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2,000 ideas

A new century doesn't come around every year (just every 100) and the Town of Halton Hills wants to make sure that, together, local residents mark the occasion in a special way.

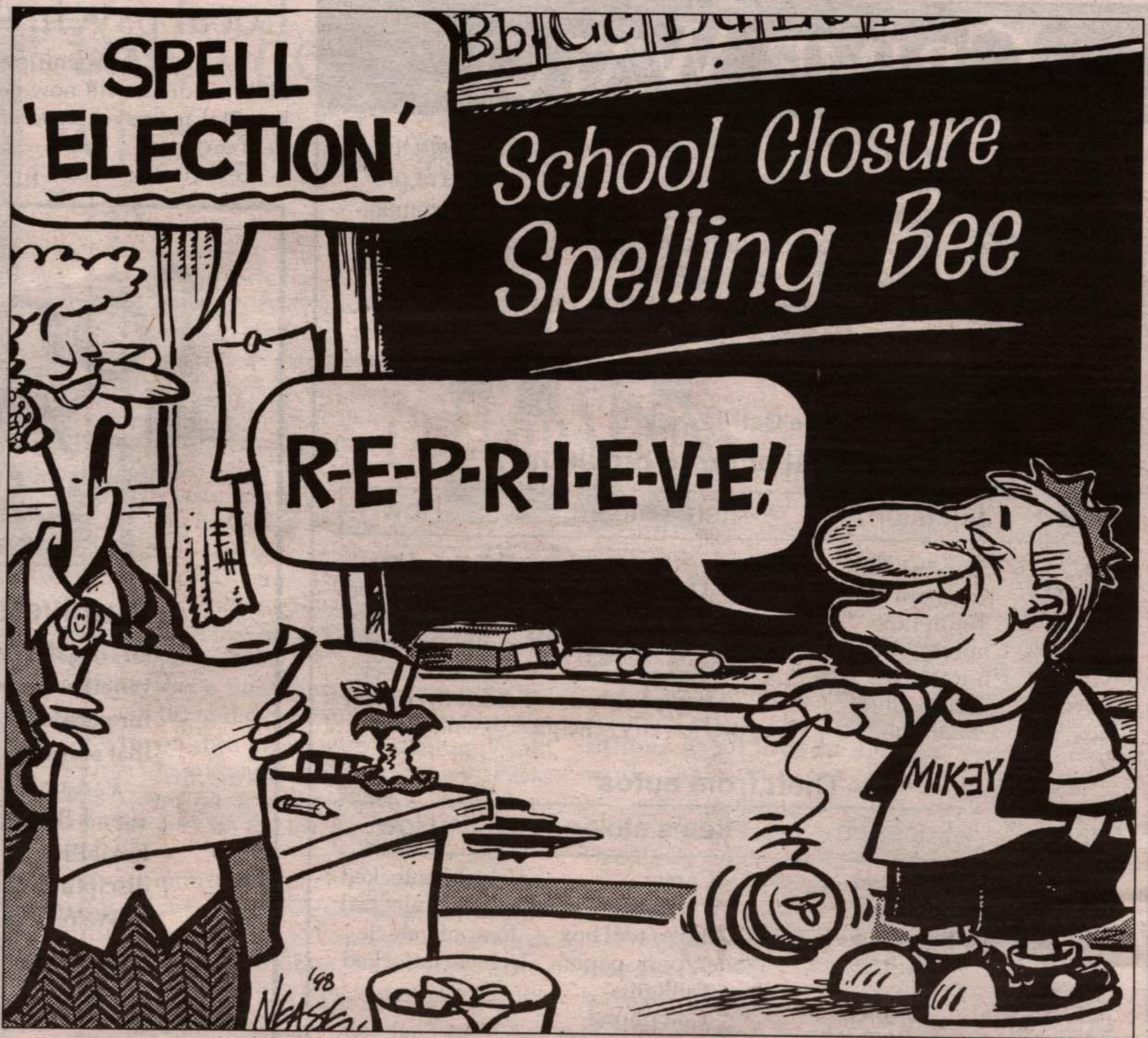
To that end, the town has formed a Millennium Committee that is encouraging residents, businesses and other organizations to mark the millennium in meaningful and creative ways such as family reunions, baseball tournaments, art festivals or any projects that involve the community.

The federal government has also offered three grants for not-for-profit organizations whose millennium projects involve exploring heritage, celebrating achievements, building towards the future, enhancing the environment or professional arts organizations that create works which will enhance collections, repertoires and public places. (For a complete list of deadlines and criteria see page 4).

The town's plan to celebrate the millennium is simple in that it hopes to have 2,000 events registered with the town. Among the events already planned are a reunion at Acton High School, a New Year's Eve bash in Glen Williams and the Remembrance Park rejuvenation project.

If you wish to register your event with the town just fill out a registration form at any municipal building or for more information call the Millennium Hotline at 873-2601 ext. 2000.

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Rally held to ensure public lands protected

Dear editor,
On Saturday, October 24, our family participated in a rally at Queen's Park. The rally was organized by Partnership for Public Lands. This rally was to make clear to Premier Mike Harris that he and his government need to keep their commitment to Ontarians, and ensure that 15-20 per cent of our land remains protected.

People were encouraged to bring their canoes and portage them along the sidewalks up to Queen's Park. It was quite a sight seeing all the canoes approach. The canoes were then laid out in the pattern of a pine tree and photos were taken by a helicopter. These photos were then going to go on the news wire and be viewed world-wide.

I hope that your paper will pick up this story from the news wire and inform Halton residents about this issue. We need to know! We need to write our MPPs and let them know how we feel about this issue.

Janice Welfare and family
Georgetown

Letter of the day

Parade traffic criticized

Dear editor,

As far as I am concerned Georgetown puts on a wonderful Santa Claus Parade. My family and I enjoy watching it and look forward to the following year's parade.

I had to write to say how upset I was to see the main flow of traffic tailgating Santa Claus' float. Obviously the police allowed the street to be opened to the traffic, or unthinking motorists took it upon themselves to proceed without thinking about the children still standing in the roadway waving to Santa Claus. This, after all, was what they had been waiting in the cold for.

Also, with such a large gathering of people, common sense would dictate that traffic should be halted a little longer to provide safe dispersing of the crowd. Wouldn't it be a tragedy to have an injury or a fatality at such a wonderful event.

Beth Wingfield, Georgetown

Arts Alive appreciates support of shows

Dear editor,

Arts Alive would like to thank the six companies who sponsored our Judy and David concerts on October 18. The Freckled Lion, Halton Commercial Printing, DDH Distribution Services, Georgetown Chrysler, Shoppers Drug Mart and Georgetown Terminal Warehouse made it possible for top-notch entertainers like Judy and David to come to town. More than 400 children and parents came out and had a great time due to your generosity.

Our October 16 Fall Follies production, with Gordie Tapp,

was a huge success for local seniors. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Alcatel, Arts Alive was able to put on the evening show.

We were absolutely thrilled with the coverage we received from The Independent & Free Press for both these events. It is always a risk for a volunteer group like Arts Alive to put on a show and hope it breaks even. Because of all of you, and the citizens of Halton Hills supporting us, we'll be sure to do it again soon.

Lois Fraser, Arts Alive

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