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Does anyone really care?

Does anybody really know what time it is in Halton Hills? Does anybody really care?

With all due respect to the musical group, and the individuals who penned and performed the song from which the above words are usurped, both interrogatives beg answers.

The time is rapidly approaching for municipal elections and basically, all we are hearing is the sounds of silence.

When one considers that just a short time ago the community of Halton Hills and, in turn, Town Council, appeared to be up to their boundaries with issues that supposedly needed to be addressed, the current silence is almost deafening.

Granted, the summer holiday season is upon us - even journalists are allowed their day in the sun - but surely issues that only recently demanded attention can't just be left to swing in a hammock of humidity.

These issues, including environmental concerns within our community; pro and anti development activists and up to and including tax hikes which affect all residents don't take summer holidays.

With municipal elections scheduled for November it is time for those seeking municipal-elected office to stand up and be counted, not only the above-mentioned issues but on any issue raised by concerned Halton Hills taxpayers.

Those to be elected in Halton Hills during the November municipal elections include; town mayor, town councillors, regional councillors, Board of Education Trustees and Halton Hills Hydro commissioners.

Some time ago, the Herald issued questionnaires to the current elected incumbents and as yet, we have had nary a reply.

The Municipal Elections Act is flawed in the sense that those seeking office only have to declare their intentions between Oct. 9 and Oct. 11 - barely a month prior to election time.

Yet prospective candidates, or even those weighing their options, can apply even now to solicit campaign contributions.

