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## No party hostility after Grossman win

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

The hostility between the candidates in the January provincial Progressive Conservative leadership convention wasn't there at the weekend convention, an observer said.

Pam Sheldon, a Larry Grossman supporter, although she had no vote at this convention, said the hostility of the last leadership meeting, in which Frank Miller was elected, wasn't there this time around. Mrs. Sheldon was a voting delegate at that convention.

"This time, it was a sense of, 'It's settled, finally. We've made a decision and we're on our way back to recovery,'" she told The Herald Monday. "I didn't sense the hostility of the



PAM SHELDON



LARRY GROSSMAN

last time."

The gracious defeat speech by second runner-up Dennis Timbrell was lauded by Mrs. Sheldon.

"Timbrell summed it up terrifically

when he said, 'Let no one in this hall harbor any resentment. I don't. You shouldn't,'" the observer said.

She said when the results of the second and final ballot showed Larry Grossman's win by a 15 vote lead, "Unity Now buttons" were immediately planned on by Timbrell supporters.

There were other differences, also, at this weekend convention. Held in the Toronto Convention Centre downtown, the locale was much more pleasant than last January's convention in the CNE Coliseum building.

"You weren't so grimy and there were decent washrooms and restaurants," Mrs. Sheldon said of this weekend's facilities.

The most important difference, according to Mrs. Sheldon, was the different atmosphere in the convention hall this time around.

"Last time, in my estimation, there was an awful lot of hype. This time, there seemed to be a real sense of purpose, and more substance," she said, noting delegates were talking more in terms of issues than personality.

Keeping after the delegates to support Mr. Grossman, Mrs. Sheldon said she was pleased to deliver eight of 10 Halton-Burlington votes for her candidate. "Some of them we got right there at the last minute."

The tightness of the second ballot had been predicted by Grossman pollsters who calculated a 15 to 25 vote margin of win for the first Jewish leader of the party.

"I had been optimistic he would win, but those last 10 minutes...I just fell apart," Mrs. Sheldon admitted.

She said she was pleased to see the solid, well thought-out decisions candidates were making at this convention, not being on the January high of knowing they were the government. As a Grossman supporter, Mrs. Sheldon had tried to put delegates in Halton-Burlington who'd be Grossman supporters also, she said. She also worked on the delegates, keeping them faithful to her candidate, all the way to the convention floor.

"I think he's a smart man and he's very capable of governing," Mrs. Sheldon said of Mr. Grossman. "Now, I think we will see extremely good opposition government and with the next election, the Tory government back in power."

Asked if she thought the slim victory would create party divisions and lead to a resignation as did the last convention less than a year ago, Mrs. Sheldon replied, "Absolutely not, absolutely not."

"I still say the people never got to know who Frank Miller was. He's a very competent, caring man. It didn't work," she concluded.



### ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS ...

It's not the rock group Nyons but they're in the same business. These are four members of the Knox Presbyterian Church Choir who are practising for their Christmas concert called "The Sounds of Christmas". The concert directed by Dale Wood and with organ accompaniment by Fred Numan

is Nov. 30 and 31. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at Oxbow Books, from church members or by calling 877-7785. Seen here are (left to right) Ian Oldaker, Terry Hallett, Rennie Van Dyke and Doug Cole. (Herald photo)

### IN THE HILLS

#### United Way night

The Board of Directors of the United Way of Halton Hills are hosting an information night Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Optimist Hall on Highway 7 near 22nd Sideroad.

In an open letter to organizations the directors say "we encourage you to come to our information night to find out how you can be a more supportive member of our community and help us all to receive the care and support we need within our own community."

#### Toy drive in gear

Christmas wouldn't be the same without presents for young children, opened under the watchful, smiling eyes of parents.

To make sure every child in town has a toy under their tree Dec. 25, the annual Kinetite toy drive has begun. Chairperson Joanne Stiles is ready to receive donations from the Community. New, or almost new toys would be appreciated.

