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Listen up

The Halton provincial election candidates would be wise to pay attention to a newly formed parent group—New Schools for Halton (NSH)—during this campaign.

This parent-led group recently presented a petition to the provincial government and is urging Halton District School Board trustees to meet with NSH members this Sunday.

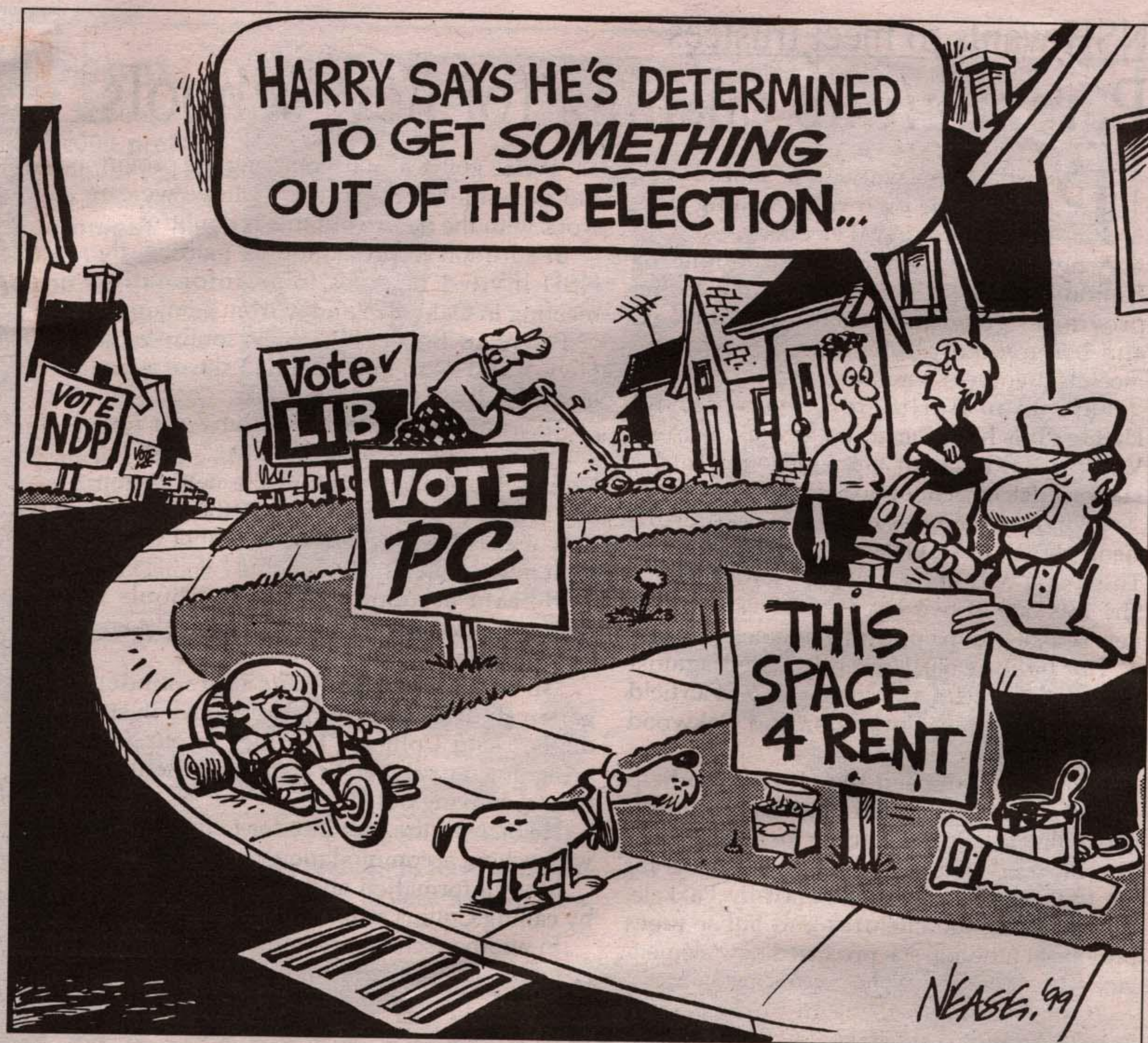
This determined grassroots organization is, to coin an old phrase, "fighting the good fight". Specifically, this group of parents from Halton Hills, Burlington and Oakville is pushing for new schools in all three communities and is adamant that "this issue will not go away".

We believe them.

When the board recently voted against closing three elementary schools that would have allowed for provincial funding for new schools in areas that desperately need them, these parents decided to form a group. They reasoned that, if some local school board trustees were more interested in saving their political backsides than doing what was in the best interests of all Halton students, they would start lobbying the province to make the prudent decisions trustees could, or would, not.

We applaud the NSH and its determination and suggest the candidates pay this group more heed than the trustees did.

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Why did school ignore Nunavut?

Dear editor,

April 1 gave rise to the formation of a new territory—Nunavut—situated in the eastern Arctic capital city Iqaluit. This territory occupies 20 per cent of the land mass of Canada.

It was one of the most important dates in Canadian history since the joining of Newfoundland and Labrador exactly 50 years ago. This will indeed be taught in future Canadian history.

The sad fact is that in our local high school, this memorable day went totally ignored and unmentioned. I found this lack of interest in our country and its far north inhabitants deplorable. We should be rejoicing, congratulating and welcoming Nunavut. This event should have been taught and discussed in all educational establishments.

If we do not inform our children of such important events in our country, who else will?

R. Assenheim

Letter of the day

Vandals will get theirs someday

Dear editor,

Recently my sister's new car had its back window smashed. It was in the driveway of my parent's home, where you would think it was safe.

My sister bought the car six weeks ago after having a car accident and totaling her favorite car two weeks previously. I have written to you in the hope the people who are responsible for this disgusting act will see this letter and come to understand what it was like for my sister to see her new car.

As she was leaving for work, she came outside to see the glass on the new leather seats, the felt of the back window ripped, glass all over the driveway and the knowledge that her new car wasn't quite so new anymore.

I hope that your actions accomplished something other than sheer stupidity. Yes, her insurance will go up more thanks to you and eventually so will yours as the insurance companies have to put up their rates for such stupid actions.

You really didn't just do this to her, you did it to yourself and at least that makes me feel better that you will get yours eventually.

M. Prete, Acton

Driver's carelessness could have led to tragedy

Dear editor,

After reading the front page article in the April 28 issue of The Independent & Free Press (Car stolen) I thought the owners' carelessness in leaving a car running and unattended could have easily resulted in a

tragedy.

So, we have been informed about the charges to the guy who stole the car—now what about the charges to the irresponsible owner?

Marguerite Edgar,
Georgetown

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