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## Play it safe

Halloween is an exciting time for youngsters—costumes, candy and an evening adventure, but the little ones give spare thought to dangers lurking on this fun night.

So, we remind parents to go over the safety rules before allowing their ghosts and goblins to trick or treat. Common sense rules include not running out onto the street, not entering homes, not eating candy before mom and dad can check it.

Meanwhile, volunteers from the Radio Club, Laidlaw Transit and St. John Ambulance will be patrolling the streets, as extra eyes, to help anyone in need. And let's keep all our eyes on the little ones this Saturday, so that Halloween is a treat for everyone.

## Joe Who?-Pt. II

Barring an unforeseen miracle, Joe Clark will likely become the head of the federal Progressive Conservative party when the Tory leadership race (Part II) resumes Nov. 14.

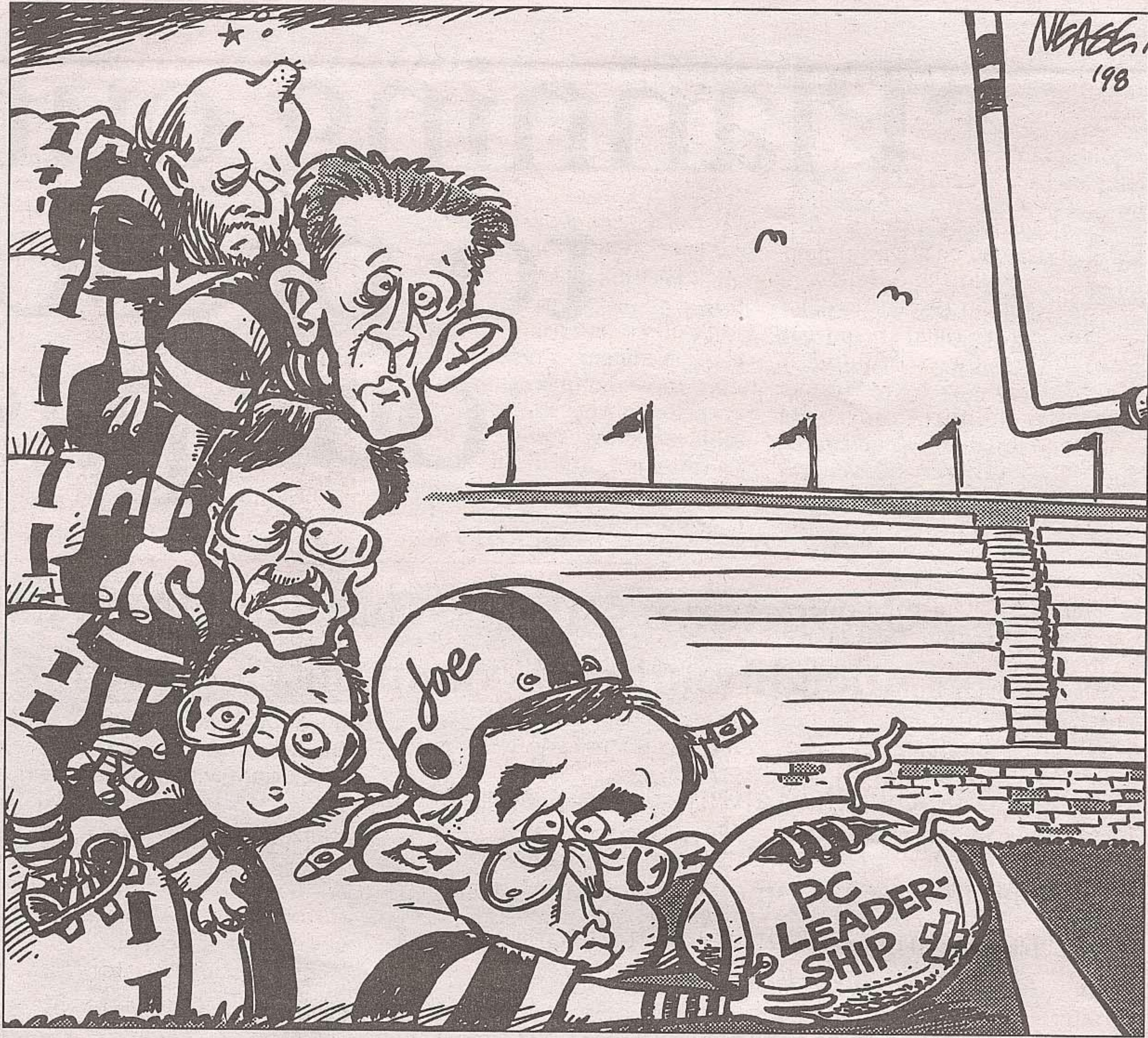
The question remains, however, just how significant a job is that?

