiffy new six-storey headquarters building. That should be tons of comfort for those about to lose their jobs.

You see friends, in spite of the socialists' favourite book, *Deficit Financing For Fun and Profit*, the loans have to be repaid. In the real world, lending institutions frown on paying off your Chargex with your Mastercard. The union needs cash. Leah's solution is to cut jobs and force contract clawbacks that, in the opinion of her own members, are worse than anything the government tried to impose on them. I wonder: How come no riots this time? No one to pay the rent-a-mob to show up perchance?

The union did offer some concessions to the union bosses. The rank and file offered to take some unpaid days, immediately christened "Leah Days." Leah Days - I love it! There is justice in this world.

There's nothing funny about the fact that some folks are going to lose jobs through no fault of their own. If I was in a union I'd be looking at this situation and asking myself if my union leaders were acting solely for the benefit of its members. Or, are

they pursuing some personal political or social agenda which could put jobs in jeopardy?

Speaking of things ironic: Do you remember when the Harris government was repealing Bill 40 and, in the process, curbing the power of unions to steamroll over workers? One of the most vociferous opponents was Buzz Hargrove, president of the Canadian Auto Workers (C.A.W.). He even got a V.P. of Chrysler Canada to co-sign a letter to Harris, calling upon the government to "proceed cautiously" on labour law reform. Management and labour - solidarity forever.

So, which company did the same Mr. Hargrove pick as the strike target for this year's negotiations? Chrysler, of course. Nice payback eh? By the time this is printed we'll know if negotiations have been successful or if Chrysler workers will lose their paycheques.

Wonder if the letter-writing Chrysler V.P. will get the axe? I certainly wouldn't want someone with such bad judgment as a senior position at my company.

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So, Team Canada lost the first World Cup to the U.S.A. It's hard to stomach some commentators who are trying to make this more than it is. Our national pride hasn't been severely damaged. Our team ran into a hot goalie and we lost a hockey game. Our team didn't let us down. They played their hearts out. Come on people - it's a hockey game for Pete's sake.

As a lifelong Leafs fan, losing a crucial game is, unfortunately, not a new experience. I would have preferred to see us win, but it's not like we woke up to find that Brian Mulroney had staged a coup and been named "Dictator for Life."

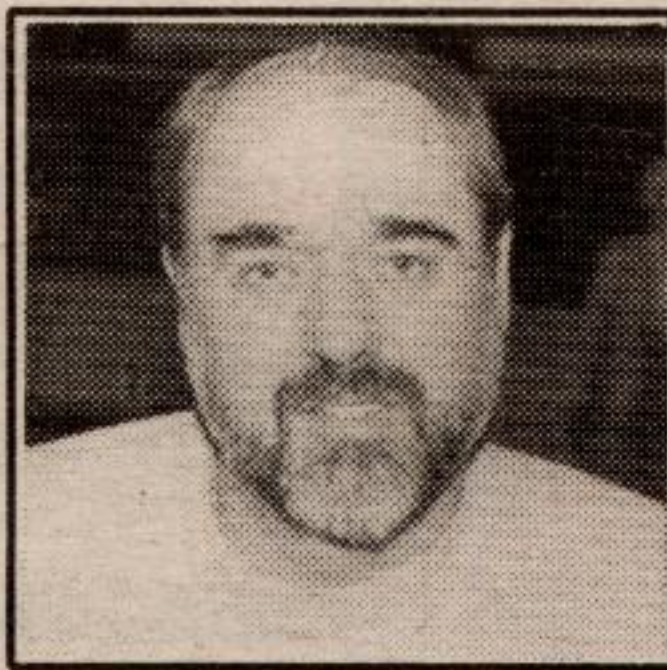
We'll get 'em next time. Just like the Leafs will. At this writing the Leafs are teetering on being mathematically eliminated from the playoffs. The reason? Pre-season starts this week.

HEY!

Now that fall is fast approaching, what are your thoughts on the summer of 1996?



"The golf season is almost over and everytime I tried to play, it rained."
Gary Munday, Rosemary Road



"It wasn't long enough, but we had good weather. I'm hoping for an Indian summer."
Carl Fisker, Adams Court



"Late, wet and short. Good for anyone trying to generate electrical power. I hope the farmers get a good fall."
Julian Reed, Halton-Peel MP



"Summer went by too fast. I did get a summer job though, and saw an Ozzy Osbourne concert."
Kevin Dick, R.R. #2 Acton