

## Foley says he's concerned

Dear editor:  
Re: Editor's comments Nov. 9, Our Choices

This paper considers that I am "too heavily burdened with contentious issues." I think that the editor has confused "contentious" with "concerned," and I am very concerned with the current state of our town.

Halton Hills requires a good many things in order to enter the next century, such as a local community and seniors' centre, major road repairs, traffic lights upgrading and a good clean future source of water, to mention but a few basic necessities. What this town does have is: 1. a pending \$6 million lawsuit, 2. a regional chairman facing criminal charges 3. extremely poor urban planning and 4. a disastrous history of environmental management etc.

If it takes contention in order to maintain our town's integrity and sense of community, I am sure that many residents will elect me as the contentious voice on town council.

Thank you for the opportunity for rebuttal.

Mike Foley  
Ward 3

Town council candidate

## Currie says editorial is condescending

Dear editor:

While I realize choosing candidates may not have been a local decision, I strongly disapprove of this practice.

I know it is widespread, but I think it is unfair, particularly in an area served by only one newspaper.

Further it suggests the electorate is incapable of making its own decision without your help. This I find condescending.

Anne Currie

Ward 3 Town council candidate

## The candidates respond

### Gastle says she has served Ward 2 well

Dear editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Wednesday's editorial.

Because many Ward 2 residents do not receive cable television coverage of council and committee meetings each week, we rely completely on *The Independent/Free Press* for factual, unbiased reporting.

I respect your paper's right to state its opinion with respect to the candidates in Monday's election but I believe I have represented the residents of Ward 2 with distinction during the past three years. I have chosen not to continually seek credit for my accomplishments because I felt sure that the residents of this vast ward (you are right on that point) would acknowledge my efforts on Election Day.

When I was first elected three years ago, we were threatened with the possibility of a landfill on our border with Peel Region with three potential sites targeted. As council representative I personally worked long and hard negotiating to stop the dump. We were successful.

Because I believe our unique environment needs protection, I

actively supported the establishment of a Town Environmental Advisory Committee.

The concerns which continue now for Ward 2 residents are water, roads, rural subdivisions, prestige industry in the 401 industrial corridor, and taxes that are too high.

Our rural residents are experiencing water problems. Any solution to Halton Hills' current water requirements cannot result in any deterioration in the quantity and quality of the rural water supply. I have been involved in the study of this complex problem for the past three years and it is vital that I be allowed to continue to work to protect our rural water.

More development in Halton Hills brings increased traffic on the rural roads. Our roads must not be allowed to deteriorate and existing funds need to be re-allocated for rural road improvements and upgrades. My experience in this issue will be needed in 1995 when we do a new Transportation Study.

The new Region of Halton Official Plan does not permit rural subdivisions. It is my intention to defend this new policy so that rural

residents can feel less threatened.

I strongly supported the study for the 401 Industrial corridor with the requirement that we attract prestige industry. We must attract new industry to the town. This study will be available within a few weeks and your comment will be crucial.

I worked to open up the budget process and to hold the line on taxes for the last three years. Of every municipal tax dollar collected, 59.2 cents goes to education and 13.9 cents goes to the Region of Halton. So the Town only received 26.9 cents and as a town councillor I have the responsibility to spend these funds wisely.

There are critically important issues facing Ward 2 residents. Of course there are the day to day concerns of the residents that I will continue to go to bat for.

I believe my experience, knowledge and the fact that I am able to devote a full-time effort on behalf of Ward 2 residents means that, if I am re-elected, they will be well represented.

Kathy Gastle,

Ward 2 Town council candidate

## Hyde says editorial denigrates candidates

Dear editor:

Let me say that I was impressed with your evenhanded and well conceived approach to the Municipal Election. I thought the work of Lisa Tallyn, Ted Brown and Robin Inscoc's Election '94 to be fair and supportive of candidates various points of view.

I am not sure what pressures changed your course in the anonymous Our Choices editorial. By all means choose, "The sound and the fury signifying nothing," of the televised debate. Then, if you must, embellish the bland, the high school exhortations, the adjectives of cant, in justifying your choice. Your public will allow that. But don't denigrate the performances of those you omit, reducing them to nothing.

Remember poor Lear's, "Nothing will come of nothing." You too might be surprised at your reader's fury when they too are reduced to nothing, in terms of their ability to think.

Finally, I congratulate you on your sober second thoughts to allow candidate rebuttals. It resets your helm.

Bill Hyde

Ward 3 Regional candidate

### Kuiack says he has the experience to represent Ward 2

Dear editor:

This letter is in response to your offer of an opportunity to respond to your editorial comments of November 9. I am a candidate running for Ward 2 Local Council. The paper has placed me in third position citing simply to my lack of experience. I feel compelled to respond to this comment.

What does The Independent/Free Press view as community involvement? I am a member of the Georgetown Agricultural Society and an active member of my church. I have volunteered many hours at the recent

Fall Fair and have gained valuable insight into the needs of many young adults during my involvement with the youth retreats.

If the paper made that comment because I said that I am not part of any special interest groups, I want to clarify because our definitions may not be the same. The Agricultural Society and church, to me seem to be part of the regular community involvement, not a special interest group.

