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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am writing on behalf of the Milton Affordable Housing Coalition to thank you for the excellent article "Homeless but not hopeless in Halton" that appeared in the November 5 edition of The Compass. Unfortunately, "Dean"s story is not as uncommon as one would like to think. There are many people in this area for whom the loss of a job, a serious illness, the breaking down of a relationship or rising rents could result in homelessness.

In her article, Ms. Kornuta mentions the \$855,500 allocated by Halton to its homelessness projects, through the federal government's SCPI project. This money is indeed very welcome and is going to worthy purposes. However, these funds are designated to address homelessness itself, not the prevention of homelessness through the provision of permanent affordable housing. There are federal funds available for that too, but the necessary agreement with the provincial government has taken far too long to reach.

Halton was one of the 20 municipalities that participated in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2004 Report on Quality of Life. The report identified affordable housing as a primary need that must be met in order to maintain our quality of life in this area. We hope that for the sake of people like "Dean" and for the general health of our community, that some way can be found to address this problem quickly.

Thank you again for publicizing this important issue, to Ms. Kornuta for her excellent writing and to "Dean" for sharing his story. We hope that he has found somewhere safe, warm and dry to stay.

Sincerely Wendy Schau Milton

Dear Sir,

Re: Licence of acupuncture business

It has just come to my attention the town wishes to propose a business licensing by-law for those businesses that do personal services including acupuncture. Health professions should not be targeted. Many health professions including MDs, Naturopaths, Chiropractors do acupuncture. We all carry our own mal-practice insurance.

Are you setting a precedent in the area of health professionals and now going to go after speech pathologists, RMT (Registered Massage Therapist), Naturopaths, Doctors of Natural Medicine, Physiotherapists, etc.?

I would like my name to stand in opposition to the proposed by-law to license a personal service business such as acupuncture, and to exclude in the future all health care professions.

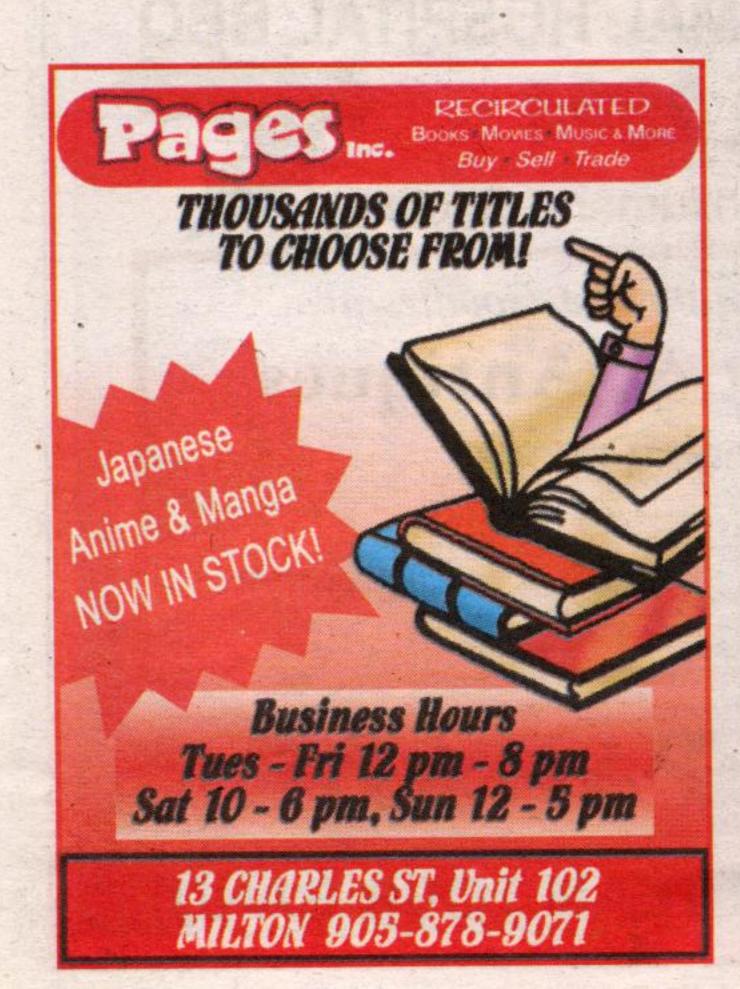
Yours truly Dr Angelika Koeth Milton

LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



Remembrance

In place of the customary editorial we show these pictures of this week's Remembrance Day ceremonies.





Local girls Leigh-Ann Noltie (left) and Pamela Kitching represented the Campbellville Girl Guides at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Haltonville Cenotaph. They are shown here with the wreath made for the occasion by their troops.



George Thornborrow and Margaret Downs pose with the wreaths they placed at the Haltonville Cenotaph as part of the Remembrance Day cerémonies.