

LETTERS

Plaudits to new mayor

To the Editor,

I wish to congratulate our new Mayor Kathy Gastle.

The people of Halton Hills have decided it was time for a change. Amen to that!

Well Kathy, the ball's in your court now. Please remember that Acton is in desperate need of someone who will bring some much needed new businesses here, and also give the young people a decent place to go for fun and recreation.

Granted, we do have a new arena, but unless you can afford to put your children in hockey, skating lessons, etc., etc., where does that leave the kids whose parents simply cannot afford to pay for these things?

I personally am tired of hearing Acton referred to as a "bedroom community."

Not everyone has the means to go shopping in Georgetown. You cannot buy clothing, shoes or many other necessities of life here. God bless our Salvation Army

Thrift Store. Without it there would be many people - adults and especially children without decent coats, shoes, boots to wear.

Kathy, it is time someone stepped up to the plate and get the "Powers that be" to bring these changes about.

I think you are that person otherwise mine and a lot of other Acton citizens' votes

were for naught.

In closing again, congratulations on your victory. Please bring about the changes that have been needed in this town for far too long.

Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday season, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Anne Bloye,
Acton

A big thank you

To the Editor,
ABIG THANK YOU!

The Acton Firefighters Association would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Parade the best one yet!

Know "R" Fund, Knights of Columbus, Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 97, Acton Home Hardware, Dan Dolliver, McNabb Graphics, Walker Lodge, Acton Rotary Club, Bank of Montreal, Art Ford, Holly Industries, Robt. Kells, Manitoulin, McIntyre Fuels,

Wm. Forlippa-Kitchener, Pioneer Hi-Bred Ltd., CIBC, Daughters of Knox, Acton Youth Bowling Council, Denny's Insurance, United Steelworkers-Local 603 ABTCO, Lakeview Convenience, Lois Turkosz, Bill Nellis, Blue Springs Remax-Dave Braida/Janis Garel, Tuitman's Garden Centre, Town of Halton Hills, The olde Hide House, The Judges, Nellis Construction, The Clowns, Acton Welding, The New Tanner, Superior Glove Works, The Independent Free Press, Acton Agricultural Society, Cogeco & Sandy French, Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Aux., St. Joseph's Women's League, GalvCast Manufacturing Inc., Godfathers Pizza - Acton Staff, Halton Hills Hydro, Acton Terminal Warehouse, Acton for Acton - Trunk Sale Committee, Acton IGA, The Float Entrants - WOW - what a job you did this year!

PRIZE WINNERS - First Over All - Robert Little School - \$100. First School - St. Joseph's - \$50. First Commercial - Maple Lodge - \$50. First Service Club - Kinsmen - \$50. First Other - BIA - \$50.

Without each and every one of you the parade would not be possible. Thank you for all your time, participation and donations.

Parade Date - 2001 - November 17. Parade Theme - 2001 - Nursery Rhyme Christmas.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Acton Firefighters
Association,
William Spielvogel,
Parade Chairman



PRESENTATIONS: Trunk Sale volunteers Angela Tyler and Jake Kuiken in back, present cheques from left to right: Janis Fread (Leathertown Festival), Max MacSween (Acton Horticultural Society), Bill Spielvogel (Acton Firefighters Assoc.), and George Elliott (Acton Citizens' Band) in a ceremony last Wednesday. - Ted Tyler photo

Early Yule cheer from Trunk Sale volunteers

The Acton Trunk Sale Volunteers were passing out cheques like candy last Wednesday to local organizations who have no other visible means of support. The money comes from the \$5 collected for every 12 by 20 foot parking spot during the trunk sale season.

Average attendance at the Saturday sales is estimated at 1,200 by the five 'amigos' who supervise the sale at the Mill and Eastern Avenue parking lot. The volunteers estimate over 20,000 people enjoyed the weekly trunk sale over the 20 week period from the 24th of May weekend until Thanksgiving, including

"two iguanas, 100 dogs and a pigeon."

Vendors from as far away as Owen Sound, Wasaga Beach, St. Catharines, Shelburne, Peterborough and Windsor as well as many local people filled the lot every Saturday. The money earned from parking goes to organizations who have no other source of income, spokesman Ted Tyler noted. Although they passed out \$4,000 in cheques last week they still have some to give to worthy organizations.

Among the recipients who weren't at the presentation was the Georgetown pipe band who have been con-

tracted to play at the trunk sale next year as well as Acton Citizens' Band.

A cheque for \$1,500 was presented to Bandmaster George Elliott for Acton Citizens' Band, \$1,000 went Max MacSween for the Acton Horticultural Society, \$500 to Janis Fread for the Leathertown Festival and \$400 to Bill Spielvogel for the Acton Firefighters' Association to help with the Santa Claus parade.

The Trunk Sale Volunteers include Jack Carpenter, who came up with the idea of having the weekly event, Jake Kuiken, George Hargrave, Angela Tyler and Ted Tyler.

Science of ballot counting

Dear Editor,

Regarding the election results in Florida, let us stay away from political partisanship or legal technicalities.

Let us look objectively at the process, which should be valid for any state.

Let us say that the machine initial count came up with a close result for a state: Let's say: party A: 45 per cent. Party B: 44 per cent.

Now Party B, a very close loser, wants a recount. If this is done by machine, for a specific county or for the whole

state, then the final tally should be virtually identical (or one would suspect fraud).

But if the recount is done by hand, and only on those counties where Party B is stronger than Party A, then the number of rejected ballots comes into play, especially if the percentage of rejected ballots is high, because many of the ballots rejected by the machine are accepted by hand.

Let's say that in Sunny County the results were favourable to Party B by a margin of 10 per cent.

Presumably then the ballots initially rejected by machine and accepted by a manual recount would proportionally be in favour of Party B by a margin of 10 per cent, which could mean enough votes for Party B to overcome Party A in the state cumulative total.

Of course, in the other

counties, where Party A must have won with a complementary margin of 10 per cent or more, the situation would be the opposite. You do not need to be a Computer Scientist (as I happen to be) to understand that.

The conclusion is:

You cannot pick and choose a particular country for a manual recount of rejected ballots. Either you do it for the whole state, or it is invalid. The validity of the whole election process depends on it.

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Please pass this message along to our friends in the U.S., with the hope that among the thousands of lawyers, scrutineers and judges involved with the recounts in Florida there may be a few that did not flunk Finite Mathematics 101.

ACTON CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2000

Applications for Christmas Hampers will be accepted at

The Salvation Army Family Services Office
120 Mill Street East, Acton

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| Tuesday, December 5th | 9:00 am - 12 noon |
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The
Georgetown Choral Society
and the
Georgetown Children's Chorus
present

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Celebrating Christmas 2000

at 8:00 P.M. on Friday December 8th, 2000
at the Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Ontario

Conductor
A. Dale Wood

Tickets: \$20.00 - Orchestra and Dress Circle, \$15.00 - Balcony
Available in Georgetown at - Bergsma's, Georgetown Marketplace
and The Freckled Lion, Main St.

This Concert is sponsored by Arts Alive

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