If lack of experience is a fault then perhaps no one should run for office for the first time. I am running because people are not happy

with the representation the so-called experienced councillors are providing. I have a young family and am setting down roots in the rural area and as such I understand the concerns of the rural residents for their future.

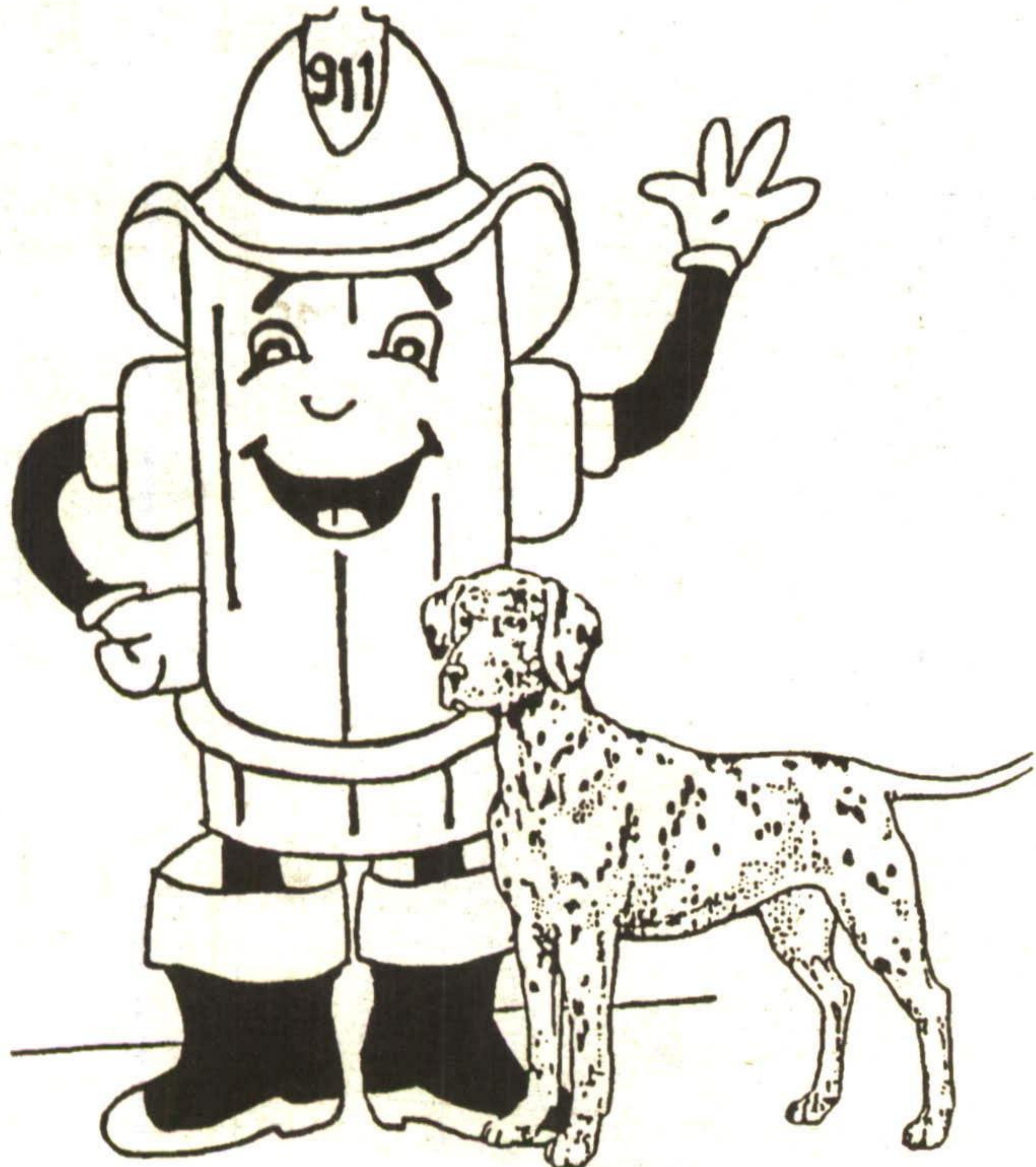
I have pounded the pavements and visited over 1,200 houses in the past month and a half and have talked to thousands of people asking what their concerns are. I have driven to the remotest, most isolated places in Halton Hills and have heard firsthand what their concerns were. I was not afraid to confront the issues and listen. If this type of

experience is invaluable, then I will be the first to throw in the towel. I, however, feel differently.

In my profession (an elementary school teacher), I have learned to be a people-person. I have had to be an effective team player and have had to make decisions using my common sense. I am constantly given new information and am asked to implement it in my workplace. I have to research information and have to decide on the best alternative. To me, that sounds like experience that cannot be disputed!

Kevin Kuiack  
Ward 2 Town council candidate

# HALTON HYDRANT SAYS: "Learn Not to Burn"



1. Stay Away From Hot Things That Can Hurt.
2. Tell a Grown-up When You Find Matches or Lighters.
3. Stop, Drop, and Roll If Your Clothes Catch On Fire.
4. Cool a Burn.
5. Crawl Low Under Smoke.
6. Know the Sound of the Smoke Detector/Alarm.
7. Practice an Escape Plan.
8. Recognize the Fire Fighter as a Helper.



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