

# Convention-bound Reed backs Peterson

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Nothing has been said by the other contenders for the provincial Liberal leadership during the weeks of campaigning to change Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed's mind about supporting David Peterson, MPP for London Centre.

In an interview with The Herald Monday, Mr. Reed acknowledged that as leadership hopefuls Sheila Copps, Richard Thomas, John Sweeney and James Breithaupt try to sway undecided delegates' votes in the last few days before the convention in Toronto this weekend, the race is getting tighter; but, he added, Mr. Peterson is "holding his own".

"There is no reason to believe that David Peterson is in any sort of trouble in the race," Mr. Reed said. "I see in him a capacity to grow in

(the leadership)".

In both the Liberal and New Democratic Party (NDP) camps, he agreed, there is renewed excitement about the future of the province's two opposition

parties, neither one of which managed to put much of a dent in the 40-year tenure of Tories have enjoyed.

He charged that the "myth of Tory management" is slipping as the government

struggles against economic woes which is causing general growth in the province to lose momentum.

"The government" does not know how to come to grips with the situation

except to blame the feds," Mr. Reed said.

And even within Premier Bill Davis' Conservative ranks, he added, there is growing disension, underlined by the government's pur-

chase late last year of \$650 million worth of Suncor Oil Ltd. shares.

Despite the opposition parties' renewed zeal for attacking what Mr. Reed calls the "soft underbelly" of

the Tory government Mr. Reed scoffs at any suggestion the two parties will unite to oust the Conservatives.

## Police Beat

### What a milkshake!

A tractor trailer carrying milk overturned on Highway 7 two miles west of Acton last Wednesday morning, dumping approximately \$3,000 worth of milk. Damage to the truck was slight in the accident that forced driver Wayne McMahon off the road to avoid a car travelling in the wrong lane of the highway.

### Woman hospitalized

A Georgetown woman was taken to Milton District Hospital by ambulance Feb. 10 where she was treated and released for minor injuries following a car accident. Police say Lynn Anthony failed to stop for a red traffic light while driving on Trafalgar Road and struck another vehicle causing \$4,700 damage to the two cars. Police say the other driver was turning left onto Trafalgar Road from Steeles Avenue with the green light.

### Acton rear-ender

A car stopped on Queen Street at Acton Boulevard Feb. 11 for a school crossing guard got hit from behind by a second vehicle, causing \$1,800 damage. The driver of the second vehicle, Roy Saunders of Acton, had minimal injuries in the accident.

### Collision injures four

Four people were hurt in an accident Sunday morning near Georgetown's Normandy Boulevard and Guelph Street intersection. An eastbound vehicle on Guelph Street struck a car pulling out from the Beaver Gas Bar, causing \$8,000 damage. The driver and passenger of the car pulling out suffered minimal injuries as did the second driver and three of his passengers. A fourth passenger, Jean-Paul Oliveira was treated and released for minor injuries at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

### Highway 27 incident

Passenger Clara Bookbinder of Rockwood was treated and released for minor injuries from Georgetown District Memorial Hospital last Friday morning following a car collision causing \$2,000 damage to the two vehicles involved. The driver of the car in which Ms. Bookbinder was a passenger had minimal injuries. He was driving south on Highway 27 when a vehicle backed out of a Maina Street driveway into his car.

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