

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

Keep it Clean

While candidates in the provincial riding of Wellington-Halton Hills have been unofficially campaigning for votes in past weeks, with the official start of the campaign on Wednesday, the race to the October 6 vote is on.

With high-calibre candidates – two are veteran politicians well versed in making things happen, and the third is a former municipal politician, newspaper editor and community housing worker – voters can look forward to informative, interesting and hopefully revealing debates.

A straw poll of shoppers leaving Sobeys last week found that two of six people button-holed did not know a provincial election was in the offing, and four of six did not know that their MPP is Tory incumbent Ted Arnott. He's being challenged by Liberal Party candidate, veteran Halton Hills Councillor Moya Johnson, and NDP hopeful, Eden Mills resident Dale Hamilton, who was defeated by Arnott in his very first provincial election in 1990.

The issues in this riding may mirror those in other parts of the province – job creation, energy prices, health care and education – but with compassion, conviction and take-the-high-road approach, let's hope the debates are positive and informing and the campaign is void of dirty tricks and character assassination.



NEW STUDENTS? Brandon Phippen (centre) and Brittany Wabi, both new to Acton, began the process of registering at Acton High School on Tuesday morning with Secretary Linda Rusby. – Frances Niblock photo

Letters



Turtle Protectors

To the editor,

Around 11 a.m. on the 2nd of September, I was driving up Fourth Line in Acton. I was shocked to see a man at the side of this heavily travelled road with a white (what I thought was a cane.)

I made a quick u-turn to see if

I could help. Much to my surprise, when I got out of the car it was Councillor Clark Somerville. He was attempting to rescue an immensely large snapping turtle from being crushed by one of the many trucks travelling that road. He was using the white stick to deter traffic

from where is was precariously standing watch.

Another woman stopped by with two large shovels and together they were able to scoot the huge turtle to safer ground. Nice to see, people doing a good deed!

Janis Braida

Looking Back



Ten Years Ago

- Acton has the most acute shortage of family physicians in Halton Region, leading officials to develop an incentive package to make Acton more attractive.

- Acton's secondary and elementary teaches are not impressed with a new Ministry of education rule which requires teachers to take recertification courses.

- Acton's Grace McEnery celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise party with over 100 well-wishers. She credited years of "hard farm labour" for her longevity.

Five Years Ago

- Persistent rumours have a new medical centre being built on the vacant former Force Electric site bounded by Mill Street, Church Street, Eastern Avenue and Fellows Street.

- Low bidder, Tambro Construction of Guelph was awarded the \$2-million tender to build a new fair/soccer facility in Prospect Park.

- The Halton Hills Bulldogs team won the Under-16 Canadian national Field Lacrosse championship in British Columbia.

Things to Come?

To the editor,

As one gets old, one has to do certain things to survive. In Ontario we all – or nearly all need to drive. To drive – legally – you need a driving license. Any one who is over eighty has to take a test every two years. For safety's sake.

The Liberals in Ontario have come up with the fore runner, I hope of a way to make the highways much

safer. That is that if a senior gets any ticket for any infraction then he/she has to take a driving test prior to the issuing of a license renewal in two years.

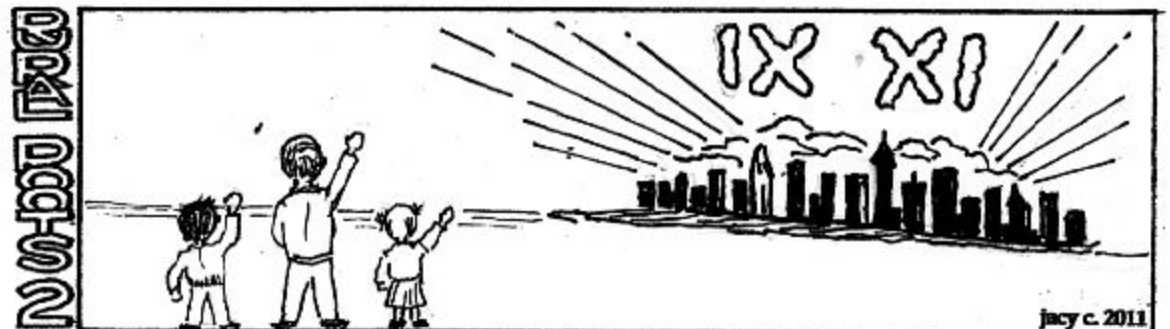
So this is brilliant. Some poor old age fogey (OAF for short) has to spend around \$100 for a driving test, all because the OAF did 5mp/h over the speed limit and some cop needed to book some one

on that particular day.

So you can see the OAF is a test run. I expect that everyone will soon have to take this tax grab, whatever age you are.

I wish to congratulate the Liberals. It is nice to know that the idea of targeting any group is insane. Also I wonder why more seniors do not write to congratulate them.

John Shadbolt



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