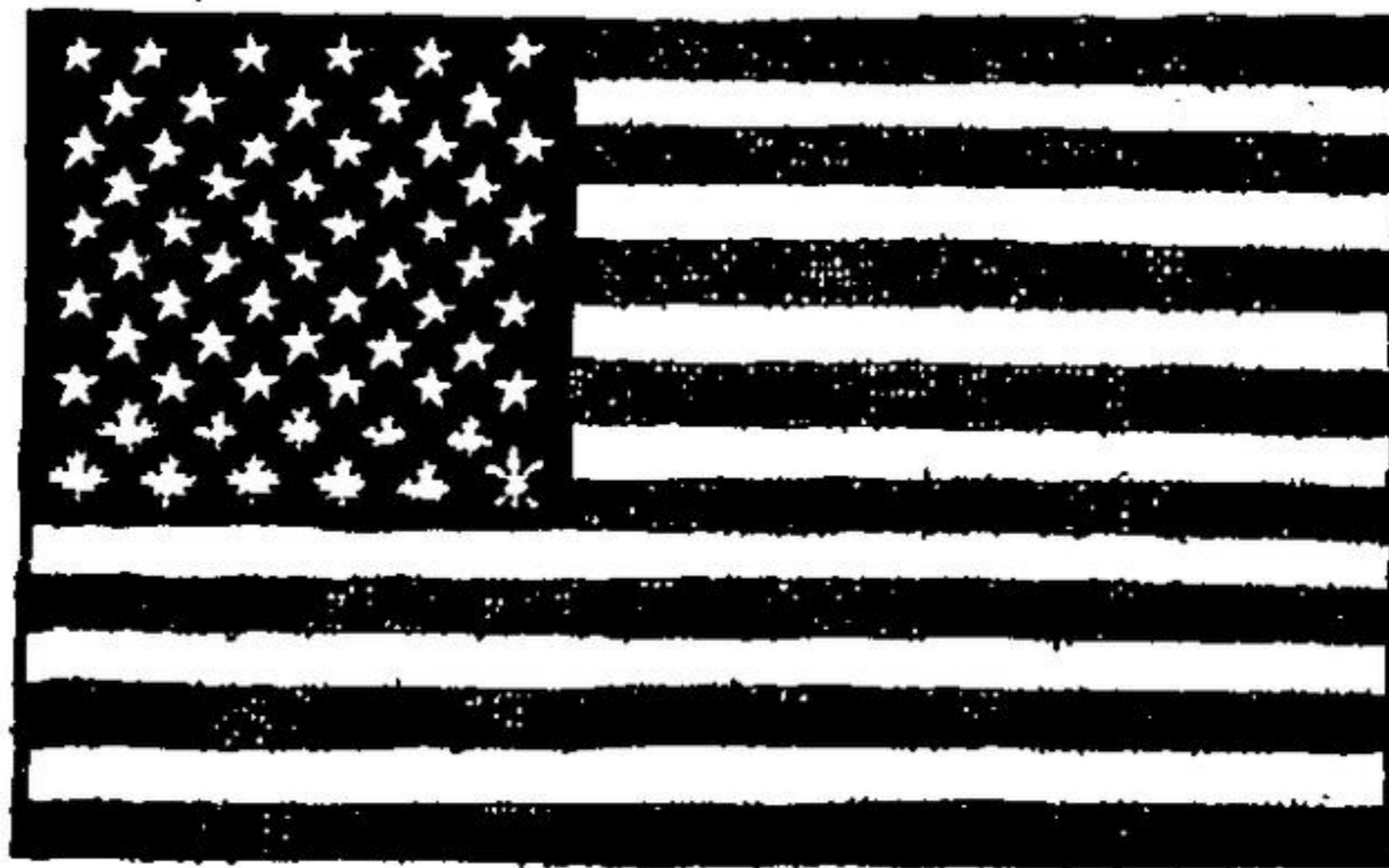
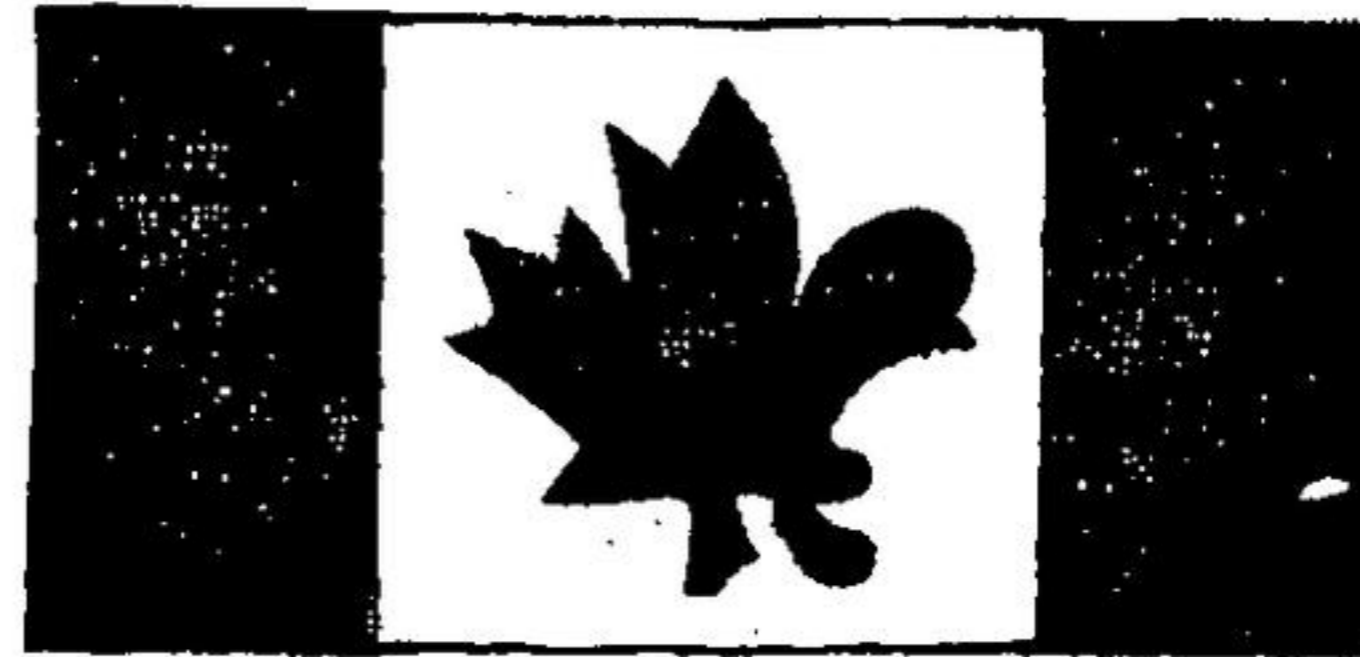
To date, only Arthur Trebbne has announced he will run in the municipal elections and Tom Politi has admitted to the Herald that while he hasn't definitely made up his mind about seeking office, he has filed to be able to solicit campaign contributions should he decide to throw his hat in the ring.

The Herald cares about what happens in our community and invites residents of Halton Hills to demonstrate just how much they care as well.

Write to the Herald with questions directed at any of the current elected municipal officials and we will confront them with your concerns and print both the question and reply - or the reason no reply was forthcoming.

