New mayor 'keen' on Acton issues

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going to be mayor," Elliott said in an interview at the Civic Centre.

"Marilyn has a strong desire to meld an effective council and it was a source of great content for me to hear all of the mayoralty candidates say they are supportive of the Acton arena and Acton development issues," Elliott said.

"Marilyn has indicated that she is keenly interested in resolving the Acton issues, and believe me, we will hold her to it."

Councillor Gerald Rennie said he will have no trouble working with mayor-elect Serjeantson.

"She has shown an interest in Acton issues and I am sure Marilyn will continue to do so in the future," Rennie said yesterday.

Rick Bonnette praised Serjeantson for her willingness to listen.and said he was confident the new

council would work effectively.

Bonnette, who trounced challenger Jean Hilborn, polling 1,528 votes to her 348 votes, said the outcome of the Acton Regional seat vote was a clear message.

"Acton voters were not prepared for an American-style election campaign that included a lot of unsubstantiated allegations and general negative approach," Bonnette said yesterday.

The cliff-hanger race of the night was for the two Ward 2 seats where there could be a re-count request to determine who will represent rural Acton and Georgetown. Incumbents Rob Heaton and Kathy Gastle were both re-elected with 1,201 votes each.

Challenger Kevin Kuiack, who had the lead several times during the night, lost by just 23 votes.

Ward 2 Regional councillor Bill

Robson had no trouble getting reelected, along with incumbent Anne Currie and newcomer Moya Johnson for area seats.

Newcomers John Day and Molly Monahan were elected as Ward 3 Regional councillors and in Ward 4, incumbent Al Cook easily defeated three challengers for the Regional Seat. Ron Chatten was acclaimed as local councillor.

Irene McCauley, chair of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board, was re-elected as the English trustee for Halton Hills and Halton Board of Ed. trustee Dick Howitt had no trouble reclaiming his Wards 3 and 4 seat.

Acton trustee Dave Whiting, chair of the Halton Board, sat this election out after being acclaimed to another term.

Former mayor Russ Miller is not leaving entirely — he defeated veteran hydro commissioner Bill Smith for the Ward 4 hydro seat.

The new council will be sworn in on Monday, Dec. 5.

Santa here Saturday

Children of all ages are on their best behaviour this week, as Santa Claus makes his annual trek to the streets of Acton Saturday afternoon at 1 pm.

The Santa Claus Parade, staged by Acton's volunteer fire fighters, will march from McKenzie-Smith school to the Public Library.

Fire fighters installed the BIA's new holiday decorations downtown last weekend, so it really is beginning to look like Christmas.

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Acton arsonist sought by police

Police in Acton are seeking clues to the identity of an arsonist and they need your help to close the case.

Late in the evening of Sunday, Oct. 30, volunteer firefighters were called to a car fire at John and Agnes Streets. While they extinguished that blaze, a second car was torched on Commerce Crescent.

It was apparent to firefighters an accelerant was used to ignite both vehicles, which were completely destroyed.

Occurrences such as these have the potential to injure passers-by and our friends who volunteer to help make our community safe.

If you think you may know who is responsible for these fires, give Crime Stoppers a call. If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

You need not give your name, and your information can be treated with complete anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display. Call 1-800-668-5151.

Assault on Rosemary Road

A 45-year-old Rosemary Road woman was punched in the face by her daughter's boyfriend as she returned home at 1 am on Saturday morning.

The boyfriend, 25, also lives in the Rosemary Road residence. He was charged with assault, arrested and held for a bail hearing Monday.

Crime Stoppers expands service

Crime Stoppers is reaching out to more of the Halton community — as of this month, the organization will be able to take anonymous information on crime in 140 languages.

The civilian volunteer board of directors has contracted with AT&T in the United States for translation services. As Sgt. Rod Cliffe explains, "our community has become more diverse, and there may be people who are not comfortable communicating in English.

"These same people may have information to offer that could assist in solving crime, recovering stolen property and seizing drugs, and may wish to convey that information anonymously.'

The translation service will be offered from 9 am through 4 pm on weekdays. The process will involve a "conference call" between the Crime Stoppers caller, office staff and an interpreter, all on the line at the same time.

Acton residents can reach Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are going to continue working for a population of 10,000 in Acton. We are still going to work for the arena, which I presume we will start building in the spring."

- Marilyn Serjeantson, mayor-elect, Front Page

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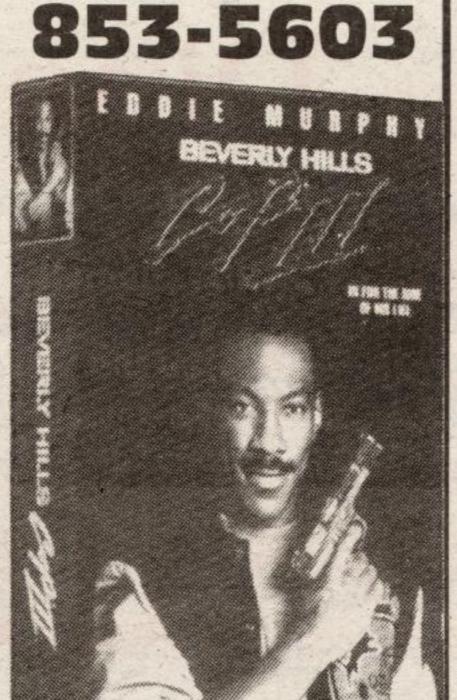
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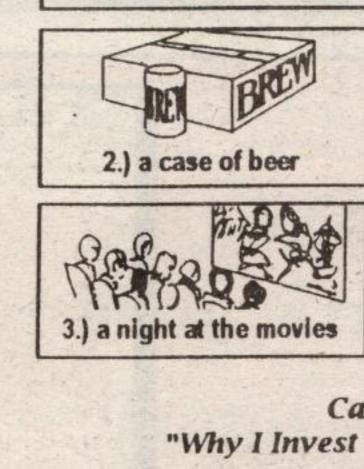
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