

A special project

Last Saturday, at Fairview Cemetery in Acton, Acton IGA, Coca-Cola, Tree Plan Canada and the Acton Horticultural Society, launched the "Hometown Trees" planting project. The primarily IGA sponsored project plans to plant 100 million trees by the year 2000. Pictured at rear, from left, is, Kelly McArthur, Acton IGA store Manager, Town of Halton Hills Councillor Gerald Rennie, Acton IGA Produce Manager John Manes, Joan Waldie, Dave Eddolls, Town of Halton Hills Councillor Rick Bonnette, Mike Milligan, Pat MacLean, Sales Supervisor for Coca-Cola and Acton IGA co-owner Marnie Manes. Helping with the tree-planting were, at front, from left, Lucas Green, Chris Inns, Josh Campbell, Brandon Inns and Nick Fread. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

GDHS students meet election candidates

By Eileen Ross

A debate took place between the Halton-Peel candidates for the Oct. 25 federal election at Georgetown District High School last Friday.

Those at attendance were Julian Reed, with the Liberal party, Norma Peterson, New Democratic Party, Phil Cox, Libertarian, Dick McDuffee, Reform, Brian Patriquin, National Party, Mark Bianco, Christian Heritage Party, and Progressive Conservative candidate Garth Turner.

Each candidate was given time to state their respective partys' platforms and this was followed by an informative question and answer period. Both students and candidates alike asked questions, allowing more specific queries to be resolved.

An informal poll taken among students following the session, indicated they found it to be interesting, thoughtprovoking and in a number of instances, resolved the dillema of how some students would cast their votes.

Liberal candidate Julian Reed and National Party candidate Brian Patriquin



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appeared to impress the students the most.

The first candidate to speak was Julian Reed. He said the Liberal party wanted to "Pave the way for economic stability". He further added the party was determined to improve social programs (including Medicare) and renegotiate the Free Trade Agreement. Reed said the Liberal party was going to put one-quarter of their researching efforts towards repairing the environment.

The next candidate to step up to the plate was Norma Peterson of the NDP. Her platform included building a better community environment. She proposed services

such as a National Child Care facility and a National Youth Service which will provide work experience for youths. Another plan involved building new roads and sewer systems. Peterson said the NDP wants to provide some 5,000 jobs in the next five years. To sum it up; the NDP and Norma Peterson want "A kinder, gentler Canada."

Hill Cox, an advocate for the Libertarian party for 17 years, (and also the national party leader) feels a limit in the growth of the government is necessary. Cox also said the Libertarian party wants to protect individual rights for Canadians. Cox feels consistent government policy is best for Canada's future.

Reform party advocate, Dick McDuffee believes Canada's governing federal body is in need of a change. He said the party in charge needs to be more responsible; they must get the economy moving, and a law should be issued to protect the rights of our citizens.

McDuffee would like to see referendums that will address issues directrly to

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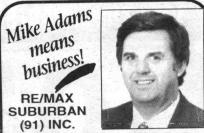
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Women's issues not being addressed in election

By Irene Markoja Special to HHTW

Next Monday's federal election might provide solutions to problems such as deficit reduction, getting unemployed Canadians back at work and saving universal health care, among other social programs.

But critics, including former National Action Committee on the Status of Women president, Judy Rebick, say they feel politicians and the media don't listen to women's issues as well as they should, despite two female party leaders running for power in the Oct. 25 vote.

The only media interest in women's issues so far has been the impact of (Prime Minister Kim Campbell's) gender on the female vote and the number of women candidates," Rebick has written. "...Her singled-minded obsession with the deficit is a major reason for sidelining women's issues.

"Solutions to problems



Norma Peterson

such as violence against women, women's health and child care require funding to

Rebick, who lives in Toronto, refused comment on women's political issues during a telephone interview. But NAC's traditional supporter, the NDP, says these issues are "not totally on the back burn-

"There is an economicallyprevalent reason" why women's issues are not being discussed at length, says Halton-Peel NDP candidate appeal to the widest number of voters.

Some issues the NDP wants to address, adds Peterson, includes a plan unemployed putting. Canadians back to work. Programs promoting nationally-funded child care and better protection from violence against women will also be established.

Peterson, 40, is the only female candidate competing for a federal seat in Halton-Peel but the NDP is not the only party proposing subsidized child care, estimated at around \$1.5 billion. With the Liberals currently attracting 37 per cent of decided voters (according to a recently-published Angus Reid survey), Liberal candidate Julian Reed says his party is in favor of such a program. However, he says its funding is dependent upon three per cent yearly economic growth.

"We intend to create 150,000 child care spaces,"

Norma Peterson. "We need to he said, adding these spaces would vary from licensed home child care facilities to community organizations such as the YMCA-YWCA.

Reed also estimates \$20,000 new jobs" would be created in the sector, in addition to apprenticeship and other employment programs for women currently relying on social assistance.

During an opening statement read during last week's candidates' meeting, Reed says his party would "deal with issues such as (health care) accessibility and women's health issues such as breast cancer." He says the Liberal party intends to "establish centres of excellence for the research and development of women s health policies.

"There is little attention given to the underfunding of breast cancer research and heart disease in women," Reed says. While he could not give specific figures on feder

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Ninety-five-year-old World War I veteran Jack Caplin is carefully unloaded from the bus from Sunnybrook Hospital War Veteran Wing last Sunday outside Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion. The Branch 120 Ladies Auxiliary hosted the very special visit of the war veterans.

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