

## Bang-O-Rama attracts huge crowds

French Fries were the order of the day during the Optimist Club of Georgetown sponsored Bang-O-Rama this past holiday weekend at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Calling this year's event the most successful in the last five years, Optimist Club President Sandy Booth pointed out "we sold all our drinks and we went through 1,800 pounds of potatoes for French Fries."

Approximately 10,000 people attended the 15th Annual celebration. Mr. Booth attributed the event's success "to good weather and lots of attractions."

Mr. Booth said some of the new and popular events were the Kings National Baton Twirling team, a local trick cyclist group known as the Bad Guys. "The Bad Guys drew a lot of attention," said Mr. Booth. So much, he added that the Bad Guys along with the baton twirlers and the Lincoln Leapers - world jump rope champions - will all be invited back next year.

This year's event grossed approximately \$40,000, but Mr. Booth couldn't say what the net amount will be.

"The event isn't held to make a profit so much as it is to allow the club to give something back to the community," he said. "Any profit will be put back into the community," said Mr. Booth.

As for the events grand finale fire work display, the "biggest fireworks ever," he added.

## Libertarians elect Cox

The Libertarian Party of Canada elected Hilliard Cox of Caledon, Ontario, as their new deputy leader on Sunday. The election concluded a two-day party strategy conference held in Mississauga on the weekend.

Floor votes and mail-in ballots from across Canada gave him a better than two-to-one majority on the first ballot against contender Neal Ford of Montreal.



Hilliard Cox

Commenting on increasing voter interest in smaller parties, Cox noted, "...Canadians have had enough of big government and the heavy tax burden usually creates more problems than it solves, and they are looking to smaller parties for better ideas. They'll have to be very careful, however, not to support a smaller version of the very thing they are trying to get rid of - government controlling their lives with a heavy tax load to pay for it! We must ensure voters are aware the Libertarian Party is based on principles that work to ensure minimum government interference in people's lives."

The party conference was shown the final draft of a new copyrighted publication, "Choices For A Better Canada." The 40 page booklet outlines steps a Libertarian government would take to deal with many of the issues Canadians are concerned about. Taxation, violent crime, parole, bilingualism, multiculturalism, and government spending are among the more than 30 topics discussed.

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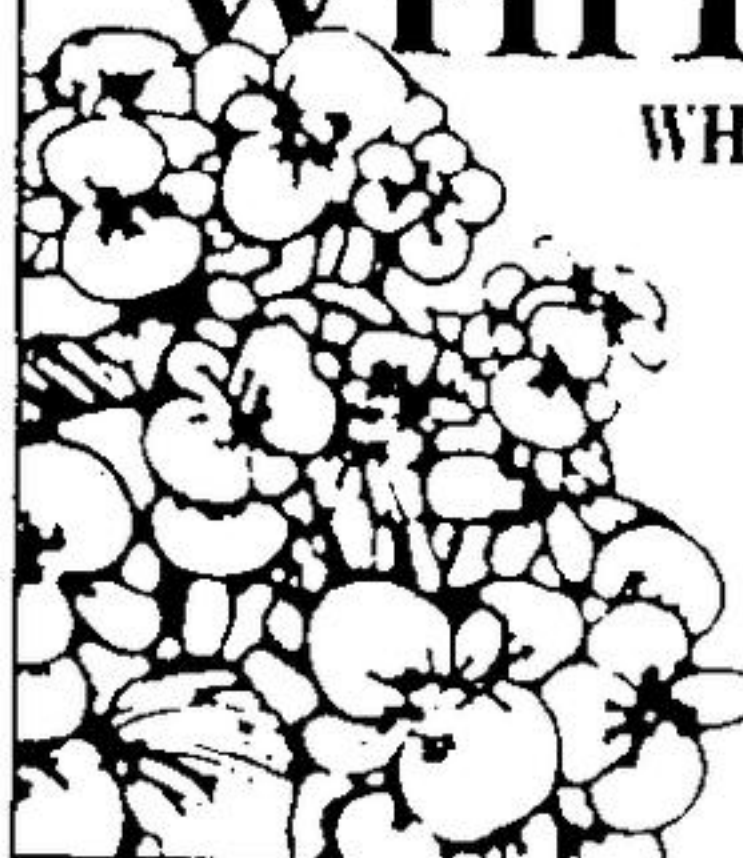
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