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## Get involved by exercising your franchise

Municipal elections are scheduled to be held throughout Ontario Nov. 12th and here in Halton Hills, things are heating up.

A full slate of candidates ensures no one will be able to obtain a municipal government position by acclamation and this bodes well for the political climate in our community.

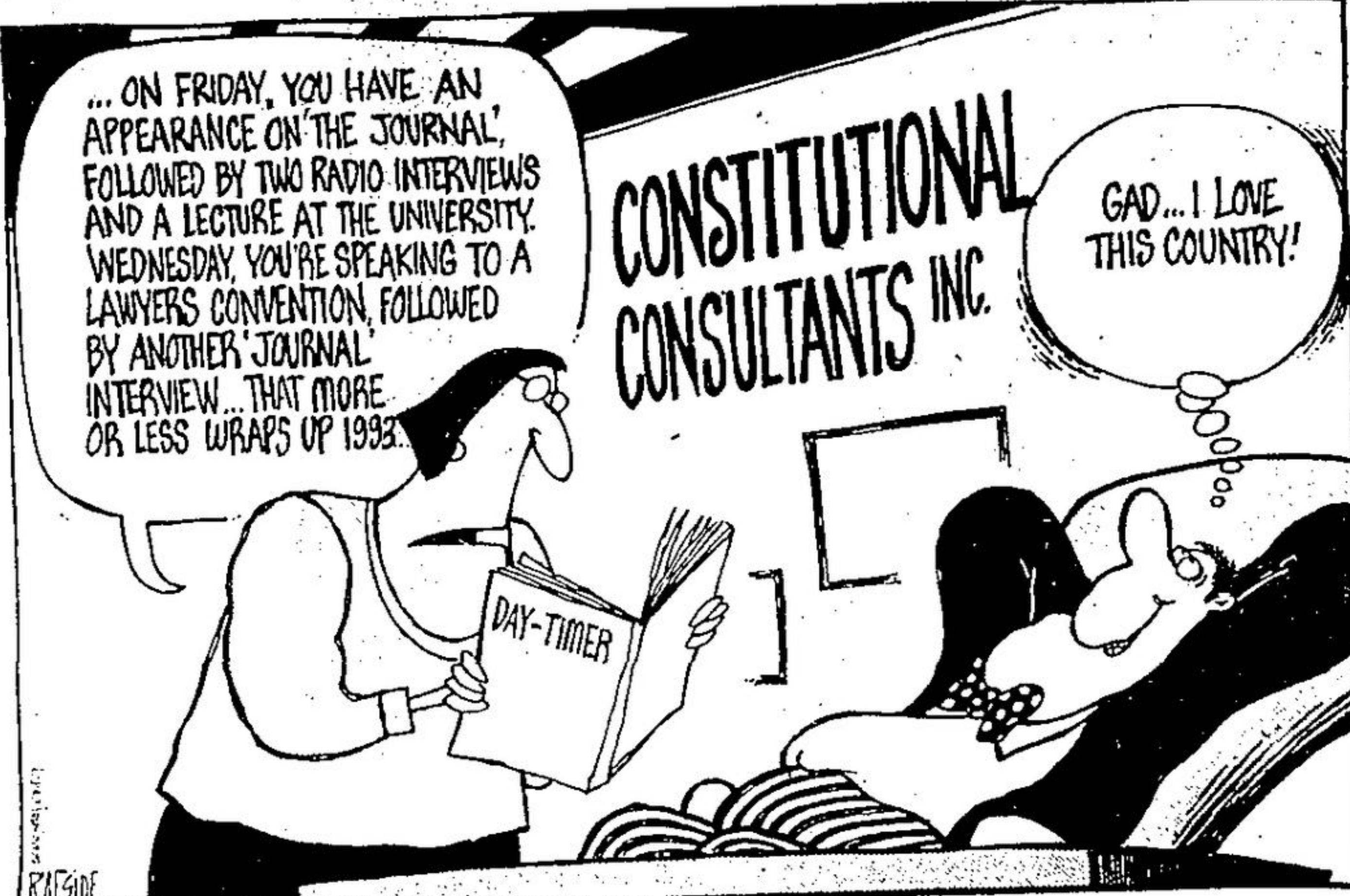
It shows that those who have declared their candidacies care enough about our community to get directly involved and similarly, it allows local voters choices-options if you will-on how-and by whom, they want to be governed.

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce has scheduled two all-candidates nights: Nov. 4 at Acton High School and Nov. 6 at Georgetown District High School, and it behooves all residents with community concerns to attend.

The right to vote is a responsibility which should not be taken lightly.

In order to exercise your franchise properly, the voter must be aware of the issues dominant in a community and in a similar vein, just where the respective candidates stand on these issues. All-candidates nights provide this opportunity and are examples of true democracy in action.

Not knowing why or whom one is voting for in an election is just as bad-perhaps worse-than not voting at all.



