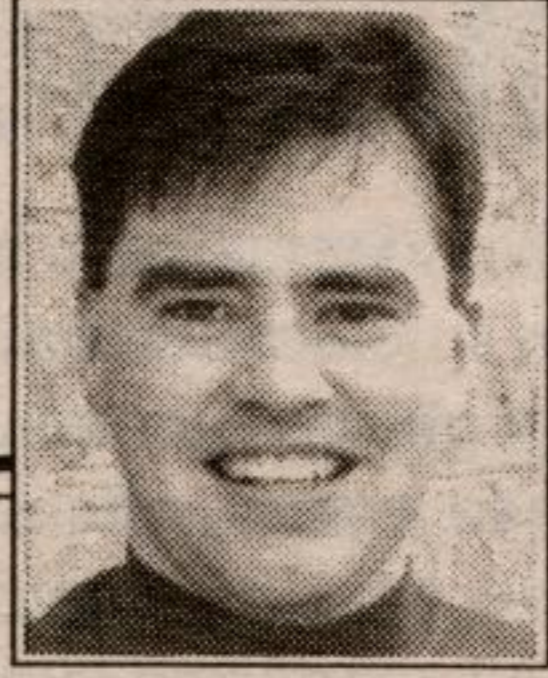


## EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



# MPP Duignan a media star now

This newspaper traditionally has maintained a neutral position concerning politics and politicians – at least in this formal “Editorial” spot. Of course, popular columnist Mike O’Leary has often written about these topics, as should be expected from an opinion piece.

The “Editorial” represents the official position of the newspaper. We have maintained that, rather than choosing one party or platform, we should present the different policies and promises in such a way that our loyal readers can make informed decisions when it comes time to vote.

The unofficial campaign in Ontario started weeks ago, and many people have criticized the Bob Rae New Democrats for spending terrific amounts of public money on an image campaign obviously designed to give the government a head start. The never-ending ad campaign built around our new health cards was an appalling example of this see-through tactic.

Last week I received a copy of the new “Halton North Gazette.” Most of our readers also got a copy in the mail; a few even read it. The Halton North Gazette is best described as an eight-page propaganda piece, camouflaged as a hometown tabloid newspaper, and promoting itself as “the newsletter of your community.”

We wanted to talk to the people who produced this “newsletter” but we could find no mention of a publisher or place of origin. No phone number, no address. There are no bylines on any of its articles; there are no sources quoted for any of the financial figures. In short, there is nothing to suggest that the Halton North Gazette is anything more than fanciful musings on the part of some P.R. flunkie.

Some obvious questions come to mind. If this is an NDP publication, why would it not be identified as such? Why on earth would its creators – whoever they are and wherever they may be – try to pass this off as a community newspaper. What community? What newspaper?

Who on earth paid money for the production and printing of this piece? Surely this self-congratulatory fluff was not funded out of the pockets of taxpayers. No, even this failing, faltering government would not stoop so low.

If this is an NDP document, then our local Liberal and P.C. riding associations should be up in arms. If it is an NDP document, we say it is dishonest and unacceptable. If it was paid for by taxpayers, the public purse must be reimbursed.

If this is not an NDP document, just who is the mystery publisher responsible?

We therefore ask Halton North MPP Noel Duignan (after all, his face appears in photos on every other page): Who wrote it, who paid for it, and why publish an anonymous community newspaper? Did you at least get it printed by a company located in this riding?

Oh, and one more question: Why not use good old recycled newsprint to carry your message? It’s a lot better – for the environment and your budget – than that heavy bleached stuff.

