

# OPINION

## Wanted: Young voters May 2

Many young members of the community may not be that excited by the sizzle of an election campaign in the air — but they should tune in and then get out and vote.

Academic schedules may be hectic in the spring. There may be a lack of interest and even a lack of knowledge about the issues facing youths in general.

Many young adults may hear from 'seasoned' voters that their individual vote wouldn't make a difference in any case. But it does matter — vitally so.

One can be the difference between success or failure, winning or losing, or, in colleges and universities, the difference between a good mark and an excellent mark.

Consider, too, the team that loses the championship in overtime, the cardiac patient kept waiting an extra minute for the ambulance due to traffic, even the incumbent politician turfed because of that magic number: one.

Today's college and university students, among young people in general, truly represent the future of the nation.

Those who don't choose politics as a career will help shape policy from a distance, within their career fields, their families and their communities, through the taxes they pay.

In that context, they, along with everyone else, owe it to themselves not only to exercise their democratic right, but inform themselves of the issues, ask questions of the candidates seeking support and make sure to vote.

The information needed to make an informed decision is a simple mouse-click away.

So check the newspapers, visit the websites of national political parties and their candidates to learn about their policy platforms and talk to peers and those close to you to get a sense of what matters, to them and to you.

There's really no excuse to forfeit the privilege of voting in a free country, in a nation where young men and women have given their lives in the pursuit of the liberties too many of us take for granted.

Get informed and get out on May 2 to cast your ballot. One of the federal parties will form the next government.

Your vote — just that one — is as vital to the process as any other.



## ReadersWrite

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### Wallet return very much appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

On March 29 I lost my wallet in the Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road area.

After a repeated search of the area with my husband, we had no success in finding the wallet.

At that point I went to the police station to report my wallet missing.

On Saturday, I received a call from

the police that my wallet had been turned in to them. I want to very sincerely thank the individual who took the time after finding my wallet to deliver it to the police station. Your kind act has reassured me of the honesty and caring of the people of Milton.

**\* SHIRLEY HEATH  
MILTON**

## DeadlineDiaries

### Online apartment search has taught me some lessons

If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

That's one of several lessons learned during a month of online apartment hunting.

My criteria started off simple: a one bedroom, non-basement, pet-friendly apartment. While I currently don't have any pets, I like knowing I have the option to one day acquire a four-legged friend.

I narrowed my search down to Burlington or Oakville. With my family in Hamilton and job in Milton, it was a happy medium.

With my checklist in hand I began calling every single apartment I came across, and they were few and far between. Halton has seen a lot of houses pop up in the last decade,

but I have a strong suspicion that apartment development hasn't kept pace with that of the housing market.

Here's what I've gathered during four weeks of hits and misses (unfortunately far more misses than hits) of the apartment hunt.

Lesson number one: Not all is what it seems. I was told by half the rentals I called, for spaces listed online the same day, that they were already leased. That led me to believe that some rentals are consistently advertised whether or not they're immediately available. I was told I could go on a wait list.



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Lesson number two: If the listing isn't accompanied by pictures, there could be reason for concern. While early on in my hunt I would cross my fingers and hope for the best on these 'blind dates,' I quickly decided it wasn't worth the time. I pinpoint that moment to when a landlord ended my tour with, "We've had to put up a sign to discourage drug use."

Lesson number three: When you see an online ad for a fabulous, well-furnished pad with a somewhat affordable price tag, beware. Twice

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