

LETTERS

# Condos aren't second class

Dear Editor:

I, not unlike Mr. Robin Smith, have recently moved to Georgetown, but apparently I am a second class citizen, since I am living in a beautiful condominium, called "The Sands", with a 50-foot indoor pool, a huge whirlpool, a sauna, an exercise room with the best equipment, and a tennis court yet to come. I have, over the years, purchased new homes from numerous builders, and would like to state that Mr. Zapet has provided far more than any other building I have dealt with in the past, and certainly more than I ever expected.

I, unlike Mr. Smith, who has been here for all of 15 months, cannot take credit for paying taxes in this town in the past. However, in checking the assessment, I find my taxes will be considerably higher than the majority of Maple Avenue residences.

When my wife passed away, I found it difficult to handle a big home by myself, and since moving into The Sands, have been happier than I have been in the last few years.

I have taken the time to check a few discrepancies in your paper regarding the Maple Avenue project, which I feel I should bring to your attention. First, I would like to know who stated the home on Maple Avenue was 120 years of age? Every record I have checked states it was built in 1918. Also, why was this home called the "Old Smith and Stone Staff House", when the records show that Smith and Stone only purchased it in 1944 and sold it in 1952?

The records, if people would take time to check, also state that the demolition permit on Maple Avenue was taken out by a Mr. William Yundt, from Acton, long before Mr. Zapet even knew the property was for sale. It is my understanding that the home was to be demolished by April 12th of this year, (even before Mr. Zapet owned it) and that the demolition permit was extended, on the possibility it could be moved to another lot on Maple Avenue, but the gentleman who wished to purchase it found the home was not worth saving.

If the residents of Maple Avenue stopped and looked at this home every day, it is beyond my comprehension that they did not see who stole the interior doors, the balcony, the trim, yes, and even the hardwood floors. I am sure they did not miss seeing people even steal the plants and trees in front of the home.

As reported by Mr. Smith in his letter of May 30 to your paper, "There has been a parade of private trucks and cars scavenging whatever they could..." My question to him is why such a concerned citizen did not report this.

I attended your B.I.G. show a few weeks ago, and was told by a Maple Ave. resident that "Condominiums are nice, but should not be in a nice part of town."

I resent the implication by some Maple Avenue residents, that if you live in a condominium, you are

## 'Condo crisis'

Dear Editor:

Re: your article on June 16, entitled "Halton May Face High Density Development", in which Peter Pomeroy was quoted as saying "A lot of people who object to this type of housing do so because of their own narrow needs."

While pondering this comment, I couldn't help but wonder how "broad" Mr. Pomeroy's needs would appear if he were to awaken one morning and be faced with a similar "Condo Crisis".

In my opinion, his needs, too, would begin to narrow if he found himself staring at a condominium proposal sign across the street from his "soon to be" newly renovated home on the tranquil Credit River; but does one's adverse reaction to such a proposal constitute "narrow needs?" I

think not!

Perhaps Mr. Pomeroy would think as "a lot of people" do who are simply aware of, and sensitive to the esthetics of their surroundings.

If condos must be a part of the town's future, then surely we as residents must assess our needs and attitudes toward such issues that will deface one of the remaining intact and charming corridors leading into the town of Georgetown.

Hopefully, some compromise can be reached (e.g. single family dwellings) that will enable any future high-density development to locate in the already affected east end area of our community.

Patricia A. McCauley, Georgetown.

## 'It seems a shame'

Editor's note: The following letter, addressed to Ian Keith, Halton Hill's Town Planning Director, was filed with the Herald for publication.

Dear Mr. Keith:

As a resident in the area of the proposed high density condominium development, I would like to voice my concern and objection to same and would like to add as well that:

- It seems a shame that the developer (and his local representative) are trying to change our town's Official Plan and if he were successful, to change an entire neighbourhood.

- It seems a shame that we may lose forever such a beautiful, scenic entrance to our town, via the Maple Ave. West route.

- It seems a shame that we have already seen the destruction of one

of Georgetown's original homes, The Smith and Stone home, to make way for this proposed complex.

- It seems a shame that many of the Maple trees lining Maple Avenue West may receive the axe, all for the sake of gain.

- It seems a shame that Mr. and Mrs. E. Ball (next door to the proposed complex) will no longer be able to enjoy their retirement years after having worked hard all their lives. It hardly seems fair to a former Citizen of the Year.

- It seems a shame that residents across the street and up Gardiner Drive who bought their homes in good faith under the assumption that the neighbourhood was zoned Residential 1 should now see the developers try and change the zoning to R4 (High Density).

It seems a shame that the beauty

## When is plan official?

Dear Sir:

Let me be very clear at the outset that my wife and I are not given to wild-eyed defense of causes nor do we normally make waves - but enough is enough!

For years as tax paying homeowners we have endured the stink of diesel fumes and the noise of roaring trucks at all hours of the day and night on Maple Avenue, this in the interest of shorter travel times and higher profits for the trucking industry.

Evidently this is not enough! Now we are faced with a further deterioration and destruction of what the real estate fraternity calls "the most desirable area of Georgetown" by the possibility of having a proposal for high-rise buildings considered on Maple Avenue.

When is an official plan official?