The Tories hold down fifth, and last, place in national political race and have all but given their party's top job to the man who first won the job 22 years ago. The Reform Party has captured the majority of the right-wing vote and doesn't appear destined to be giving that up anytime soon. The Tories' one ace—Jean Charest—left earlier this year to lead the Quebec Liberals.

The anointment of Clark as top Tory (There really wasn't any other choice, was there?) raises two key questions:

- Does Clark really have the ability to help the federal Tories once again become a viable party?
- Can he help unite the right?

The answer, we fear, on both counts is a resounding no.



## Sewage station another attack on greenbelts

Dear editor,

I was so disappointed with Halton Region council for giving approval to build a sewage pumping station on the environmentally sensitive area of Hungry Hollow valley lands without the public being notified.

Council members seem to forget they were elected by the people to give them voice and choice on matters. They are responsible to the people, so why do they act so irresponsibly on such an important issue, especially when it means losing a trail system much needed by the growing population of this area?

Let's think about it for a moment. Thousands upon thousands of people are moving into Halton Region, and even Halton Hills is now getting its fair share, but where are the new parks, conservation areas, in and around Georgetown for their recreational needs? All the available land, even that small in size, is being used to build houses.

Take 15 Sideroad for instance. There is not one park in all the miles of this road where people can walk their dogs and children can play. So what do they do? They walk their dogs and children ride their bikes along the side of the road. To have to use a busy road, with many cars ignoring the speed limit, just to take a walk is ludicrous, especially when there's so much land around that could be used for parks.

One has to take a car ride to the nearest conservation area, and who can afford the \$4 per person these days just to take an hour's walk? Now the opportunity to create a wonderful trail system for the growing needs of the people,

## Letter of the day

### Nurse left wonderful legacy

Dear editor,

We each inhabit a portion of our lives that is unseen and uncomprehended by others, and I would like to acknowledge Fran Jamesion's gift of 35 years to this town as public health nurse with deepest gratitude.

As our nurse, Fran never stopped educating others on the value of kindness, warmth, generosity and love and the beauty that one could find in others, and above all, Fran, as our advocate, defended through public health, our right to a safe, healthy and attractive neighborhood.

Fran was the very root from which the very excellent public health department, and its team of nurses we have now in Georgetown has grown. This is her legacy to us all, and we must continue for her to defend it.

Dr. Esme Ball, Georgetown

in an environmentally sensitive area, is lost, because of the insensitivity of council members who didn't put the people first, their number one priority.

As councillor Kathy Gastle said, the plan was irresponsible and unacceptable, for Canadian

people have every right in having a say as to how the land will be used. They should stand together and demand that council rescind its vote on this issue, so that the public can be included.

Dee White, Georgetown

### 'Put teachers' unions in their place'

Dear editor,

Just a few ideas regarding education that I hope will take place before my kids are in the public system:

Remove the teachers' right to strike by making them an essential service, scrap the

irrelevant school boards altogether and have one school system only (Catholic public).

Mr. Harris don't stop until our children are put first and the unions are put into their proper place.

D. Coulter, Georgetown

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