

OPINION

Difference-makers

Scanning the pages of last Thursday's *Independent & Free Press* it was difficult not to be impressed by the number of stories in which individuals and businesses had acted to make a difference in the community.

Halton Police, acting on information by area landowners (as well as that provided by low-flying patrol aircraft), seized close to \$1 million worth of marijuana at 14 different outdoor grow operations in Halton. One of those operations was on Eighth Line where close to 100 plants were found, ready to be harvested, in a cornfield.

In what could only be described as a horrific scene, more than 100 cats were found living in a house on Steeles Avenue. The tip was called in anonymously and Oakville Milton Humane Society staff have spent the days since removing the felines and treating and caring for them. The OMHS has also been deluged with calls from the public wanting to foster or adopt the animals even though "we are weeks away from that possibility" said shelter spokesperson Brenda Dushko.

The Chamber of Commerce announced its Business Achievement Award winners for 2013 and Georgetown's Canadian Tire was named Business of the Year, largely in part for its generous financial support to the Georgetown Hospital campaign, Stay Home and Play Arena campaign, JumpStart, Georgetown Bread Basket, Big Daddy Festival and Lions Santa Claus Parade. Congratulations also go to Employee of the Year Grant Harris, Entrepreneur of the Year Mike Carter of Carter Farm Market and Green Award winner BRC Canada.

Finally Ron Birrell— Acton's latest Citizen of the Year was honoured for his selfless contributions to the Town. It's difficult to name a group Birrell hasn't lent his hard work to over the years.

A community only betters itself when its citizens give of themselves or act in the interest of that community.

Halton Hills should consider itself fortunate.

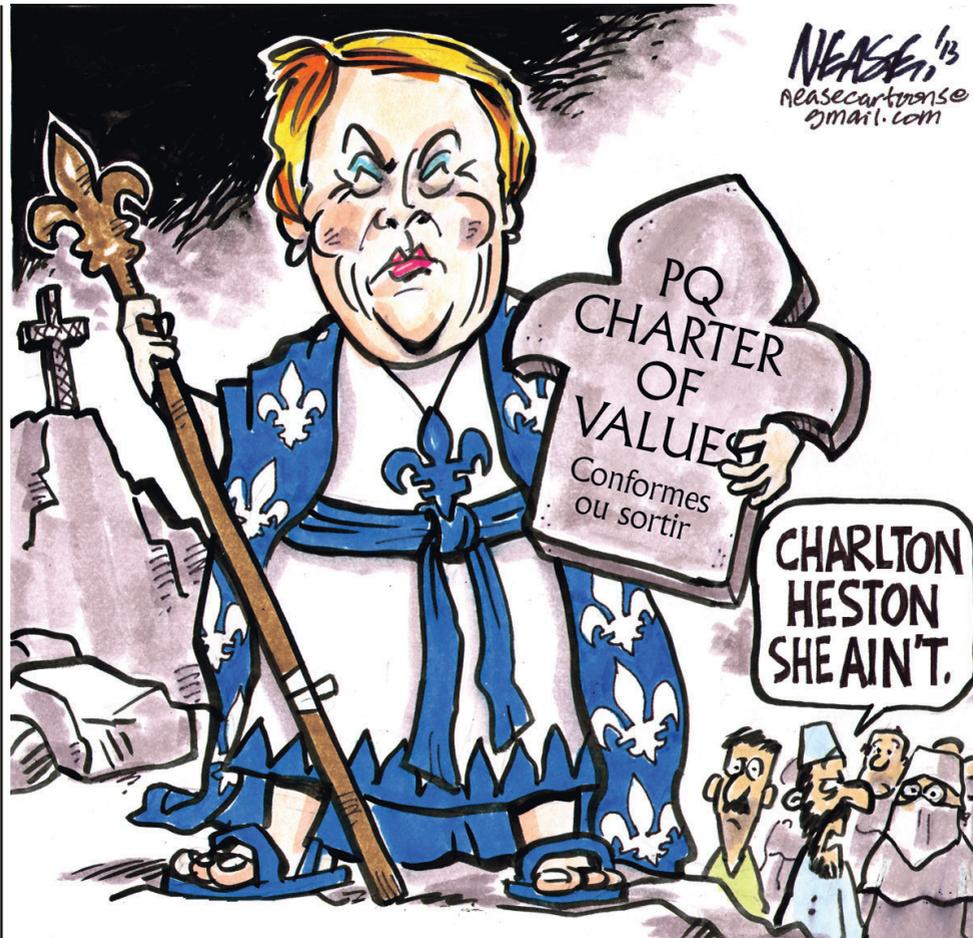
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Quebec has proposed a charter that would prohibit public employees from wearing visible religious symbols (i.e. turbans, hijabs and large crucifixes). Would you support such a charter in Ontario?

- Yes (59%)
- No (41%)

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Letters to the editor

Georgetown's great ... and here's why

Dear editor,

As I've said, I love Georgetown and in a short period of time my family has been given three more examples of what makes Georgetown great.

On the long weekend we had a last-minute change for our kids' birthday presents (twins) which left us scrambling to find a beanbag chair for our daughter (harder to find in a store than you would think).

Long story short, Dini & Co., a great store in our great town, jumped through hoops for us to have one brought in on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend. Thank you Dini, you made a girl very happy.

On the same weekend two young gents took time to alert my wife to the large volume of a fluid coming out of the rear corner of our van. Thankfully all was well but the gesture was appreciated. Thank you, young gents.

The third example involved my young nephews who have just moved to town this summer. The Saturday of

the Georgetown Fall Fair my nephews were on their bikes were they both ended up wiping out badly on the wet pavement. My youngest nephew suffered a serious gash that required a hospital visit and a bunch of stitches.

Some kind Georgetownians stopped and stayed with the boys until their dad arrived and then gave the boys and their dad an escort to the hospital as the dad was uncertain of its location. The people of Georgetown are what make this town the best place to live.

Brian Magee, Georgetown

Wires a Town concern?

Dear editor,

Re: Resident frustrated by wire-clipping trucks (Aug. 29).

Commercial vehicles have a fixed height of 13'-6". Anything more requires a permit. Wires/branches in an area where commercial vehicles legally travel should be at plus-13'-6". It should be the Town's responsibility to maintain that safe passage condition.

Perhaps the Town's insurance company, and NOT those of the private individuals, should be assuming this liability.

Ian Bassil, Georgetown

Superstore was super

Dear editor,

As committee members of the Halton Hills Minor Football Association's Business Development team who organized the North Halton Crimson Tide concessions, we express our appreciation to the Georgetown Superstore for its outstanding support to ensure another very successful season. Thank you to Mark Sheddan and all of the Superstore staff who went above and beyond.

Like all volunteer organizations we rely on community and parent support. Thank you to the Mayberry family who tirelessly worked to ensure our concession stand was ready to roll each game.

Ashley Mancuso and Jill Buckles,
 Georgetown

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