The proposal for high-rise buildings would require hearings, amendments to the zoning, lawyers, and countless hours of official and non-official discussion at taxpayers expense by those who are affected and those who have no interest in the proceedings other than profit.

When is this going to stop? A plan is a plan and zoning is intend-

ed as I understand it to protect the interests and property values of the people who pay the freight "the taxpayer".

The time is long overdue Georgetown for the mayor town council to take a hard look what has already happened, necessarily their fault, I hasten add.

A downtown that could be been so great (take a look Fergus and St. Jacob's) and what happened.

Our planning department created the disgusting messy tacky variety stores and plazas that stretch from one end town to the other all along Gu Street.

By giving into this kind misguided "Laissez-Faire" developer driven planning, we in danger of becoming the laughing stock of other more progressive areas. (Take a look at Burlington or Main Street in Woodbridge).

The plan put forward last by our Dominion Seed House - breath of fresh air in the bush planning for this area and I; that this kind of proposal be the norm.

However, it is going to require vigilance and concern Georgetown as "the place to live on the part of every citizen, the courage to stand up and counted when outside greed is driving force in our changing lifestyle. The control of our planning process by outside influence must end.

Respectfully yours,  
R.G. Se  
Georgetown.

of the North Halton Golf Club could be lost forever should this zoning take place.

In closing, Mr. Keith, I would ask you and our local council not to allow this change to happen.

Andrew H. Bowman  
Georgetown.

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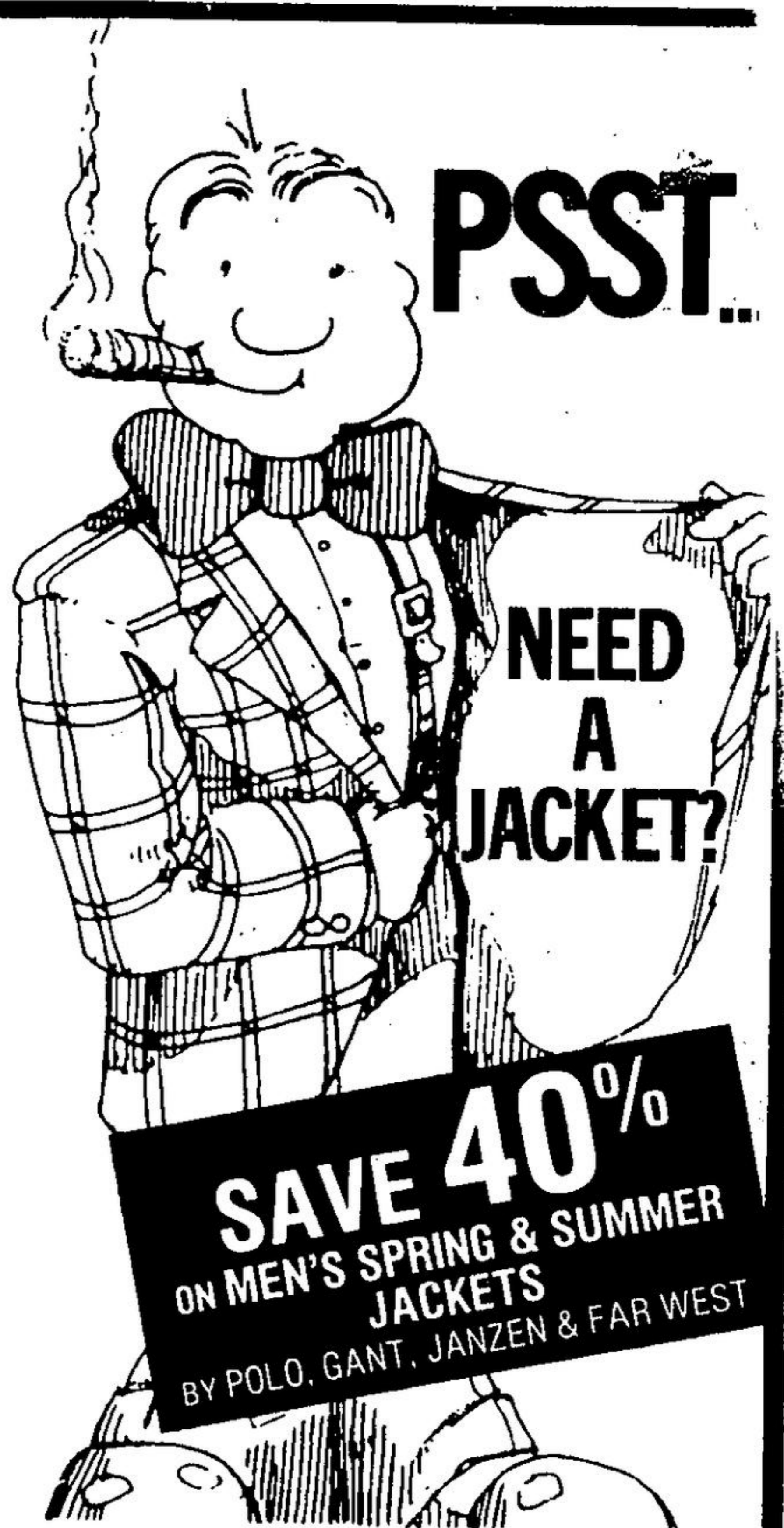
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