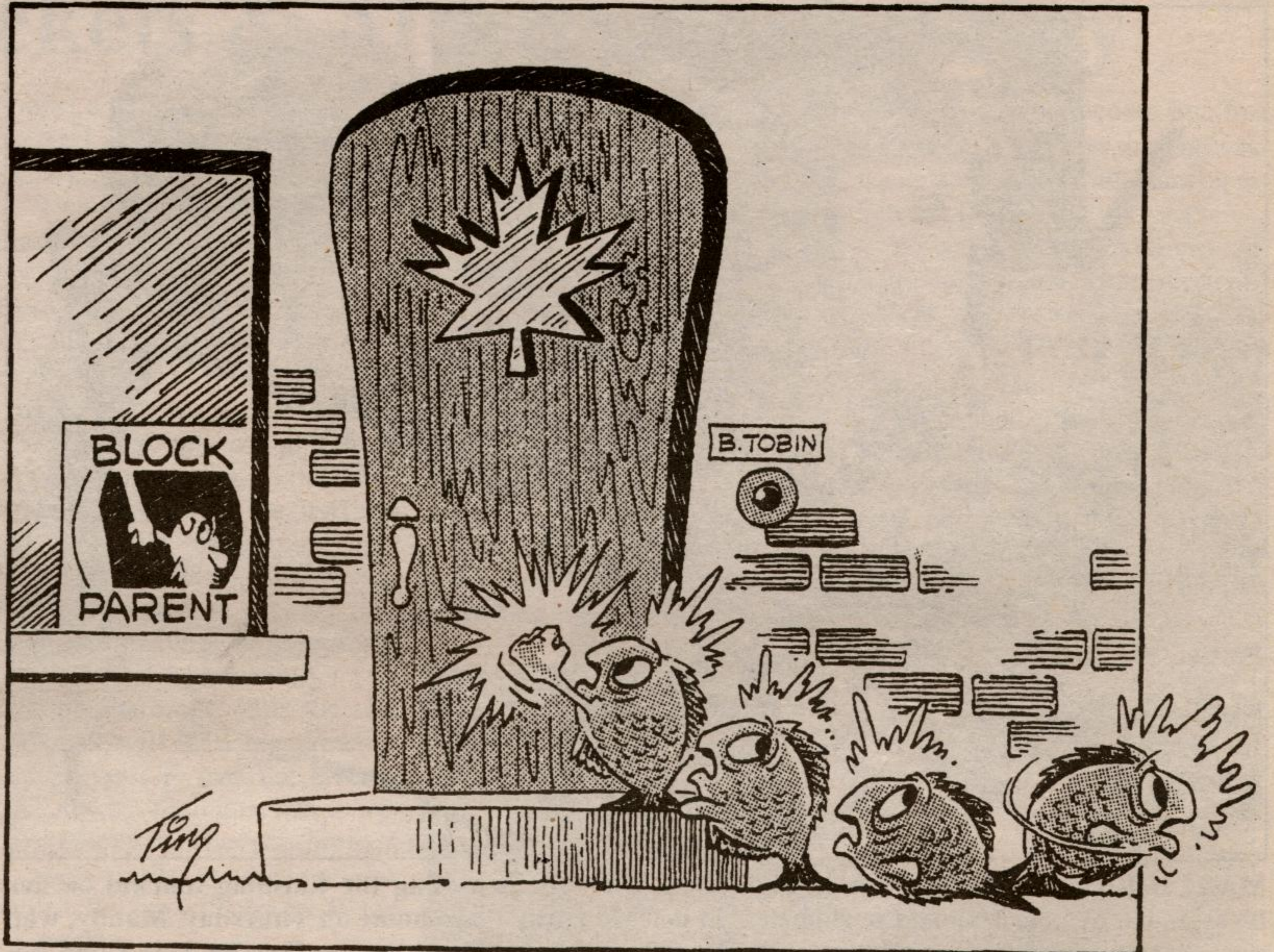
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On the centrespread of the Halton North Gazette there is a summary of the dollars that have been spent by Duignan in the riding over an unspecified period of time.

