

GRAPE VINE

Search on for Citizen of the Year

Do you know some one or some group in Acton that deserves the recognition of being named Citizen of the Year? If so, nominations are now open for the Rotary Club of Acton's 1998 Citizen of the Year.

Each year, carrying on a tradition started by the Lions Club of Acton, the Rotary Club asks for nominations for its award that recognizes unique or special contributions made by Acton citizens to the quality of life in this community.

To nominate someone you need to send their name and your reason for nominating them, along with your name and phone number, to the Citizen of the Year, c/o the Rotary Club of Acton, Box 22, Acton L7J 2M2.

Nominations close March 6

New home for Credit Union? Halton Community Credit Union (HCCU) officials hope to close a deal for a new location for the Acton branch by the end of March. The

HCCU has offered to buy the Becker's plaza at Queen Street and Churchill Road from Wallace Investments of Toronto.

HCCU CEO Peter Buwalda said that while there is still a lot of work to be done and a couple of outstanding issues to resolve he feels "very positive" about the plans to build a 3,500 to 4,000-square-foot branch on the Becker's plaza site.

HCCU Acton manager Len Postma said they've outgrown their present Queen Street location, adding that his "wish list" for the new building includes a drive-through Automated Banking Machine.

"Acton has been very good to the HCCU and this new building would be a jewel in the crown of the Halton Credit Union," Postma said.

The board of directors of the HCCU must still approve of the plans.

Police collect glasses for the needy

The Halton Regional Police Service is accepting donations of used eyeglasses at all its stations throughout the region.

The used glasses are refurbished by Lens Crafters and then distributed to those who require them in needy countries. The project is a joint effort by Lions International and Lens Crafters.

Last year more than the Halton Regional Police collected 1,200 pairs of used glasses and organizers hope to top that number this year.



TANNERS: Western Ontario semi-finalists in the 1961-62 season was this Acton Tanners team with lots of recognizable players and executive. Front row, left to right: Ted Footit, Emmerson Baxter, Andy Williams, Jack Marshall, Phil McCristall, Barry Inscoc. Second row: Paul Lawson, Bob Bruce, Stuart McDonald, Harold Townsley, Don Lindsay, Her Joleb. Third row: Rae West, Bob Marshall, Ed Footit manager, Peter Lawson, Ron Phillips, Bud Haines, John Cunningham, president Ray Mason and honorary president Wes Beatty. Back row: secretary George Haggett, trainer Charlie "Sonny" Townsley, Ross Balentine, coach Ilio Marzo, Don Marzo stick boy.

As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted

If you liked Alan Rock as Justice Minister (brain-dead gun registration, insipid changes to section 745 as not to offend mass murderers and the Mulroneys Airbus scandal), you're going to love what he does when he takes over the blood supply.

Michael Jackson and his missus are in the news again. The happy couple (?) announced that they are having another child. A girl, whom they plan to name "Paris" because that's where the child was conceived. The mechanics of that event are too bizarre to dwell upon, but my point is that this is a bad idea.

Would you want to say "this is my son; back-seat -of-a Broncho!!? If you hate kids, why have them?

The new Acton Arena and Community centre is open for business. I heartily suggest everyone drop by and check out the facilities. In addition to the rink there is a nice community room, suitable for weddings, meetings etc. We can all be proud of our new arena. Congratulations to all concerned.

The only good thing to come out of the recent ice storm emergency in eastern Ontario and Quebec was that it drove Alan Eagleson's puss off the front pages.

Would the new council please do something about the Beardmore property? It's bad enough that it's an eyesore, but a disaster is waiting to happen with all the PCB's stored there. Mark my words; we're going to end up paying for the cleanup of that toxic sewer if our local council doesn't get moving on this issue.

The most recent ratings boom crowned Howard Stern as king of morning radio. This has many people upset and understandably so!

I listened a couple of times and it reminded me of a bunch of pubescent boys talking about their pee-pees. A few chuckles at first, but it got real boring - real fast. I

The Way I See It

with Mike O'Leary



have, however, developed a strategy to get Monsieur Stern out of my life! I share it with you freely. "I listen to another radio station." Y'er welcome.

