



WINNER OF THE VICTORIAN GARDEN, Josee Tillett takes a moment from Sunday's Horticulture Society's Garden Tour. Josee has spent three years filling her garden with flowers, trinkets and fountains. —Angela Tyler photo

LETTERS

Save arena with work bee

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial about the old arena doomed by cost!

It seems hard to believe that the arena needs \$665,000 worth of repairs when we just used it last winter. Or did they open the arena and put *all our lives in jeopardy* because someone forgot to put a penalty clause in the paperwork on building our new arena?

Would it not seem sensible to take the \$120,000 put aside for demolition and

\$80,000 from the Acton Agricultural Society for a total of \$200,000, put that towards the supplies, organize an *old fashioned work bee* and restore our arena? Maybe even local contractors can come in and get us a better estimate for the repairs.

Since we have so much demand for ice time that our local skaters are going to have to go out of town to play hockey or figure skate, would it not be feasible to have an extra arena to accommodate Acton's needs, just like they

saved the old Georgetown Memorial Arena. It is still up and running 25 years later! Or does Mr. Stover just want the arena to be torn down!

It is very sad that a few people can control the destiny of a town's progress. Why is it that Acton always gets shafted? Maybe it's time that the Acton people did something about it. Well, what do you think Acton? Could we get enough people together for a work bee and keep our old arena?

Dolores Black

Acton Proud says 'thanks'

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Acton Proud Committee I wish to thank you and your editorial staff for the assistance you provided during our lengthy fundraising campaign for the Acton Arena. A commu-

nity newspaper is an invaluable partner in such an enterprise and we are well aware that *The New Tanner* played a critical role in raising local awareness.

Your paper has also been a primary vehicle for ac-

knowledging and thanking the many donors and so we wish to acknowledge and thank all of you for your work in making this fine facility possible.

Rick Bonnette, Chair, Acton Proud Committee

Election Act needs changes

To the Editor:

I read with interest the column by Mike O'Leary. I agree with him that politicians today are held in very low esteem. The causes of the current "malaise" are many. One of the most evident is that politicians are trying to "please most of the people." Why? Because otherwise they would not get elected. So we have become accustomed to politicians promising us everything we want to hear at election time and then changing their mind once they are in power.

Mike mentions "there is no easy way out of this morass." However, if we analyze the situation, we may come to the conclusion that the system is such that a politician (or political party) has to win, or all the votes do not count.

With our system, we are subject to majority swings from one party to another: what Mike calls, "fixed term

dictatorships," where backbenchers are not able to represent their constituents.

The system is rotten. This begets rotten politicians. It's about time we requested changes to the Election Act.

What to do? All democratic countries except Canada, the U.S., the U.K. and Australia, have adopted a mixed system, where a per-

centage of MPs is elected proportionally.

If we had a mixed system, every vote would count. Some outstanding politicians would be elected because of the support to their party across Ontario, thus not necessarily would they have to win in a riding to be elected.

Giuseppe Gori, Leader, Family Coalition Party of Ontario

HALTON HILLS CSI

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The meal consists of soup with crackers, an entrée, bread and dessert. A variety of meals are served and can be geared toward individual needs, likes and dislikes. The cost for each meal is \$3.50. For more information about the Meals on Wheels program please call Diane (Acton) at 853-3310 or Liz (Georgetown) at 873-6502.



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