A rudimentary map of Halton North shows that a total of five communities make up the riding (Acton, Glen Williams, Georgetown, Campbellville and Milton) and around the map is an explanation of NDP “job creation” projects. And while Campbellville and Glen Williams get their own heading, Acton is grouped with Georgetown.

No wonder. According to the chart Milton has received 10 subsidies totalling almost \$7 million, including what appears to be the construction of a BMX bicycle club track.

“Georgetown and Acton” got renovations at Holy Cross school, a new elementary separate school and “Scotsdale Farm.” Of course, “Georgetown and Acton” really means Georgetown, and while even Campbellville got its own heading and \$50,000 toward a Lions Club hall, we got what we’ve come to expect from “our” MPP. Nothing.



## LETTERS

### Thanks for help!

To the Editor,

Thanks to the local businesses for their help in the Milton Pro Sports Thunder Men’s Tournament, held on the weekend in Hillsburgh.

The following businesses offered support for a great day of hockey: Blue Springs Golf Course, Labatt’s, Nellis Construction, Glen Lea Drug Mart, Acton IGA, Red Dog Cafe, Family Barber, Acton Motors, Rockwood Garage, Four

Season’s Family Restaurant, and the Bank of Montreal. Their help was greatly appreciated.

There was some great hockey in the tournament and the two final games were really close.

The last game between the old-timers, the Hillsburgh Hudon’s Heroes and the Acton Stan’s Picks ended up with Hillsburgh winning in a close 2-1 decision.

In the open finals, Acton Galvcast and Georgetown United Rental ended in a 4-4 tie and went into overtime. Shots-on-net put Georgetown on top, but not till it got down to 2-1-2.

Exciting day, exciting play ... a great way to end the season. Thanks to all who helped out.

Scott Withers  
Milton Pro Shop Thunder

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**March 23, Thursday – 5 to 8:30 pm:** Give the gift of life at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, at the Legion. Baby-sitting available; bring your donor card or photo ID. Eligible donors are between 17 and 71. Call Joe (853-4686) or Julia (853-4896) for details.

**March 26, Sunday – 11 am:** Rev. Robert Amrstrong, a former minister at Knox Church, will return to take part in this service of worship. All are welcome to attend.

**March 27, Monday – 7:30 pm:** C.H.A.D.D. Halton will hold its monthly support and information meeting at Milton Children & Youth Centre, 917 Nipissing Rd., Milton. Dr. Carl Bradley will give a summary of disorders associated with Ad/HD. For info contact Wanda, 853-3803, or Lesley, 853-2684.

**March 28, Tuesday – 8 am:** The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a seminar on telephone skills at North Halton Golf Club. Cost to members is \$15; non-members pay \$20. Space is limited; call 877-7119 to register. Light breakfast will be served.

**April 1 and 2, Saturday – 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday – 9 am to 2 pm:** St. John Ambulance is offering courses in CPR at the old school in Norval, Hwy. 7. We teach under Heart and Stroke Foundation standards. Call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

**April 6, Thursday – 7:30 pm:** A free two-hour seminar on menopause is offered at the John Elliott Theatre and will include guest speakers, question period and refreshments. Seating is limited; register by calling Georgetown Hospital at 873-0111, ext. 182.

**April 10, 12, 17 & 19, Mondays and Thursdays – 6:30 to 10 pm:** St. John Ambulance is offering certified courses in Standard First Aid. Our newly trained instructors can make you feel more comfortable dealing with emergencies. Call Yvon at 853-4889 for details.

**April 29, Saturday – 9 am to 3 pm:** St. John Ambulance is now offering a baby sitting course. Instructors touch on choking, bleeding, artificial respiration, care and control of infant and children, plus emergency procedures. For details, call Yvon at 853-4889.

**May 1, Monday – evening:** The Salvation Army – Acton Corps, urgently needs volunteer canvassers to help with the 1995 Red Shield Blitz Night. Anyone who is able to canvass a street in their neighbourhood is requested to call 853-1140 or 853-0324.

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