Anyone wishing to contribute may drop toys off at four locations around town: Johnson Real Estate, The Herald, Georgetown Post Office or Mrs. Stiles (25 Heather Court). For more information call 877-0722.

#### Region election

A new regional chairman is to be elected Nov. 27 by regional councillors. Last week, Burlington Councillor Joan Little said she would be bringing the matter up for voting at this first meeting of the new council.

The position of regional chairman is one determined by the regional councillors and not by the general public. Current chairman, Peter Pomeroy, has indicated his intention to hold onto his post.

#### Diaster collection

Stores in Acton are being supplied with containers by the Acton Red Cross to collect donations for volcano victims in Colombia. Residents are urged to drop off their donations into these containers and if a receipt is desired to include their name and address with the donation. Residents can also send donations to Fritz de Haann of 26 Mulberry Place in Acton.

#### Holly Days

Dec. 12, 13 and 14 were declared Holly Days for the Halton Lung Association by town councillors Monday night.

Volunteers about town will be offering fresh holly in exchange for contributions to the Association. Last year, over \$3,400 was raised this way, helping the Association to extend health programs into Halton Hills.

The Association is working to fight lung disease through prevention, detection and treatment. Lung disease is one of the largest causes of absenteeism in Canada.

#### Santa in Acton

Santa Claus is returning to Halton Hills to be in his second parade in two weeks. The Acton Santa Claus parade begins Saturday at 1 p.m.

The parade starts at McKenzie-Smith Public School, travels down Mill to Main Street and ends on River Street where the Old Acton Free Press once was. If you or your organization still wants to be in the parade call Scotty McCristall at 853-1315.

#### Anti-drinking award

An annual award is being instituted by the town's anti-drinking and driving committee. At a recent meeting, the committee decided to present a certificate of recognition to any person(s) or organization that assists or supports the endeavours of the committee.

## Hilton decides against recount

Ward 2 town council candidate Ted Hilton, who lost by 18 votes, announced Monday he won't be asking for a recount, although he had originally intended to do so.

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Sergeant said the decision not to lodge a formal appeal for a judicial recount was made after much thought.

Candidates Peter Norton and Joe Hewitt won the two local council seats in Ward 2 Nov. 12.

"Although I believe I have the legal grounds to apply for the recount, the effect on Halton Hills would, in my opinion, be counter-productive," Mr. Hilton said. "Joe Hewitt would not be able to fully perform his duties as a member of our council until after the judicial inquiry was completed (which could take a few months), which would mean that council would not be able to utilize all council members as they should."

"Not only that, but the cost of such an appeal could be very high and the judge could rule that the town pay these costs. I do not wish to place these burdens on the Town of Halton Hills," Mr. Hilton said.

An appeal for a recount isn't automatic when the vote is close, as it was in the case of Mr. Hilton and Mr. Hewitt. An affidavit must be submitted to a District Court Judge stating the grounds for requesting one.

Noting the poll-by-poll breakdown of election results indicated he had the support in all areas of the riding except Hornby, Norval and Stewarttown.

## Unhappy MARA calls town plan 'smoke, mirrors'

Changes made to the town's Official Plan by Halton region last week were called "smoke and mirrors" by members of the Mountainview Road and Area Ratepayers Association (MARA).

Dissatisfied, the Association has written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking that the Georgetown Secondary Plans be referred to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

"We're saying we take exception to this, and want to meet with the town and region and members of the OMB to see if it (our concerns) can't be resolved without going to an OMB hearing," Association president Brian Mann said Friday afternoon, at a press conference he'd called in his home.

"If we can't be reasonably assured that the town is going to look after our request to maintain the road (Mountainview) as it is, we have the services of a lawyer," he added.

Association member Tom Hewer said the group doesn't want to take the matter to an OMB hearing if at all possible, preferring to resolve the matter through negotiations.

