

# Hopefuls square off in first Meet the Candidates Night

By JANET BAINE  
Staff writer

Jobs, the deficit and the Tory record were the top questions at the all-candidates meeting Thursday night at McKenzie-Smith School in Acton.

"The issues are very clear. Do you want a proactive Liberal approach or a trickle down Tory approach?" Liberal candidate Julian Reed asked. His party's policy is to work on creating jobs, while

at the same time fighting the deficit by cutting government spending, he said.

NDP candidate Norma Peterson noted she is a long-time party activist and said she stands firmly behind Audrey McLaughlin's Jobs Plan.

"Other parties say they will balance the budget within three or five years. The question I would ask them is, at what cost to social programs? Our current government

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**Next Meet the Candidates Night,**  
**Sacre Coeur Hall, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.**

has an obsession with the deficit," she said.

Hilliard Cox of the Libertarian party said most job creation programs are useless, and government needs to stop interfering in the economy.

"I would like to talk to younger voters. Thirty years ago the average family could afford to buy their own home, they could afford a car which was four or five years old and they bought their health care. Food banks didn't exist," Cox said. "And they could do all this on one salary. Now it takes two salaries, one to pay the bills, one to pay the taxes."

Reform Party candidate Dick MacDuffee said his party has "risen

up out of the country out of frustration." He promised his party would rid the country of the deficit in three years through cutting back on government by using "common sense policies."

Progressive Conservative Garth Turner said, "We're going to create jobs, have a better economy, keep interest rates low, give businesses access to venture capital; we're going to create jobs that are good and long-lasting."

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### Venting frustrations

A meeting will be held at the Civic Centre Tuesday night at 7 p.m. to review and recommend changes for building permit applications in the town. Everyone is welcome to attend and voice their concerns.

### Acton evacuation

A two-inch natural gas pipe burst in the area of Churchill Rd. and Langsby Rd. in Acton Thursday afternoon and some local residents were evacuated, police said. The broken pipe may have been due to work at a new subdivision nearby.

### Related break-ins

Police believe two recent house break-ins in Georgetown may be related. The first occurred Sept. 16 between 9-11:30 a.m. at a house on Temple Rd. The suspects removed a loonie bank with about \$130 in it, and some jewelry, including two gold chains and two rings, police said. The value of the stolen items is estimated at \$1,830. The second occurred on Dayfoot Dr. during the day Sept. 17. A bottle of wine was taken from a cupboard and then replaced, empty. About \$50 in Canadian Tire money was taken from a desk, as well as a watch and some change. Total value of these items was about \$175. Police are continuing their investigation.

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### Outdoor education

Acton High School students spent some time a little closer to nature as they took part in the school's annual outdoor education at Terra Cotta Conservation area last week. Camp counsellors Matt Bailey (right) and Matt

Wilson, both of Grade 12, took to the water as they joined the Grade 10 students learning the finer points about canoeing.

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## Old cemetery creates conflict in Norval

By LISA TALLYN  
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Bruce MacNab, a descendant of the MacNabs who are considered the founders of Norval, is upset that Julian Reed is attempting to turn his ancestors burial ground into a building lot.

Controversy has surrounded the

property since Reed, of Norval, first filed his application of subdivision for the land, and four surrounding one acre parcels more than three years ago. The land is located on Old Townline Rd. north of Hwy. 7 in Norval.

MacNab contends Reed does not even own the cemetery property,

and points to copies of deeds of sale for the property that exclude the sale of the burial ground.

Reed says he inherited the property and surrounding lands, which were purchased by his great grandfather Robert Noble in the 1800s. In 1889, Reed says his great grandfather received a quick claim deed

for the burial ground from Flora Murray, a MacNab descendant.

"Permission was obtained to remove the graves to Hillcrest Cemetery (Norval). There was one remaining burial that was known and a headstone marking it (at the rear of the property)," said Reed.

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