

ABC plans

Giant checkers game for Lakeview parkette

Acton residents will be able to play checkers on a huge checker board overlooking Fairy Lake by the spring, thanks to the Acton Beautification Committee (ABC).

Deborah Sankey, a landscape architect, who also sits on the committee explained that a permanent checkerboard on the ground at one of the two parkettes on the north side of Fairy Lake (dubbed Lakeview Park) will provide entertainment to senior citizens living in the nearby apartments, and also to the general public.

Through generous contributions from the Acton Lions Club, park benches were installed on the strip of parkland parallel with Elizabeth Drive. Flowers have been planted in the area with Julie Conroy, of the committee, and area neighbours watering them each day.

Sankey said upon designing the area, she left room for passive areas and play areas keeping in mind the view from the apartments.

Through a survey of the senior citizens, Sankey discovered the area residents would enjoy a giant checkerboard made out of interlocking stones.

Terry Gaines, of Uniock in Georgetown was approached by Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, and donated all the stones for the board. The ABC must decide what to use for checkers.

Sankey explained the committee wants to make the checkers as vandal-proof as possible, and at the same time, produce the "perfect checker." The piece has to be light enough for an elderly person to lift, yet heavy enough so the wind can't blow them away.

While the checkers will be kept at the seniors' apartment building across the road, everyone is welcome to use them. A small shopping cart will be used to transport the checkers from one place to another.

The committee also needs a donation of gravel for under the checkerboard, before actual construction can commence.

Sankey pointed out that as the parkette takes shape, the committee can boast that very little taxpayers' money has been put into the utilization of space that has been dormant for years. Everything has been donated by interested citizens she said.

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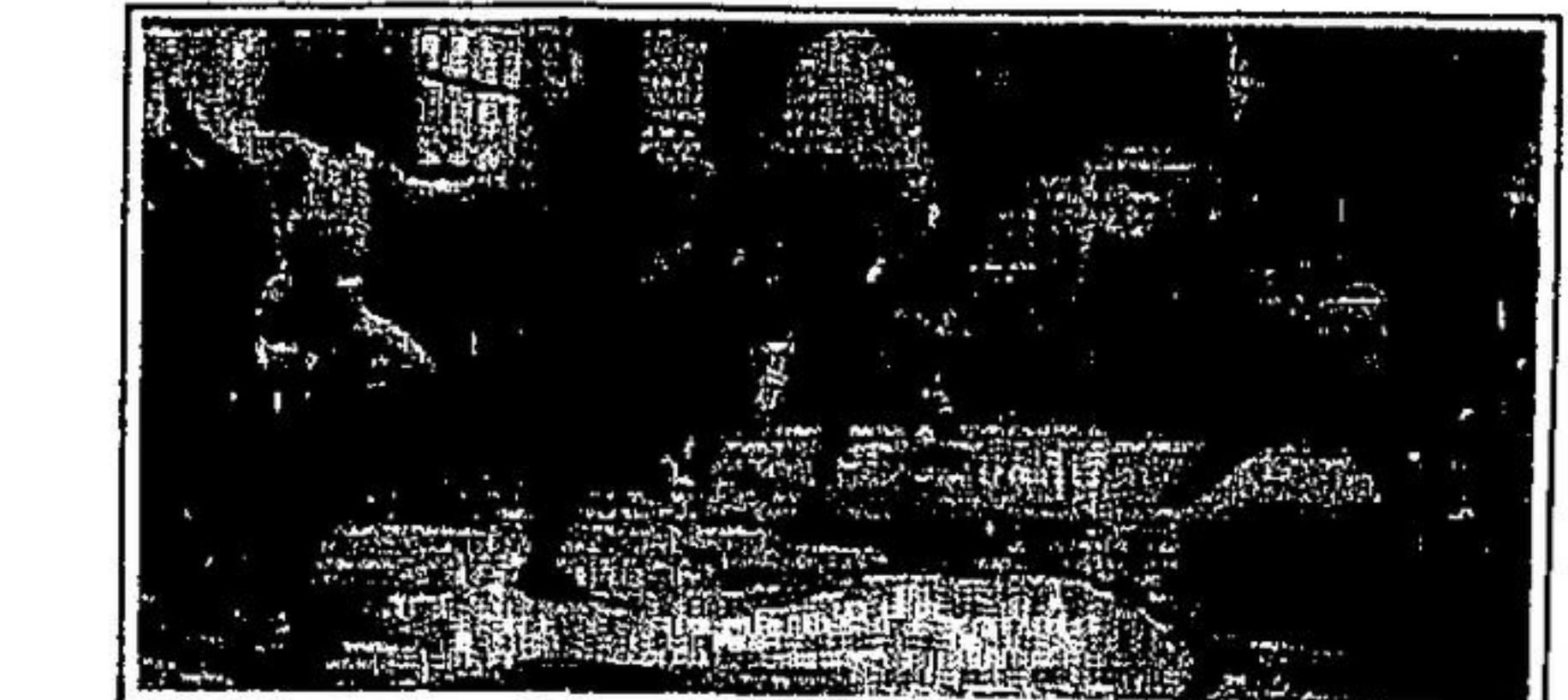
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Wrong number

A typographical error in last week's story about the Terry Fox Fun Run contributions may have caused some confusion.

The story explained how Acton had pledged over \$10,000 for the Marathon of Hope Run, but only about two per cent of the money had been handed in. The article continued that monies collected can be dropped off at any bank in town, or organizer Gord Auly will be glad to pick the money up personally. However, his telephone number was incorrectly reported. It should be said 853-3323, not the 878 exchange.

Remembrance Day parade, service Nov. 8

Planning for Remembrance Day on Sunday November 8 is underway.

Monday Halton Hills council, like dozens of organizations in the community, receive a letter from Acton Legion, Branch 197, to again participate in Remembrance Day.

The parade to the cenotaph will form up at the Post Office at 10:15 a.m. and the parade will start at 10:30 a.m.

Council also agreed to again print the program for Remembrance Day and declared November 4 to 11 Poppy Week.

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Contest is on to name Hide House restaurant

A contest is being held to name the smorgasbord restaurant now being built in the olde Hide House. The name the olde Tannery has been selected for the restaurant by the owners, Norsemen Dining Lounges, but it has now been decided other names should be considered. Don Dawkins said there was both negative and positive reactions to the name the olde Tannery. There was a concern strangers coming into town and asking directions from local people to the Tannery would end up at Beardmore instead of the Hide House. Name confusion was a distinct possibility. The owners haven't been able to come up with an alternate name so their asking the community to help out.

Entries can be made at the Hide House between now and November 2. The entry form is contained in an advertisement in today's paper. The prize for the selected name is a \$50 Hide House gift certificate. There's no problem in changing the Tannery name since it was only being used officially for the liquor licence application and can be revised.

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