

Citizens' forum

Obituary corrections made by mom

Dear Sir,
Thank you for the article in last week's paper concerning the death of our son, Rob Ferguson. We appreciate the intent behind the article, but would like to correct several inaccuracies.

Spot needs shelter from winter winds

Dear Sir,
It is a sad and unacceptable fact that every year thousands of dogs suffer through long and harsh Canadian winters with inadequate shelter or no shelter at all. These dogs cannot obtain shelter and are forced to endure terrible weather conditions. Tremendous cold spells, vicious blizzards and freezing rain can prove fatal for even the hardiest of dogs. Most of us would not even consider being out in these elements, even for a short period of time, so how can we expect dogs to live in these conditions? What kind of existence is this anyway?

While winter emphasizes the need for adequate shelter, "outdoor" dogs also need adequate housing the rest of the year to protect them from the intense heat of the sun as well as the rain. Under the Criminal Code of Canada all dogs are, by law, required to have "adequate" shelter. A doghouse should be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around and stretch out comfortably to the fullest extent of its limbs. It should be insulated, have an interior windbreak, exterior door flap and be elevated 6 inches off the ground, facing away from the prevailing winds. These are the minimum standards the Ontario Humane Society has set regarding a doghouse.

Realizing that not all dogs are "indoor" dogs, the Ontario Humane Society has published a pamphlet detailing how to construct an "ideal" doghouse. The

pamphlet, "Ideal Doghouse for Ontario's Outdoor Dogs", provides the dog owner with all the necessary information to construct a "custom fit" doghouse that will,

if constructed properly, provide an outdoor dog with good shelter. Copies of this pamphlet can be obtained by simply contacting the

Ontario Humane Society at: 620 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 4V8.

Sincerely,
N. Glenn Perrett,
Director, Humane Education
Ontario Humane Society

Rob was 22 years of age and had, in fact, been accepted at York University, but chose to postpone attending university in order to take a life skills course for the handicapped at Humber College. Having commenced this course it was, unfortunately, interrupted by major surgery.

Your description of Rob's medical problem was completely inaccurate. The nature of the illness was so complex that it is too difficult to explain in detail.

Rob leaves three brothers, Barry, Howard and Lee, and a wealth of friends who admired and respected the courage with which he faced each day.

Yours very truly,
Edna and Jack Ferguson,
McIntyre Crescent, Georgetown

Hamper helpers and donors thanked

Dear Sir,
The Christmas Hamper Committee, consisting of The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Lakeside Chapter IOOE and the Rotary Club, all of Acton, wish to express our sincere thanks to the schools, churches, various groups and individuals who generously donated cash, food, toys and many useful items to our work.

With the help of all these people we were able to assist about 90 needy families in Acton, Rockwood and Georgetown areas.

We'd also like to thank the Good Neighbors, Georgetown and the Rockwood Lions for their support. We've learned that it takes many people working together to meet the needs of our communities and it's only the thoughtfulness of caring people that make it all possible.

Yours very truly,
Wilson Perrin,
Captain,
The Salvation Army
Acton Citadel

Series sold out

Dear Sir,
The Super Sunday Series of family entertainment has come to a close for another year. We were sold out well in advance, so many thanks go to Georgetown Fabrics and Penicillworth for helping with the ticket sales.

And we thank our patrons, the people of Halton Hills, who have always appreciated our performances and have made this season such a resounding success. Look for our exciting new series for 1987-88.

Yours truly,
Carol L. Russell,
University Women's Club
of Georgetown

Free skating

Dear Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank two service clubs in our community who provided a valuable service this past holiday season.

The Acton Rotary Club and the Optimist Club of Georgetown sponsored over 40 hours of free skating at our three arenas. In total over 2,000 residents took advantage of this generous opportunity.

These clubs have pledged to sponsor these free skates on all upcoming school P.A. days as well as the March Break.

On behalf of the residents of Halton Hills and the Recreation and Parks Department thank you for your continuous support and for the contributions you make to our community.

Sincerely,
Joy Thompson,
Superintendent of
Recreation Services

Bowl for Millions

Dear Sir,
Each year in February our Big Brother agency holds its major fundraising drive Bowl for Millions. For the first time in many years, we are asking for your support in helping us raise money. Would you or one of your staff bowl in Bowl for Millions or, better yet, enter a team and challenge another company in Halton to see which can raise the most money

for us? Our need for your support is very great for 1987 as United Way and our other sources of funds will not cover the cost of our operation (even with a successful Bowl for Millions we are projecting a deficit). Without a magnificent effort in our bowling event, we will have to reduce service to Little Brothers in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills just at a time when we have expanded (we recently incorporated the activities of the Georgetown and Acton agency into our organization for Oakville and Milton and we are now called Big Brothers of Halton Inc.).

In Bowl for Millions in February 1987, we will have the support of 5-pin league bowlers plus hundreds of celebrity bowlers (anyone who likes to bowl). You or your team would bowl as a celebrity at Georgetown Bowl, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.

You are in good company in bowling in Bowl for Millions. Tremendous numbers of people have bowled or sponsored bowlers in previous years (upwards of 400 bowlers each year receive pledges from over 4,000 sponsors - that's about 4 per cent of all the people that live in our communities).

It will really help our record keeping and make organization simpler if we know in advance the name, address, phone number and postal code of every bowler that is going to participate. Could I ask that you call our office and let us know at which lane you would like to bowl. Should we not be in, please leave a message on the telephone.

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details but, if not, we hope to hear from you at our office. We look forward with anticipation to your support in February 1987.

Yours truly,
Bowl for Millions Committee,
Bob Decker

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