It's our community. Important elections are upcoming. For the sake of the community, let's get involved.

... SAMPLES OF DISTINCTLY TERRIBLE FLAG DESIGNS ...



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International Pen Pals wanted

Dear Editor:

It is my great pleasure to write to you. I expect you will be pleased to accept my appeal regarding International Pen Pals for our school students and club members.

Today is it possible to reach into the hearts and homes of people in almost every country in the world. It is a unique and wonderful achievement to be able to learn how others live, to participate in their hobbies and interests and perhaps at a later date to exchange visits with them and to share the joy of real friendship.

The aim of "Seoul International Pen Pal Club" is to provide a channel of communication for all peoples, so that they can learn to understand, respect and live in harmony with each other. We have many students and club members who want to exchange letters and friendship with foreign peoples and they frequently request me to let them

Don't forget food bank

School has ended and the sun has been shining and shining. What more could we ask for?

Just a reminder that there are people in our communities that require the Food Banks. The need is great; on average for every five cases that are closed there are twenty-five new cases in Acton.

So, as we enjoy the summer perhaps we can give to the Food Banks. The Acton Food Share in particular is low on everything but especially on canned fruits and vegetables. Do you have a garden? Acton Food Share would gladly accept any of your extra vegetables or fruits (we have cold storage).

All foods are weighed in and out at the Food Banks; do you have a scale that could be used in the Acton Food Share?

Any donations; food, scales, money or your time as a volunteer would be appreciated.

Please support your local Food Bank. We thank those who have generously given to the Food Share in the past!

Have a safe and great summer!!
Acton Food Share
Arlene Martin
Volunteer.

have foreign pen pals. I am sure this would help not only their English and emotional life, but also expand their knowledge of foreign lands. Furthermore, I surely believe that this will stimulate and promote worldwide friendship as well as serving as a true foundation of world peace.

I feel it is necessary to publish this simple wish among yours. I courteously request you to run this letter in a corner of your valuable paper. The only information I need of a person is his or her name, address, sex, age, hobbies, and picture if possible. I

expect to receive many letters from your readers. Every applicant shall hear from a new Korean Pen Pal within 20 days and this service is absolutely free.

If you let me have the chance to do this for our students and club members I will appreciate it very much. Looking forward to hearing beautiful news. I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Joo In Ja,
Seoul International
Pen Pal Club,
C.P.O. Box 941,
Seoul 100 Korea.

Blow against freedom

Dear Sir:

A blow has been struck against freedom in Canada.

On June 27, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that unions can use forced union dues to finance politicking which most workers oppose.

This appalling decision means that the big union elite will continue to force dues-paying workers to associate with the NDP and political causes which most workers want nothing to do with.

The facts speak for themselves - only a small minority of unionized workers vote for the NDP at elections but the NDP is the only party supported by the big union elite.

The case was fought for six long years by a courageous Canadian, Merv Lavigne.

Opposing him were: the Canadian Labour Congress; the National Union of Provincial Government Employees; the Ontario Federation of Labour; the

Ontario Public Service Employees' Union; the Confederation of National Trade Unions and the Attorneys General of Canada, Ontario and Quebec.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court of Canada sided with big unions and big government, against freedom.

Despite this setback, Merv Lavigne and The National Citizens' Coalition, which paid his legal fees, aren't giving up the fight. They have established the "NCC Merv Lavigne Fund" to provide assistance to other victims of forced unionism across Canada.

There is no shame in suffering a setback while fighting for the cause of freedom. There is only shame in shirking the fight. We shall not give up the fight for freedom.

Yours sincerely,
David Somerville,
President, National
Citizens Coalition.

Turner questioned

Editor's note: The following letter was forwarded to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Mr. Garth Turner
27 Main Street,
Georgetown, Ont. L7G 2G3

Sir,
I couldn't believe my eyes when I read that recently in the Commons you asked the question "Is the GST a cash cow, and if it is, who's getting the milk?"

Were you the only Canadian who didn't know the GST is a cash cow? You voted for it, and

defended it on TV. As to who's getting the milk, you must know that your government's just thrown away another 200 million of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars on a palatial embassy in Tokyo.

I repeat my request of December 1990 that you resign, but this time also request that you first ask the Governor General to dissolve Parliament (as was done in Australia) so that an election may be called.

Yours truly,
Ray Kathwaroon,
Burlington.

Yes I Care

Question to: _____

Question: _____

Question from: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Send Questions To: **Yes I Care**

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