Stressing the Association isn't opposed to development south of Hungry Hollow, Mr. Mann said it

merely wants to know how the extra traffic, that will be created with the additional population, is to be handled.

"It's not the developer we're fighting, it's the design (of the development)," Mr. Mann said. "We know there's going to be a problem. We want to force the issue now."

His group wants to know what solutions the town and region have up their sleeve to deal with this additional traffic along Mountainview Road.

"I haven't heard anybody say we'll move the high density buildings (away from Mountainview) or the traffic," Mr. Mann said. "I'm not prepared to wait until the traffic goes to 1,400 vehicles per hour to look at solutions. We're asking for meaningful discussions where we can talk about what are the alternatives now."

MARA doesn't accept the recent amendment to the Official Plan, which maintains a 30 meters right of way on Mountainview Road, although it calls it a step in the right direction.

Mr. Mann pointed out the fact another lane can be accommodated within that 30 meters right of way makes his group feel less secure about the future of their road. The region will

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## Roland invents his way to Bulgaria

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
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Being among some of the best and brightest in the inventing world can have its rewards.

Roland Knight's robotic computerized arm design won him a trip to Bulgaria.

The Georgetown teenager was among 4,000 inventors from 72 countries attending the Exhibition of Young Inventors in Bulgaria.

The first-year University of Waterloo computer engineering student travelled behind the Iron Curtain with pictures of his creation. Most inventors had their work with them, but the Canadian government would not let Roland take his, he said.

What he made, which so impressed the science world, was a robotic computerized arm designed to identify objects and pick them up. The invention is unique because it is inexpensive compared to similar devices. A digital camera that can identify objects (not in great detail) reduces costs, Roland said. The camera costs \$40.

This May, Roland won first in the computer technology category of the annual Canada-Wide Science Fair; he also won best in the show award. That performance made him eligible for the

trip to Bulgaria, and gave him media exposure on CBC, NBC, The Toronto Star and Saturday Night.

Of the over 4,000 displays in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Roland said, "Overall I was not that impressed." There were different stages of technology exhibited, representative of the different countries, he explained. "Most of the Russian exhibits were mechanical with industrial applications," he said. "There was a barbecue from Africa and a device to screen in lights from another country. I guess it was something they needed in their country," he said.

His own invention used current technology, "the latest thing," he said. Rather than viewing the latest inventions of the world, Roland found walking about Plovdiv more interesting. He



toured the old part of the city and the surrounding mountains.

His two days in Rome were the most enjoyable part of the trip. "The people in Bulgaria were not all that friendly," he said. Because his travel papers which allowed him in, around, and out of the country, were lost by his hotel, Roland thought he might have to stay in Bulgaria longer than he wanted.

After a few phone calls at the airport, the Bulgarians bent their rules for Roland. For a person who is described by friends and family as "laid back" Roland received a small scare in Bulgaria.

Roland is back at Waterloo now, occupied with the unglamorous task of catching up on his work. Although school has never posed a major problem to him, he finds Waterloo challenging. The Milton High School graduate went through the five-year program in four and had a 96 per cent average in Grade 13.

Roland's father is a mechanical engineer for Atomic Energy of Canada and his mother has a degree in physics and math. Alan Knight is Roland's only and older brother, by 20 years. He is a mechanic in Milton for the Racer's Edge.

The Knight's home is on the Fifth Line. In a search for the best school for their son, who had an understanding of electricity by age 2, they chose Centennial Public School, Mrs. Knight said. He started out in Pineview.

At Centennial in Grade 8, Roland was introduced to computers. Since

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### BIGGEST IN MY COLLECTION

Now that he's been fire chief for a day, six-year old Paul Farmer of Georgetown wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up. Last Wednesday, fire department staff picked him up from George Kennedy Public School in the fire truck, to the envy of his peers. "It's bumpy and noisy," the youngster said of the ride, organized for fire prevention week with the sponsorship of McDonald's Restaurants. (Herald photo)