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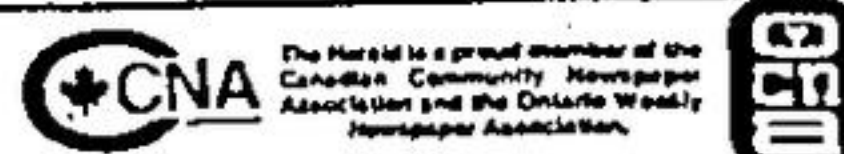
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Get out and vote

The time is now to make up our minds which candidates will best represent us for the next three years in council. We have not heard much about the issues to this point. We have all been to busy ducking from all the Mud Slinging.

Come on Candidates GET to the issues. Rural residents are concerned over water and how development will affect their future. All of us are concerned over the Acton Dump Site. We are concerned over planned development. BUT, to this point in the campaign not many concrete ideas have come out of the mouths of the candidates.

Some candidates seem to have gotten stuck in low gear or cannot get off one issue. Others skirt the issues with rhetoric and others prefer to sling mud.

WAKE UP Halton Hills, Smell the Roses. Tuesday November 12th is our time to mark our ballot for the future of Halton Hills.

We should listen to the candidates and ask questions. Oh it's true we may not like the answers, BUT, let's set aside our emotions and make an informed decision.

It is not enough to assume any one candidate will be elected or re-elected it is the responsibility of each and everyone to Get Out and Vote.

Our vote will help mould the future of Halton Hills and the future of our neighbours.

It's our Town. It's our Future. Get Out and Vote, be part of the decision.



People's Forum

Election campaign 'sleazy'

To the Editor:

We are now in the midst of an election campaign that could be categorized as being "sleazy" many accusations have been made about candidates who are standing for office. This is one part of the democratic process that I find abhorrent, my word of advice to all candidates is stick to the issues.

As a long time resident of Georgetown I am concerned about the quality of life that we have in Halton Hills and the threats to individual freedoms in regards to property rights.

Many of the candidates running for office seem to have a lack of understanding of how the planning process works and this scares me. The job as Councillor is an important position and I don't feel like paying for their "on the job training" they should do their homework prior to the election and from some of the statement it shows that they haven't.

When you look back over the history of Georgetown we have seen it grow from about 3,000 people in 1950 to the 20,000 of today. Many of the people who are objecting to new growth would in fact not be living here if prior councils and residents did not make the decision to allow Georgetown to grow. For those people to now say that "We are here the town should stay small" is selfish to say the least.

A list of developments that were opposed in the past is extensive; this is just a partial list and if you live there now ask yourself. Is my neighborhood bad development? Silver Creek Apartments, Harold St., Gardiner Dr., Georgetown South, The Sands, Princess Anne Dr., Jason Cres-

cent and the list goes on and on. If past councils did not have the guts to approve many of these developments our town would be the worst for it.

Public input is vital to the development of this community and I would urge everyone to get the facts from the candidates those who oppose all develop-

ment are living in a dream world and will not be an effective Councillor.

My roots are in this town with four generations of my family living here, I am not about to see it destroyed but neither do I want it to stand still.

Yours truly, Doug Penrice.

'Old boys network' called into question

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the article in the Oct. 30th edition of the Independent concerning Mayor Miller's style of politics. He was quoted as saying, "But someone from outside the community, coming into town to get elected, maybe that's the lengths he's willing to go to."

We moved to Limehouse almost ten years ago, however, I have found whenever I have had to deal with the town (both mayor and council), the first thing they seem to ask is how long have I lived here. They definitely seem to have an "old boys network" where they feel so secure that they do not have to try to work with the "newcomers."

Twice now, in dealing with Mr. Miller, regarding problems here, the "old boys" seem to have won. Back in 1988, Mr. Miller moved the road at Limehouse (at the taxpayer's expense) rather than incur the wrath of Halton Auto Wreckers, and most recently when contacted about a dangerous road situation all he did was put up a sign that says

Keep Right, rather than close the road as we requested. Apparently, if we want further action we have to pursue it ourselves. (What are we paying taxes for?)

But even worse than my two examples is the fact that if Mayor Miller does not like newcomers or people "outside the community," how will he listen to the residents of Canada Homes and Fernbrook Developments? How will he listen to the 20,000 new people who may eventually settle in Georgetown?

In the last election, the "old boys network" told voters in Acton that if a new mayor was elected, the council would not work with her. Let's hope the "old boys" get the message this time. It's time Halton Hills had a change - she deserves better than this!

Sincerely, Susan Cox, Limehouse.

Community Forum

Are dirty politics affecting local election?



DEBRA BANNISTER, Georgetown "No system is perfect. Voters should look at past records of the candidates and they should not be judged by rumors."



JO YOUNG, Terra Cotta "It affects every election in some way, but most people's choice probably will not be affected."



SONNY AJRAM, Georgetown "I don't think so but some people may think they should look for a better person."



RONALD BESSING, Georgetown "It won't make it any better."

Appreciative bank

To the Editor:

On behalf of the management of the Royal Bank of Canada, 232 Guelph Street, Georgetown, we would like to thank the staff for their support in demonstrating sound judgement and patience during our robbery on October 31, 1991.

We are very proud of each and every staff member. Also on behalf of all the staff we

would like to thank the Halton Hills Police Dept. and the Halton Hills Fire Dept. (Georgetown Unit) for their assistance on that day.

We would also like to thank our customers for their assistance and patience.

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