Readers of the old Tanner will know that nothing drives me around the bend faster than the trendy politically correct movement to neuter the English language.

A perfect example occurred during the west coast salmon dispute last summer. Canadian salmon fishermen blockaded an Alaskan ferry and were tearing around the harbour in inflatable boats, waving flags and rifles. There was almost as much testosterone flowing as there was sea water.

In describing the dispute, Fisheries Minister Anderson, CTV broadcaster Sandie Rinaldo and others insisted on calling the protesters "fishers." One musn't says "fishermen" you know, lest the feminazi brigade gets upset.

What riles me is that "fishers" is neither a word nor a correct description of what these people do.

If we must be politically correct, the very least the language crastrators should be is accurate.

Herin, after, fishermen shall be called "hookers."

Parents with children in grade school will know that the Ministry of Education has been tinkering with your kid's psyche again. Yep - the touchy feely troops came up with yet another new improved format report card that parents will be able to decode. Sure!

Ever mindful of the psychological trauma hanging over our kids, they've replaced the "F" for failed (flunked, we called it) with an "R" for remedial. This is to help the child's self-esteem you see.

How long do you think it will take for Grade 6 boys to figure out that the "R" will stand for "retard?" If you want to take two minutes you're too late. That's my estimate. Don't you wish these people would stop helping?

The Canadian Olympic Association, in its wisdom, decided not to send Emanuel Sandu to Japan. As if figure skating as a sport doesn't have enough problems now.

The world knows that the judging, if not fixed, is at the very least, incredibly biased. In most cases they could mail out the medals at the beginning of the season and save all the travel costs.

The archaic methods used to determine the winners in this sport and the "thumb-your-nose" attitude of the Association executives bring the entire event down to a level only exceeded by professional wrestling.

This fiasco leaves us to wrestle with two questions. 1: How did these boneheads get elected to the C.O.A? 2: How can we fire them before they screw-up another gifted athlete?

