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From the horse's mouth

So far it has been a ho-hum election campaign, with no sizzling stories to report, no massive protests, no bring-them-out-of-their-seats speeches or no new earth shaking policy statements.

The four candidates here in Halton North have quietly gone about their campaigning, knocking on doors and shaking hands in strategic locations. As the June 8th election nears, there will be a few all-candidates meetings, but generally voters will have to get their questions answered directly from the candidates themselves — straight from the horse's mouth, metaphorically speaking.

And we encourage you to do so. Voters must mark their ballots with an educated 'X' and the only way to do that is by information gathering — finding out where each candidate stands on the issues important to you.

How can you do that? Talk to them directly.

Here's the numbers of the candidates' campaign offices provided by Elections Ontario (which is located in the Indoor Mall in Georgetown):

Ted Chudleigh, Progressive Conservatives: 702-2605

Noel Duignan, New Democrats: 877-7737

Walt Elliot, Liberals: 873-1722

Alex McKee, Family Coalition Party: 877-4551

Also, don't forget to get your name on the voters' list. Enumeration began Thursday.

Forrest Dump



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The golf game is great. The wife is trying to play her age, I'm playing my weight.

Did you know?

The ethanol component of fuels is manufactured from corn or wheat. One bushel of Canadian-grown corn can be processed to produce 9.4 litres of ethanol, 0.7 kg of corn oil and over 7.2 kg of animal feeds. Canadian motorists use about 34 billion litres of gasoline every year and, currently, 34 million litres of ethanol fuel is used. In Ontario, two new ethanol plants will be capable of producing over 200 million litres per year, and will use as much as 15 to 20 per cent of Ontario's corn crop.

— Agriculture Canada

That mother-daughter bond; like a rock

By the time this column is converted to ink, we will all have made our annual trek to the flower and card shops, or will have just returned from taking Mom to dinner at a fancy restaurant.

Yes sir, today is Mother's day, (and if you've left it until now to pick up a card or a gift, I'm afraid you're a little late; and outta luck.)

But for those who did remember, (and the florists and greeting card companies would never allow us to forget!) this is the one day set aside to honor dear old Mom for all her loving kindness.

Even though I sometimes become a bit cynical about the business community creating holidays from a purely commercial point of view to generate more sales of flowers, cards and gifts, I must admit, Mother's Day is one of the few I agree with. I'm pleased to see motherhood recognized as families gather around moms everywhere to present them with reminders of how much we all rely on their love, comfort and company, every day of our lives.

(Besides, by recognizing mothers in May, it paves the way to do the same for fathers in June....)

But back to moms.

As the father of four young ladies, I can truthfully say I have become a regular observer of the mother-daughter relationship, close-up, on a daily basis for some time now.

It's certainly a unique bond.

I've watched the full gamut of emotions, as my wife and daughters agree to disagree about fashions, food, music, lifestyle and household responsibilities.

And, let's face it, mothers and daughters just love to bicker.

In fact, I'm convinced they live to complain, rant and rail, and blame the evils of the entire universe on each other, each and every day of their lives.

I'm sure it's the nature of the species.

But for some unknown reason, the moment one or

exception to any of my views or suggestions, I may as well admit defeat; it's inevitable.

Same with my own mother.

As a kid, being the youngest, and the only son, I found I could usually work the angles with my mom and have her eating out of my hand on most issues; just like my dad did with his own mother.

But I also learned a long time ago, the minute either one of my sisters stepped in and joined forces with Mom, both Dad and I were powerless.

It all goes back to that mother-daughter bond; like a rock.

