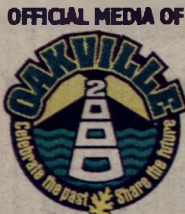


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## Carr on the defensive at all-candidates meeting

By Howard Mozel  
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Although the issues were flying fast and furious Wednesday during the first Oakville all-candidates meeting of the provincial campaign, government accountability proved to be the evening's theme.

As a result, Tory MPP Gary Carr was on the defensive for much of the event which, despite the stakes, was attended by only about 60 people. Carr defended his government's position, but also spoke out forcefully in favour of free will and conscience.

Unless members stand up for what's right - unless they represent the people who elected them, said Carr - the

current party-line system will not change.

"We must take the power back," he said.

Oakville riding Liberal contender Kevin Flynn applauded Carr for voting against his government on several occasions, but maintained that this is no substitution for a "government that listens."

NDP candidate Sean Cain, who favours proportional representation, echoed Flynn's sentiments. As an example he said 76% of Torontonians voted against amalgamation only to have the Harris government force it on them anyway.

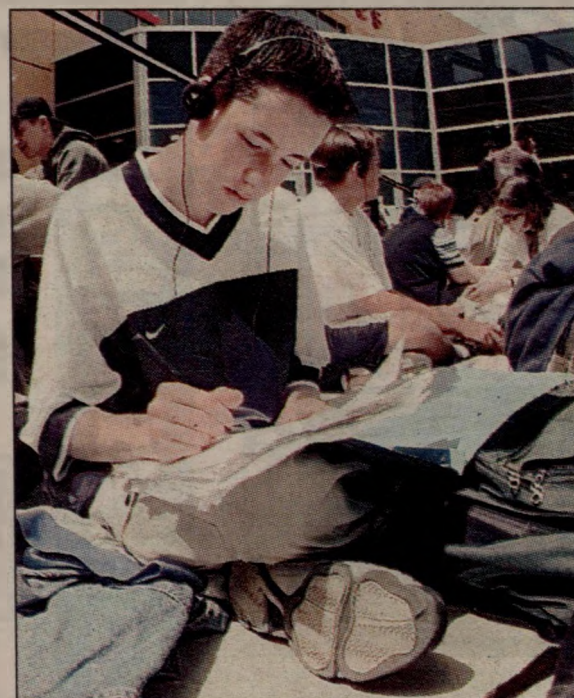
"We have to change bureaucracies into democracies," said Cain.

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Star Wars fans found different ways to pass the time while standing in line for tickets to Episode 1 The Phantom Menace, outside the AMC 24 Theatres, Wednesday afternoon. Ludwig and Samantha Anderson (above) joined Steve Young in a game of Star Wars Monopoly while (below) young Anthony Tiburzi did his English homework.

Photos by Barrie Erskine



## Star Wars fever

By Scott MacArthur  
SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

Nearly 150 people, of all different ages, flooded the front entrance to the AMC 24 Theatres at Winston Churchill Blvd. and the Q.E.W., Wednesday afternoon, in anticipation of the much awaited opening to the next segment of the "Star Wars" series.

Some of them had been waiting since Tuesday in order to buy tickets to see one of the first screenings of Episode 1 The Phantom Menace' on May 19th.

"It's Star War's, a cultural icon," said Gord Pitt, a 25 year-old Oakville resident who had been waiting in line since 10 p.m. Tuesday night. "It's the first movie I remember seeing at the theatre as a kid and one of the first memories I have in general."

Teenagers huddled in groups to keep warm, staying amused during the long wait by playing cards and discussing their favorite moments of the Star Wars films. One man brought his guitar along and strummed some chords for a few listeners

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