



Trevor Raymond's antique leather barber chair was one of the many items donated to the Devereaux House Auction, in aid of the Friends of Devereaux House. Raymond (right) and Guy Dorbek, a Friends of Devereaux House volunteer, applied an ample dose of elbow grease to the chair prior to Saturday's auction. Photo by Ted Brown

## Devereaux auction nets \$20,000

The preservation of Devereaux House is \$20,000 closer to reality following an auction and dinner in Acton Saturday.

Approximately 225 people attended the event at Acton Legion, hosted by the Friends of Devereaux House, a local group attempting to raise \$250,000 to preserve the house located on Trafalgar Rd. and owned by the Town of Halton Hills.

Nearly 400 donations of antique furniture, paintings, jewelry, gift certificates and new items came in for the auction chaired by Barb Skinner and Carol Lawson. So many items were received the group set out a silent auction, live auction and several raffles.

"The donations were incredible, from fine bone china vases to an unopened Beatles album and a pump organ," said Skinner.

She said the committee members spent weeks sorting, cataloguing and evaluating all the items that were donated.

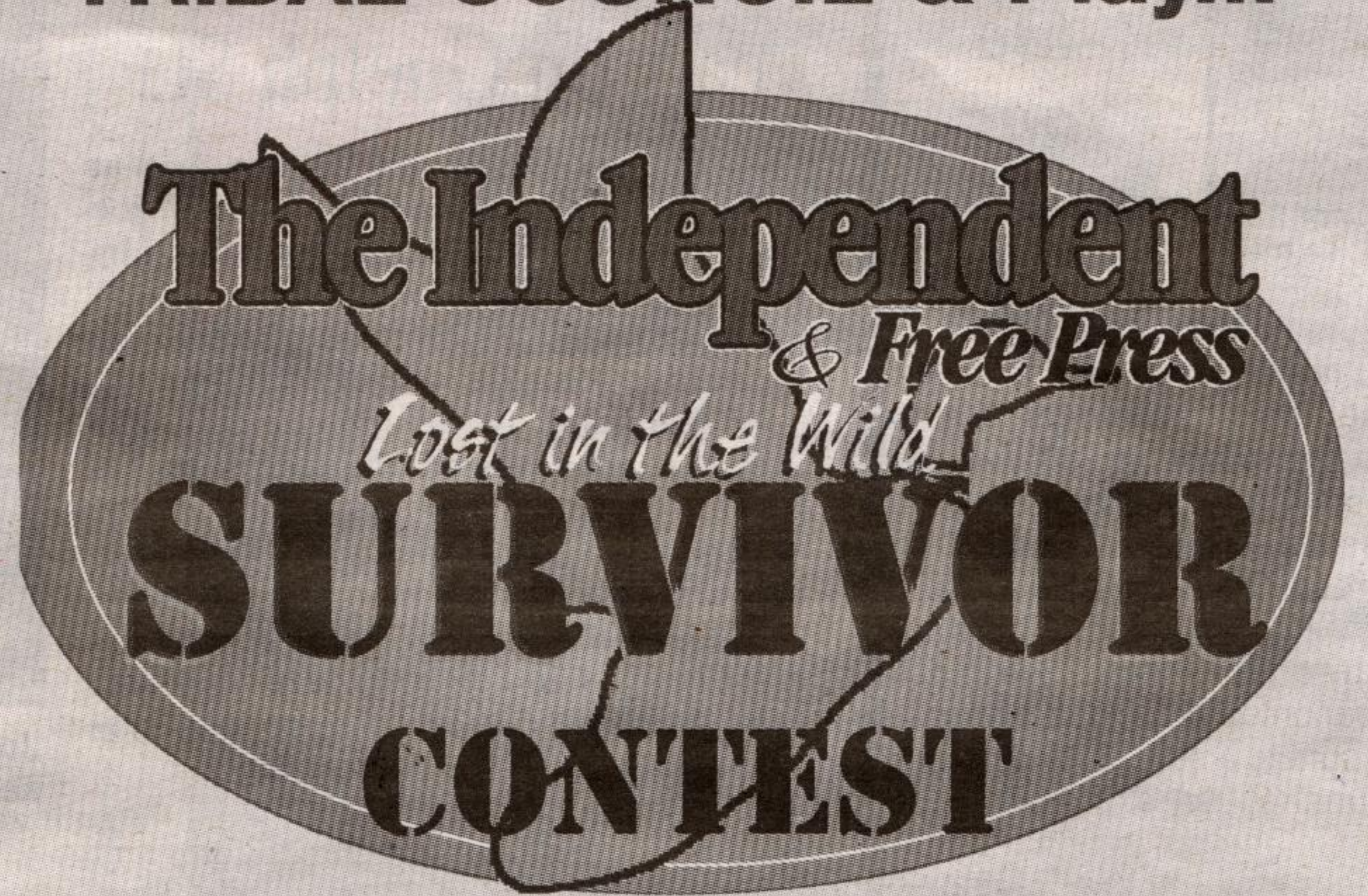
"People got some great items, and many were real bargains, and at the same time, the fund for the house is now growing," said Skinner.

Auctioneer Doug Donaldson, who donated his time, said he had never seen such a large charity auction.

Lawson said she feels people were happy to attend the auction and donate to the Devereaux cause because they feel it's important to preserve the area's historic buildings.

The former Devereaux farmlands adjacent to the house are to become playing fields, parkland and a municipal cemetery.

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