

# Presidential pecadillos? Pass!

August is a very busy month for "The Bride" and I. Our company participates in several trade shows which keeps us hopping. This week's column was written in advance because of business commitments. If the topic seems less than timely, now you know why.

## The Way I See It

with Mike O'Leary



about something else."

In these days of sexual excess no one seems to be surprised that men and women in positions of power have sexual flings with others looking to be part of that power base. I'm not sure that being so blasé about the behaviour of our elected officials is such a good thing.

Now I like to think of myself as a pretty cosmopolitan type of guy. I've been to Hamilton and such. The fact that other people live pretty racy lifestyles doesn't surprise me. Makes me jealous maybe, but I'm not surprised. I guess, though, that I'm just old fashioned enough to think that the leaders of major countries should be, as the saying goes, more virtuous than Caesar's wife.

Having the population accept that these same leaders are now trying to seduce Caesar's wife into a threesome is no great stride in social evolution as far as I'm concerned.

I believe Clinton is as randy as a billygoat. I believe he used his position to initiate sexual contacts with these women. Should he be impeached for it? Probably not. I don't remember anything in the oath of office that says he has to honour his marriage vows.

By the same token, I don't think he should be accorded the substantial popularity he is enjoying. The president is often shown exiting a church with the Bible in one hand and wife Hilary in the other. At the same time, he's boffing half the female staffers in the White House. To me, this makes his a charlatan. I don't think frauds should be admired. If the man can't honour his vow before God, to his wife; how or why

would Americans think he would honour his vow when he took office? If you can't trust him then why do people admire him?

Believe me, I'm being neither simplistic nor moralistic. I know other presidents have engaged in the old horizontal mambo. But that doesn't make lying about it right. At least the others had the good grace to keep the lid on their affairs.

I couldn't fathom why the various militant women's organizations weren't going after the guy's cajones. Other men have had their careers ruined for much less. If he was president of G.M. he'd be toast.

Recently I heard a "prominent" spokesperson for a big women's organization who may have given me my answer. She said she'd have given Clinton oral sex just because he was so pro-abortion. I'll bet Hilary thought that was just dandy. But maybe that's why none of the feminist groups have condemned him, if so, it's a pretty sad state of affairs. (No pun intended.)

I just hope it's over soon. I'm sick of Starr, sick of the endless speculation and sick of Clinton. I'm sure you are, too.

Just in case any of you are worried that this sort of thing is going on in Ottawa - you can relax. Prime Minister Chretien is an honourable man. Madame Chretien strikes me as the old fashioned type as opposed to the "with it" style of Hilary Clinton. If Jean stepped out of line he might find the famous Inuit statue in an uncomfortable place.

Besides, I heard an unconfirmed rumour that Mr. Chretien is so determined to do a fantastic job as P.M. that he has voluntarily given up sex so he can devote all his energies to the task. What sacrifice. What dedication.

The rumour mill also has it that Mme. Chretien is encouraging him to seek another term.

Only in Canada - eh?

## "Our Survey Says..."

Do you think Halton Hills Council is looking after Acton's needs?



Yes, I think so. I've raised concerns to Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and she addressed them personally. I also think they should relocate the recycling igloos, maybe near the firehall.

Christine Koczka



Well, I'm new to Acton but my general opinion is Acton has a high crime rate. There is lots of garbage and vandalism. Council should help out more.

Connie Schroll



Yes, I think they've always worked hard. Norm (Elliott) and Rick (Bonnette) have a great track record and a heart for Acton. Clark (Somerville) has stepped well into Gerald's (Rennie) shoes.

Tom Cullen



I don't think they care.

Nadia Connor

This week's New Tanner survey by Angela Tyler

## GRAPEVINE



### Veggie answers

The New Tanner has already received answers to last week's zucchini question.

One of the answers came from Karin Brozic who said she had a variety of yellow zucchinis growing in her garden last year that were as good as the green variety.

### Hear ye, hear ye

A meeting has been called for this Sunday for those interested in helping save the old Acton Arena.

The meeting will take place on the steps of the Town Hall on Willow Street at 1 p.m. For further information you can contact our office, 853-0051.

### Doing the limbo

Acton Home Hardwares plans to build on the service station beside the Churchill Road Fire Station are in limbo until council finds time to deal with the proposed site plan. Val Manes of the Acton store said it's frustrating because it looks like nothing is going on (at the former service station).

## Last chance for seats

The Acton Proud Campaign has just five seats left for the New Acton Arena and Community Centre. Seats are \$200 each and payment can be made with post dated cheques. Don't miss your chance to be part of this beautiful facility with a personalized message of your choice on an arena seat. A great idea for remembering a loved one, commemorating your sports team, recognizing your organization or just being generous. Please call Diane Butler at 873-2601, ext. 261 before they are gone.

### Baseball Camp: August 10 to 14

Located at Acton's scenic Prospect Park, participants of this camp will learn the ins and outs of running bases and fly balls. Guest speakers, batting cages and a trip to a Blue Jays game will be offered to challenge both new and experience players from 1st base to home plate.

For camp information contact the Recreation and Park's Program Information Hotline @ 873-2600, ext. 275.



FILL 'ER UP: Lorraine Hollywell owner of Lorraine's Place opened for business Saturday. The old fashioned coffee shop on Mill Street serves coffee, homemade light lunches and has a pool table. - Angela Tyler photo

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- 2) Building facade and/or attractive window display

#### Category C: Rural

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