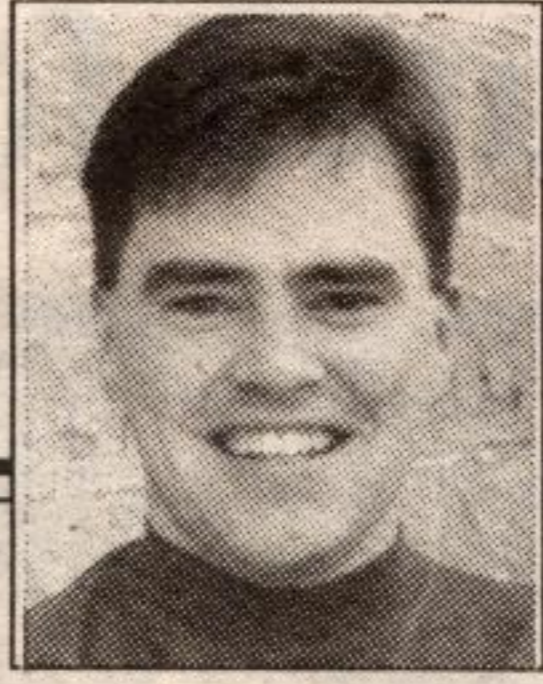


EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



Accountability is the issue

As the federal election campaign moves along, I have to say the most positive aspect so far is the sense that our elected leader will actually be held accountable for deficit reduction.

Reform Party leader Preston Manning, who continues to make a lot of sense, said last week that Prime Minister Kim Campbell was partly right to admit that unemployment might not drop below 10 per cent until the next century.

After all, it's a dose of reality we all should be prepared to swallow.

The Reform Party has proposed massive cuts in government's size and spending. Manning also has offered a plan to eliminate the deficit in three years.

Campbell pledges to eliminate the deficit in five years. Now, because Manning won't be forming our next government on Parliament Hill, we won't get a chance to see his plan work. But Campbell stands a good chance of continuing her reign, so we all should be very interested in her blueprint for economic renewal.

The very fact that potential-PMs are offering deficit-elimination *deadlines* is a step in the right direction. But it will be up to us to hold them accountable.

Once again, the Acton Agricultural Society must be congratulated for staging a fantastic Fall Fair. This year's installment, the 80th, surely was one of the best.

Dry weather and big crowds combined with all the midway attractions, farm animals, craft displays and "muscle-machines" to create the perfect fall fair atmosphere.

To fair president George Henderson and everyone else who made the weekend what it was — THANKS!

We had some welcome visitors here in our offices as the summer wrapped up — two groups of campers from the Rec. and Parks Department's McKenzie-Smith group came by to see the inner workings of their hometown newspaper.

Supervisor Kris Goodfellow arranged the visit, which was a real eye-opener for both our staff and the local campers. Most of the youngsters already were avid *Tanner* readers, recounting how their names had appeared in the paper at one time or another, for one reason or another.

Thanks for coming by, gang, and we'll see you again next year!



TOY FUN: Robert Little students Ashley Stinson, left, and Ashley Killick, both 9, had fun playing with the Aqua-Play toy at the Fall Fair's Education Day on Friday. The toy teaches kids how the lock system works. (Doug Harrison photo)



ANOTHER WEEKEND AT THE ACTON FALL FAIR

LETTERS

Thank you to Deacons

To the Editor,

Recently your paper carried an article on Acton's Community Gardens. Thank you for your interest.

The 14 people having a garden this year were an enthusiastic group and did a lot of hard work to produce a good crop of vegetables.

This project was the result of work and co-operation from interested people who made it happen.

As your article stated the garden was a joint venture by the Acton Horticultural Society and the Acton FoodShare. The Deacons of the Acton Christian Reformed Church also helped with the gardens. It was probably just an oversight, but they were not included in the article and it would not have been possible without their help and muscle power.

Continued success with your paper. *The Acton Tanner* gives Acton identity.

Joan Waldie, Acton

Turner set stage

To the Editor,

Garth Turner has now set the stage to resolve the remaining obstructions in the path of Acton's much-needed growth. By clarifying and, in fact, correcting the "record" on the Minister of Fisheries' actual position on the relevant sections of the Fisheries Act, Turner has provided the Town and Region with the assurances they require to proceed with the development process.

The ball is now firmly in the court of our municipal governments, who must also stare down the ludicrous theories and threats from the "special interest" groups and act on their oft-stated commitments to finally end Acton's 20-year development freeze.

After six months of increasing confusion and inter-governmental bickering over this issue, let's hope that this initiative by Garth Turner will resolve this silly stand-off once and for all.

Steve Dawkins, Acton

Turner betrayed trust

The following text is taken from a letter sent Sept. 18 to MP Garth Turner and submitted to *The Acton Tanner* as a Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am in receipt of your letter sent to me this week, "thanking me for my advice and support," also "my help and friendship." Have you got me confused with someone else?

I did support you five years ago because I, like so many others, believed you when you said you would fight the GST. I agreed with you when you said "it was a dangerous and backward step that would raise our taxes and threaten the economy." Well Mr. Turner, I guess you were right back then, because our economy is very surely threatened in many ways.

You betrayed me and many others.
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