

Editorial

It's your choice

During the next 26 days a lot of hands will be shaken, plenty of shoe leather will be worn out and a lot of hot air will be expelled by candidates seeking your vote in the November 13 municipal election.

It's your job to weed out the facts from the fiction and the substance from the hype and cast an informed vote.

Traditionally, municipal elections are as appealing to the voting public as swarm of hornets at a nude beach. However, it is at the municipal level where residents can likely expect the quickest action to be taken on a matter. The potholes on your street, the enforcement of a dog bylaw, the need for a new recreation centre, the zoning for a new business— all these matters, and hundreds of others, are the responsibility of our municipal politicians.

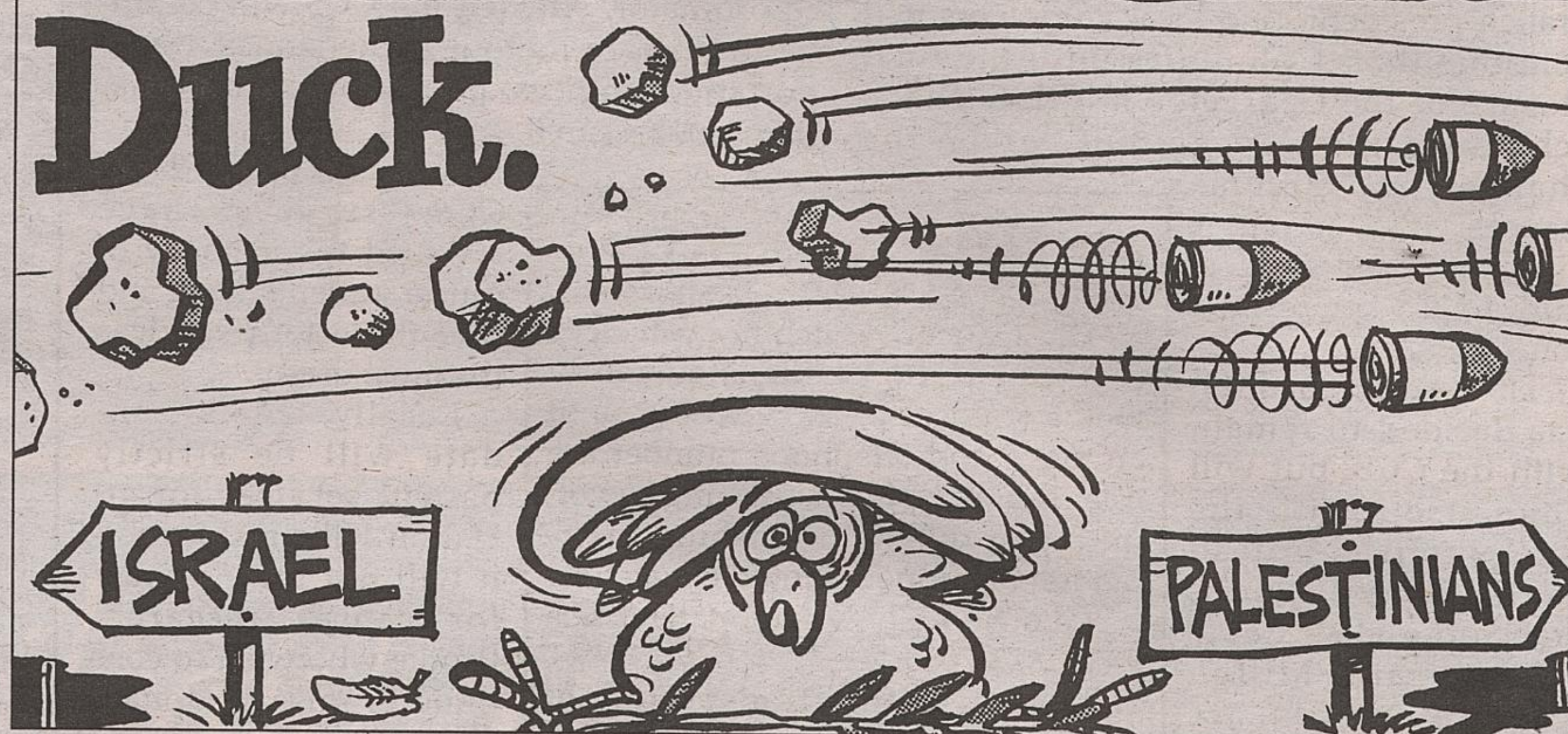
There are critical issues facing the Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region and our two local school boards. This area we call home is growing and how quickly we grow, and in what direction, are matters our local politicians will have to grapple with in the coming years.

To their credit, these candidates have put their names forward to take on these challenges. It is up to you—the voters—to make sure the best people are elected to take on these jobs by making an informed choice.

Dove.



Duck.



Letters to the editor...

Patients better served by local cancer staff

Dear editor,

For the past two years I have been a volunteer driver for the Cancer Society.

Recently, while waiting for passengers in the lobby of Princess Margaret Hospital, I observed a driver from Mississauga arrive and announce the departure of their vehicle. Eight waiting patients rushed to him hoping to leave for

home. He called out the names of four people on his list and said there was room for one extra. Of course, the three remaining people tried to be the chosen one. The first to call out was selected and two upset people were left to wait for the next driver. They were still waiting when I left an hour later.

As I watched this scene unfold, I thought about how differently the transportation in Georgetown is run. We are given the names, addresses and phone number of passengers, pick them up, wait for them while they have their appointment and deliver them home. I have never had to tell anyone that I am leaving without them and to catch the next ride.

I remembered a very ill elderly lady I had taken, who was living on her own. When I mentioned my concern about her to Jenny Tuffin (our very own guardian angel of transportation), who also does Meals on Wheels, she took extra time to check on her at the following meal deliveries. Or the young man

who had changed addresses since I had last taken him. When no one answered the bell after a few rings and knowing this fellow could not afford to miss a treatment I called Jenny. She knew that it was basement apartment accessed by a door at the back of the house.

Is someone from out of town organizing schedules for local people going to be informed to the same degree about the patient's circumstances? I don't think so.

The Cancer Society officials insist they are closing the Georgetown office, not for financial reasons, but because they feel the patients will be better served. Perhaps, if it had been about money, with some creative financing to prove their point, they might have been more convincing. I truly cannot see how they believe the patients, who are the reason we are all volunteering, will benefit from central planning.

Another example of a very wrong bureaucratic decision, as I see it.

Ellen Carter, Norval

Cancer president did us proud

Dear editor,

Unfortunately, in spite of our efforts, the Canadian Cancer Society is closing our doors. The volunteer task force worked hard to keep the office open, but to no avail.

We are writing as members of that task force to thank one particular member. While we all gave 100 per cent to make this evolve, Dianne Perrice, resigned president of the Georgetown Branch of the North Halton Unit, gave 300 per cent.

She worked tirelessly, calling people the rest of us did not want to call. She is the chief "doer", organizer, spokesperson and the best darn worker we have ever seen.

We could go on singing her praises, but it is enough to know that, because of her continued spirit and drive, we are hopefully off to a new start soon—and the community of Halton Hills will be served better and more efficiently as cancer patients.

She is a precious jewel and all of us in our community should be proud to know how hard she has worked to fight the good fight.

So, if you know her or what she looks like from newspaper coverage, go up and say, "Dianne, well done."

The Task Force Volunteers
to save our cancer office
Barry Timleck, Bob Stuart,
Bill Smith and Lorrie Kelly-Quinn

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