



COMMENT

Savoline gets our nod for Halton Chair post

For the first time in Halton's history, the Regional Chair is on the ballot. That means even those whose ward councillors are acclaimed should head to the polls Monday and vote.

Our pick for the position is the woman who currently fills it, Joyce Savoline. In past years, she has shown herself to be a hard-working and thoughtful leader who rules with her head, but never ignores her heart.

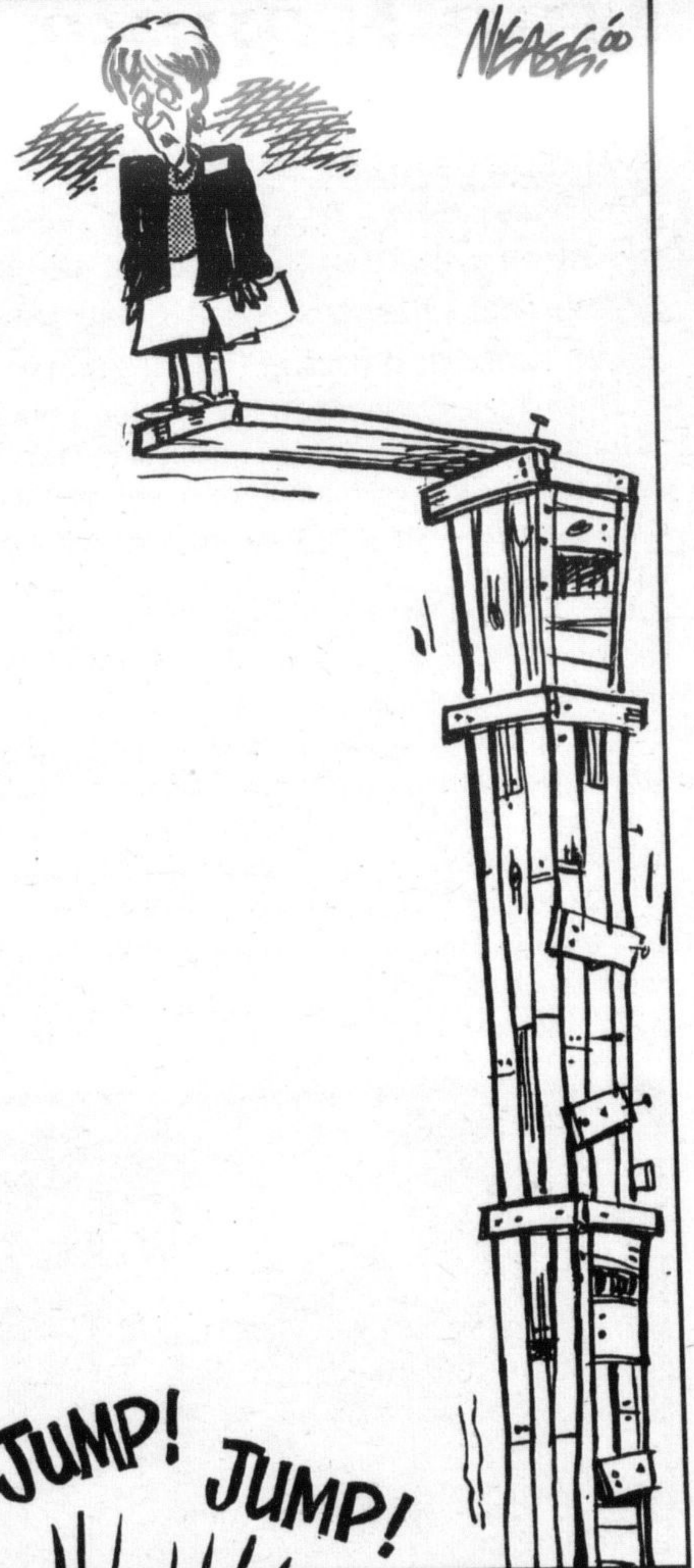
That means she's willing to make exceptions to the standard rules when an issue warrants it. Approving an expanded day facility for the Bob Rumball Associations for the Deaf is a recent example.

Ms Savoline has remained both good-humoured and accessible during her tenure at the Region, never passing up an opportunity to toot Halton's horn to the wider community. She rests her candidacy on successes such as Halton's triple A credit rating and environmental record.

Choosing the Halton District School Board trustee is another reason to head to the polls. This year the choice is between two very strong candidates, the incumbent Erica Andrew and challenger Lorraine Gibson.

Both the Region and education face stiff challenges in the future. Exercising the right to vote is the only way to ensure the right people are in place to lead the way.

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OUR READERS WRITE

Thanks for your support: Milton Mall staff

Dear Editor;

The Milton Mall staff extends a very special "Thank You" to families for their overwhelming response to the Wildlife Exhibit ("Cats of the World") and to our Family Pumpkin Carving on Saturday, Oct. 28.

You, our customers, made this a very special Halloween Week for us all.

We also extend our gratitude to Andrews Scenic Acres for their donation of over a hundred pumpkins, which were all "scooped out" with the

first hour of this event!

And "Congratulations!" go out to Matt Berger and all his staff at Spokes 'n Slopes — who brought the north-west corner of the mall parking lot alive with activity during their two-day, bigger 'n better than ever, Trials Competition.

Sincere thanks, to The Canadian Champion for coverage of these events.

**Milton Mall
Management & Staff**

Councillor fires back over recent criticism

Dear Editor;

I read with interest a letter entitled "Miltonians — not council — should decide community standards: Ward 2 challenger," from Ward 2 hopeful Jim Timbers in the October 24 edition of The Champion.

Were it not for our community's previously well-documented, negative sentiments about the establishment of an adult entertainment club here, I might have some sympathy for Mr. Timber's view that Milton Council should have left well enough alone and let community patronage of the facility ultimately decide its fate.

However, given our community's history with this issue, complemented by the fact that none of the taxpayers I spoke to were in favour of an adult entertainment club opening here, my decision not to support the matter when it came before Council was an easy one.

Beyond that, I don't personally support the establishment of an adult entertainment club in Milton. It is interesting to note that Council voted unanimously to reject the application to establish an adult entertainment club in our community.

The vast majority of Miltonians did not support the establishment of an adult entertainment club locally in the 1980s. To gauge the community's resolve today, I spoke to a dozen local families, most of whom were men and women in their 30s and 40s with children. I also discussed the matter with a couple of senior citizens. This was not a scientific poll and I admitted that during my discussions at Council.

However, according to Stats Canada, the group I spoke to is representative of the major demographic in our community, representing more than 70 per cent of Milton's population.

During discussions at Council, I also stated that while it is not Council's responsibility to set community standards in this particular area, it is Council's responsibility to enforce them. For Mr. Timber's clarification, that does not include printed or videotaped adult material found in convenience stores or video rental outlets. That is the purview of Halton Regional Police.

But it should be recognized that Council, the police, the courts and other agencies charged with dealing with these types of issues all walk a very fine, very difficult line. The law is not clear and the courts are not consistent with their findings. And, contrary to what Mr. Timbers believes, Council's role on these and a multitude of other issues is, at times, judge and jury. The buck stops here.

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