### People's Forum

## Property rights issue questioned

To The Editor:

In response to Garth Turner's column in the Oct. 9 edition, I must admit that as an average Canadian, I do not fully understand the property rights issue, mainly because no one has explained it to the public.

Beyond the equitable compensation for expropriation issue, I do not see any direct benefits from property rights. Perhaps a sense of pride can be associated with the right-to-own-property, but there does not appear to be any tangible economic environmental or social advantages.

On the other hand, there does appear to be many detrimental side effects associated with those "four words." Will forests be cleared, will water become more

polluted, will air be further contaminated because the individual has the right to do this? Can those four words guarantee Canadians that this will not happen? Mr. Turner's example, that the right to liberty does not necessarily mean that criminals cannot be sent to jail, is a good one because it demonstrates that a complexity of other laws must be in place in order to define "liberty." There does not appear to be a supporting legislative infrastructure which defines pro-

erty rights, only those four words.

I fear that the interpretation of such a broad-based attempt at policy-making will yield more negative by-products than positive gains. Unless the Canadian Government can tell me how property rights will assure me, my family and society a better future, I prefer to be a "Trustee for the Crown" rather than a property owner.

Janis Fedorowick  
Darrell Leigh

## Columnist defended

Sir,  
I am not always in agreement, but your opinions are written for the thinking person, and I do agree with your latest comments on the P.C. Save Canada Campaign.

Constitutional reform when the crisis is the state of the economy, give the public something to hold their attention other than this major issue, for which P.C.'s nor indeed none of the political parties have an answer, seems to be the strategy.

Place the "Cart before the horse," evidenced by the possibilities of seperation after a Quebec referendum, or possible changes in any forthcoming federal election is not only a waste of taxpayer's monies, but in light of the rejection by Quebec of most of the new proposals, ludicrous.

The Garth Turner town hall meetings, and I have attended some, appear to be a method of

allowing the public to let off steam. But do they accomplish anything other than the chance to see which way the wind is blowing for the party's future?

In your reaction to the P.C.'s latest media advertising, "It is your Canada," you deserve the chance to state your opinion. An obvious result of the public revolt in the Meech Lake fiasco, points out that these meetings, and the opinions expressed may have been ignored in the past.

I might suggest to Garth, that if we are to gain anything from these meetings, then concentrate on the real issues of the day: global economy and our position in the "Big Picture."

Again dear Editor, I congratulate you on your controversial and though provoking articles.

Sincerely,  
Charles Tuffy,  
A Concerned Canadian.

## Red Cross appreciation

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Acton Red Cross Blood Donor Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to give a Big Thank You to the people of the Acton area who supported our recent Blood Donor Clinic held Sept. 26, 1991 at the Acton Legion Hall. Over 125 people gave their time and blood.

There was a strong response to the appeal for blood to make up for shortages caused by the TTC strike. The large turnout of donors resulted in longer-than-normal waits for a bed. We would like to thank all of the donors for their patience and understand-

ding. For the third clinic in a row, Acton has more than achieved its goal of 100 units of blood. This recent clinic was a great success; collecting 128 pints of blood.

Once again, thank you to the donors, the volunteers who have been faithfully manning the clinic, the sponsor, AB Foodland and to this newspaper for helping us to spread the word that blood is needed. We look forward to seeing you all again at the next clinic on Dec. 12, 1991. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Sandra L. Moon  
Acton Red Cross  
Blood Donor Committee.

### Community Forum

## What does Canada need?



**DARLENE LITMAN, ETOBICOKE:** "I think Canada needs more support for the development of small businesses, especially during these economic times."



**ROB BIRCH, TORONTO:** "Canada needs to refocus government policies in the areas of research and development and training and technology in order to strengthen Canada's competitiveness."



**BILL VANKOOT, MILTON:** "Canada needs an overall boost of self-confidence. We have the resources and manpower to be competitive, but we need to put these things to work for us."



**MINA MELVIN, GEORGETOWN:** "I think we need better leadership and lower taxes in order to keep our businesses from going south of the border. We also need unity in Canada."

## Poppy campaign

Dear Citizen:

Your generosity last year and the previous years was most appreciated. We hope you will come forward again on any or all of the three ways - by direct donation to "The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, POPPY FUND," by having a POPPY COLLECTION BOX on your premises or by buying a REMEMBRANCE WREATH made by a disabled Vet.

Our Annual Poppy Report will appear in the local newspapers. The Poppy Trust Account is used exclusively for assisting needy Veterans and their families and widows and dependents of deceased ex-servicemen.

You are cordially invited to the following Remembrance Day Services - Glen Williams - Sun. Nov. 10, 1991, 12 Noon Georgetown - Nov. 10, 1991, 2:00 p.m. at the Cenotaph in Remembrance Park.

We look forward to hearing from you and if you require any further information, please feel free to call Orval Paul, Assistant Poppy Chairman, at 877-4214 or at the Branch, 877-4413.

Sincerely,  
The Royal Canadian Legion,  
Branch 120  
Marion R. Carney (Mrs.)  
Poppy Chairman