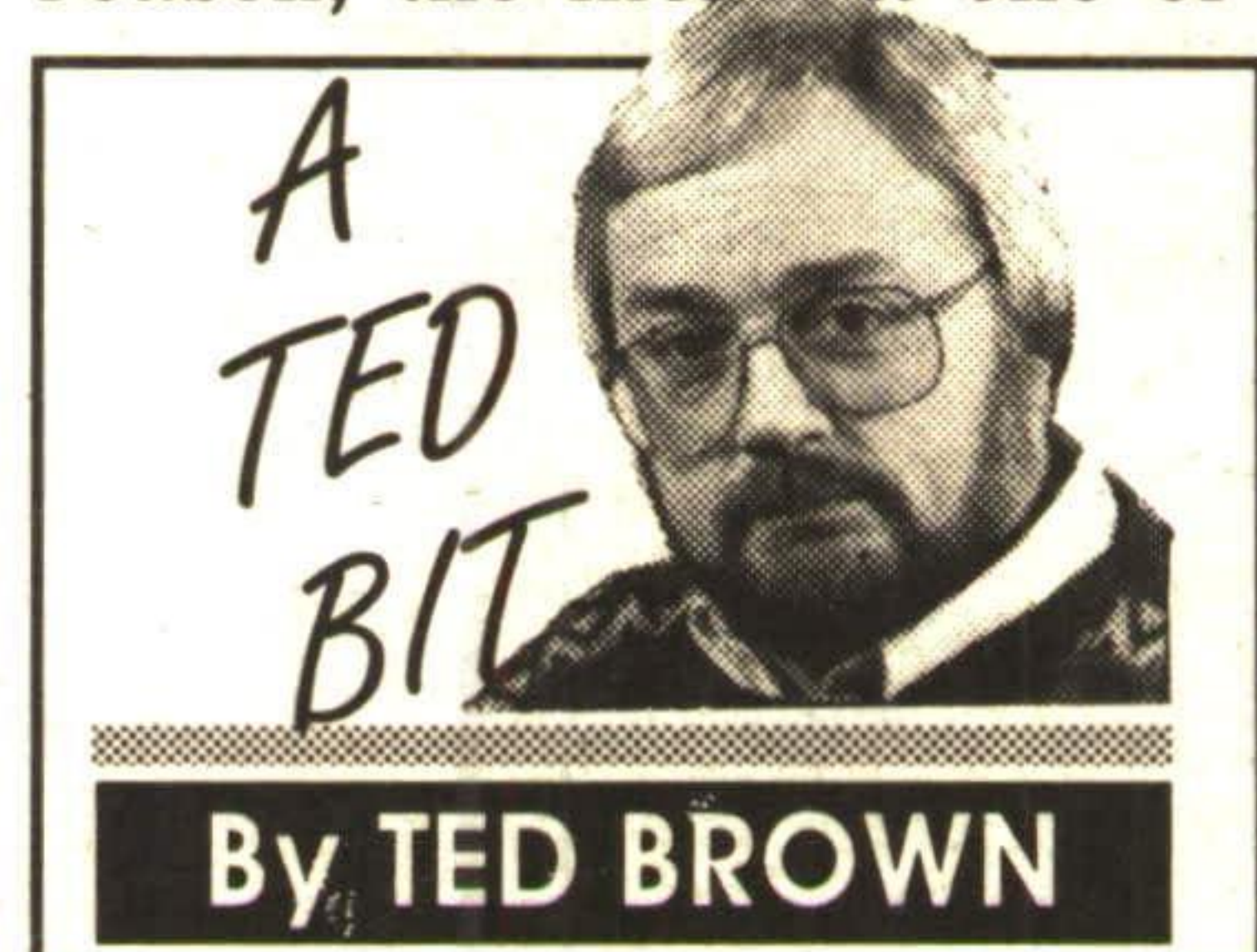
In our office, one of my co-workers is very close to her mother. I listen as she tells me how they talk almost every day, they often go to shows or go shopping together and do lunch regularly.

In fact, I would say her mother is her best friend.

And on the front of today's issue of *The Independent/Free Press*, we have a photo of mother and daughter Lille Given and Pat Kentner as a tribute to Mother's Day. Lille has many daughters, and they're all very close to her, as well as her best friends.

So here's to mothers, those fine creatures who are responsible for putting us all on this earth. The ones who have nursed us from birth, changed our diapers and put up with our lack of appreciation.

Until today.



the other needs comfort or advice, that mother-daughter relationship becomes as solid as a rock.

Quite frankly, there is nothing quite as strong as the bond between a mother and daughter.

It's impenetrable.

I know, on those rare occasions, when my wife and any of my daughters decide to show a unified front, and disagree with me, I'm done for. That mother-daughter bound is superhuman.

And in the same way, if my wife and my mother-in-law take a notion to take