Lastly, I would like to thank

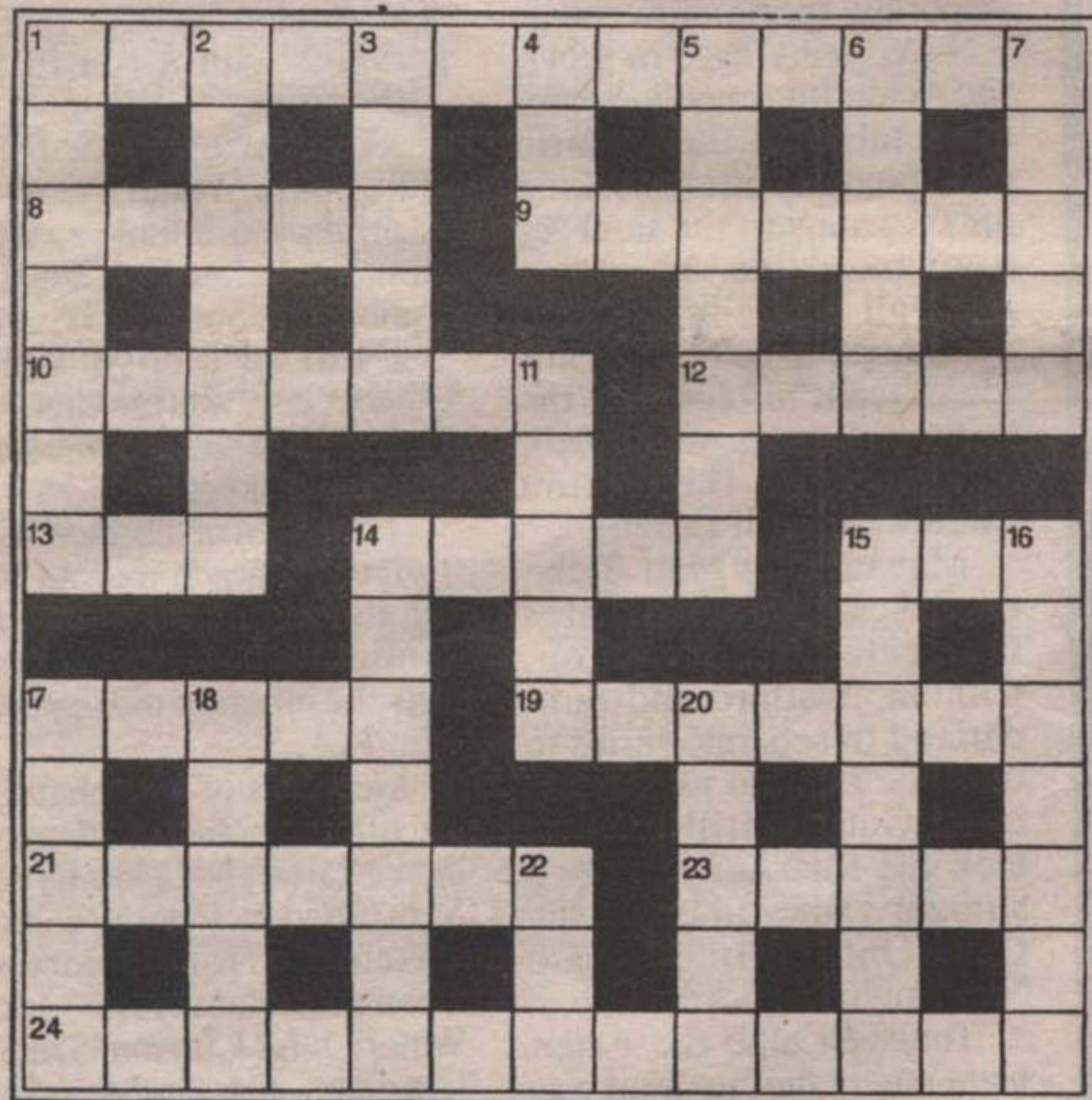
First, Paul Nolan. Paul had he guts and commitment to try and make a small town newspaper work in Acton and Georgetown. Although the business failed, Paul didn't. (He doesn't even get an "R") His business succumbed to ailments common to small businesses. Under-capitalization, too much work, too few hours and cash flow. I, for one, wish him much success in the future. Paul, you have my gratitude and admiration.

Secondly, I want to thank Ted Tyler and his team for giving us back our hometown newspaper.

Many folks told me that they missed the coverage of our own paper. If you, like me, want to see it continue then buy something from our advertisers. Tell advertisers you saw their ads.

The success or "R" of this venture is in your hands. Actually, in your wallets or purses.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Scholarly Spanish noble at seat of learning?
8. Milk store aboard a rudderless ship
9. Antigen yielding blue plant...
10. ...and a green one the French spray around
12. Strangely uneven?
13. The eggs of a fish
14. Tied to a limit
15. Stand down the group!
17. A goddess in a succession of TV shows, we hear!
19. The sticky stuff around the island is grape-sugar
21. Gain advantage from DHSS payment
23. It would be well worth having the alien go after the donkey
24. Holds the lady's purse at arm's length

CLUES DOWN

1. He forcibly seizes the hapless pursuer
2. Give nominal backing to warrant
3. Loner comes round to join the club (eng.)
4. Drop down as in the unfinished legend
5. Multiplied decimally!
6. Having all water drained away
7. Burn's posy mistress in France
11. Guy on a wild trip is lacking maturity
14. One of Snow White's modest little friends
15. The Godfather's promoter?
16. Point that marks the end of the trunk
17. Cuts into square blocks
18. Musical piece for extravagant donor
20. Old city Sal came across in the mountains
21. Draw a line between two notes

- ACROSS
1. University don 8. Udder 9. Gentian 10. Parsley 12. Oddly 13. Roe
 14. Bound 15. Set 17. Ceres 19. Glucose 21. Benefit 23. Asset
 24. Shoulder strap
- DOWN
1. Unrper 2. Indorse 3. Entral 4. Sng 5. Tntfold 6. Dnted 7. Nancy
 11. Young 14. Bushful 15. Sponsor 16. Treetop 17. Cubes 18. Rondo
 20. Urals 22. The