

# Oakville man wins Liberal nomination

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After unsuccessfully seeking the Liberal nomination in the last provincial election, Anand said he was more organized this time.

"I think people also realized this time I have more experience," he said.

He added that his victory also has racial significance.

"It is a happy day. It is a reflection of the people of Halton recognizing that the demographics of Halton are not the same as before," he said.

"We have to be together no matter what race or color."

Meanwhile, Day said he was disappointed that he didn't win the nomination.

"I think I could have given Ted a run for his money." He said he was also disappointed that a significant number of voters arrived at the meeting late, without hearing any of the speeches. Others at the back of the room also didn't seem to be listening.

"If that's sour grapes I don't know," he said. "I guess that's just the way it is."

He said he gave it his best shot. "I laid it all out for voters, but the numbers weren't there at the end of the day."

He wished Anand good luck.

Day, a regional and town councillor representing Halton Hills since 1994, said he wouldn't rule out running for the nomination again.

The new kid on the block, Tate, said he was moderately disappointed by his unsuccessful bid, but not really surprised.

"Politics takes a lot of time," he said. "I would have been naive to have great expectations. I haven't been around it that long."

However, he said the evening was a rousing success for the



JOHN DAY

Liberals in Halton due to what he called the largest turnout at a nomination meeting he's ever seen.

Tate, nominated by Milton lawyer Barney Henderson, said it would have been nice if all voters were there for the speeches, however the rules don't require it, and it wouldn't be practical for all people.

He said he will continue to work for the Liberal party, help with Anand's campaign and likely run again one day.

Anand said the focus of his campaign will be on listening to people — something he believes the current government isn't doing.

In his nomination speech earlier in the evening, Anand said health care and education issues in particular need immediate attention.

The new riding of Halton includes Milton, Halton Hills, north Burlington and north Oakville (from Upper Middle Road).

—By Karen Smith, special

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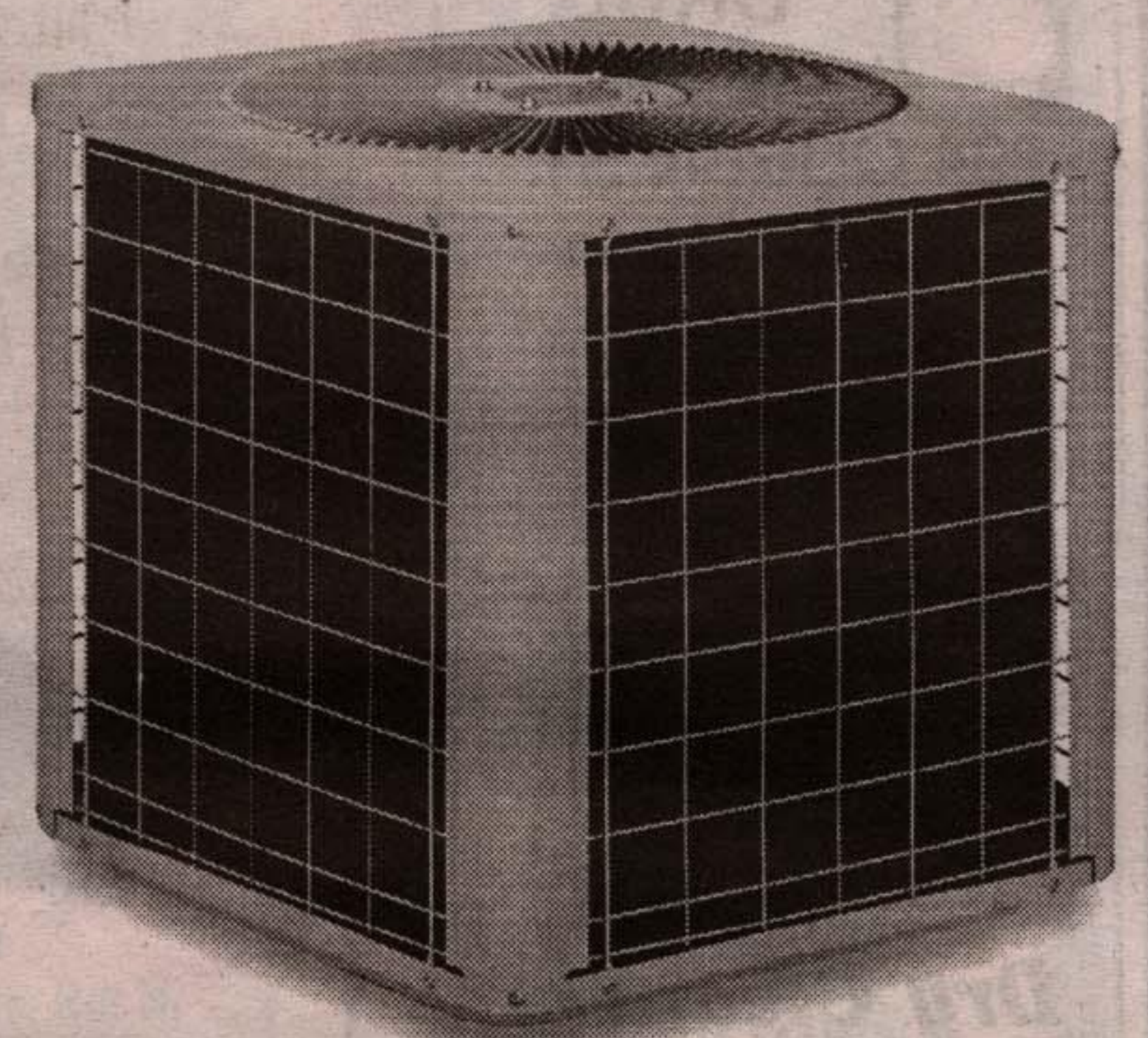
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