

# Citizens' forum

## MP responds to reader

Dear Sir,  
Enclosed is a copy of my response to Janet Duval's letter of May 6, which you published in the May 13 issue of your paper.

Sincerely,  
John McDermid, M.P.  
Brampton-Georgetown

Dear Janet,  
Thank you for your recent letter. The first reaction I have when I read your letter is why are you always protesting against our friends and neighbours, the Americans, and not the Russians?

Peace and security require patience and persistence. Emotional swings between exaggerated expectations and gloomy foreboding do not facilitate the necessarily careful and painstaking way in which difficult policy choices must be tackled. The U.S. and The U.S.S.R. have made remarkable progress on the

central arms control and disarmament issues over the past months. They are still seriously engaged in the task of seeking compromise on remaining areas of disagreement.

Canada is involved in East-West relations as a member of the NATO alliance. That alliance is the foundation of our confidence in compliance produces security. Verification justifies that confidence.

Canada is a nation dedicated to peace and Canadians have always worked for peace and international understanding through our NATO alliance.

Once again, I appreciate being informed of your views. On a final note, I am sure you will enjoy Question Period when you visit Ottawa.

Sincerely,  
John McDermid, M.P.  
Brampton-Georgetown

## Campaign the best ever

Dear Sir,  
As chairman of the Cancer Campaign for 1987, I am delighted to be able to announce that thus far \$92,000 has been raised in Georgetown. This is a significant increase over last years total and it looks as though we could break the \$100,000 barrier this year.

The credit for this magnificent effort lies in three places. First that the chairmen of sub-committees made dedicated efforts to co-operate the best area chairman and women that were available. Secondly the volunteer canvassers did an outstan-

ding job covering the area. Third you the public reached that much more deeply into your pockets to support us.

Cancer can be beaten and you have once more shown your belief in the efforts that are being made. On behalf of the Georgetown Branch of the Cancer Society and the many thousands who suffer, may I take this opportunity of thanking all who have in any way helped us in this campaign.

Yours sincerely  
Peter Barrow  
Campaign Chairman

## Protecting our interests

Dear Sir,  
This letter is in regard to a proposal being put forth by Comcor Waste Management/Shellings Incorporated to develop and operate a garbage dumpsite at the 260 Acre United Aggregate property between Acton and Georgetown.

June 1 this company presented an overview of the proposal to our local Halton Hills Council. The proponents went to great lengths to inform council that all private, and municipal wells in Halton Hills would be completely safe from chemical contamination if such a landfill were to be approved for the site. Despite all the promises, they brought very little hydrogeological data, and factual information to back up these promises.

As a spectator to this (farce?) I found the most telling point of the entire evening to be when the Comcor Project Engineer, when asked a question regarding the Acton municipal wells stated that he wasn't familiar with where they were located. This statement came from the author of Comcor's sup-

posedly detailed feasibility study.

Another interesting point was that this company had not bothered to look into the fact that this particular site had been refused when another private company, Indusmin put forth a similar proposal by the Ministry of Environment.

Comcor Waste Management, the company who is developing this proposal has no previous experience in landfilling operations. Are we going to let them experiment with our precious water resources? Apologies just don't work when the damage is done. I'm sure many people have recollections of the contamination of the Stouffville dump and the resulting birth defect statistics. There are also similar incidents in Innisfil Twp, Bracebridge, Millard, and Newmarket.

Who will protect our interests in this matter. I suggest that we the residents must.

Please, sign our petition, support our fundraising, Help protect your and my future. Thank you.

Ruth French  
President P.O.W.E.R.

## Rumors to sow dissent?

Dear Sir,  
I was happy to see Dr. Kumar get some credit for her hard work of the last few weeks. She must by now be the most overworked doctor in Ontario.

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Kumar when Dr. Ford was away on holidays. I know how she always dreaded Dr. Ford's vacations because of the extra workload. I also know that she wanted to limit her practice because of her young family. Maybe that was also why she never had her own private office.

I certainly agree with her husband that she is by no means a "part time doctor". I do however disagree with the statement that: "She is the only doctor specializing in OB-Gynaecology in Georgetown". Dr. Ford is here, has the exact qualifications (M.R.C.O.G.) as Dr. Kumar and he is willing to work and take some of the load off Dr. Kumar's shoulders. However the Hospital Board, in their infinite wisdom, has decided that Dr. Ford shall not work.

To me it is clear that there can only be two reasons for the rumor of "part time doctor". The first reason is that Dr. Kumar has no home base with her own phone number. People do not think the emergency room at the hospital is the ideal place for a private consultation with your obstetrician. The second reason may

be that the same people, who are trying to smear Dr. Ford's name are spreading this rumour to sow further dissent and create more uneasiness between doctors.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. Gerda J. Camman  
Georgetown

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Kumar shares an office with Dr. Ashenburt on Main Street South in Georgetown and she is there for three sessions per week. Dr. Kumar says her patients are aware of Dr. Ashenburt's number as are the family doctors of her patients. Dr. Kumar will be moving into the new medical building on Mill Street in July with her own office.

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## Scrub n' soak

The Open Door Drop-In Centre held a car wash at the Co-op on Guelph Street on Saturday. The centre, which operated out of St. George's Anglican Church is hoping to become independent of the church. Open Door councillors Ross Strling and Bev Scruton hope to

hold more fund raising events to get the community more involved in the program. Between 50 and 75 students washed over 150 cars at the car wash. Here, some of the students were all washed up after cleaning this van from head to toe. (Herald photo)

## No special treatment for plaza management

After substantial discussion Monday night, town council did not accede to a request from the owner of the Georgetown Marketplace.

The Industrial Commercial Investment Group of Companies wanted council to waive the requirement for a \$120,000 letter of credit for parking lot improvements at the Marketplace on Guelph Street.

A three phase project. The first phase is now tendered to a contractor and work begun.

"Where do we stand if work on the first phase of the plaza isn't completed to our standards, if we don't have a letter of credit?" Coun. Lillian Bowman wanted to know.

The town's assistant clerk Stephen Thomson said there would be nothing to fall back on, other than the agreement between the town and the company.

He explained the company doesn't want to spend \$1,800 to buy a letter of credit from the bank. However, the letter of credit is a guarantee to the town. If the work isn't to town satisfaction, the letter of credit can be cashed and spent to rectify the situation.

The work being undertaken has been tendered at \$120,000, for phase

one, Mr. Thomson told council. Councilors considered asking for a letter of credit effective July 15, the date when 1987 works are anticipated to be completed, but learned that would make no difference in terms of cost to the Marketplace owner.

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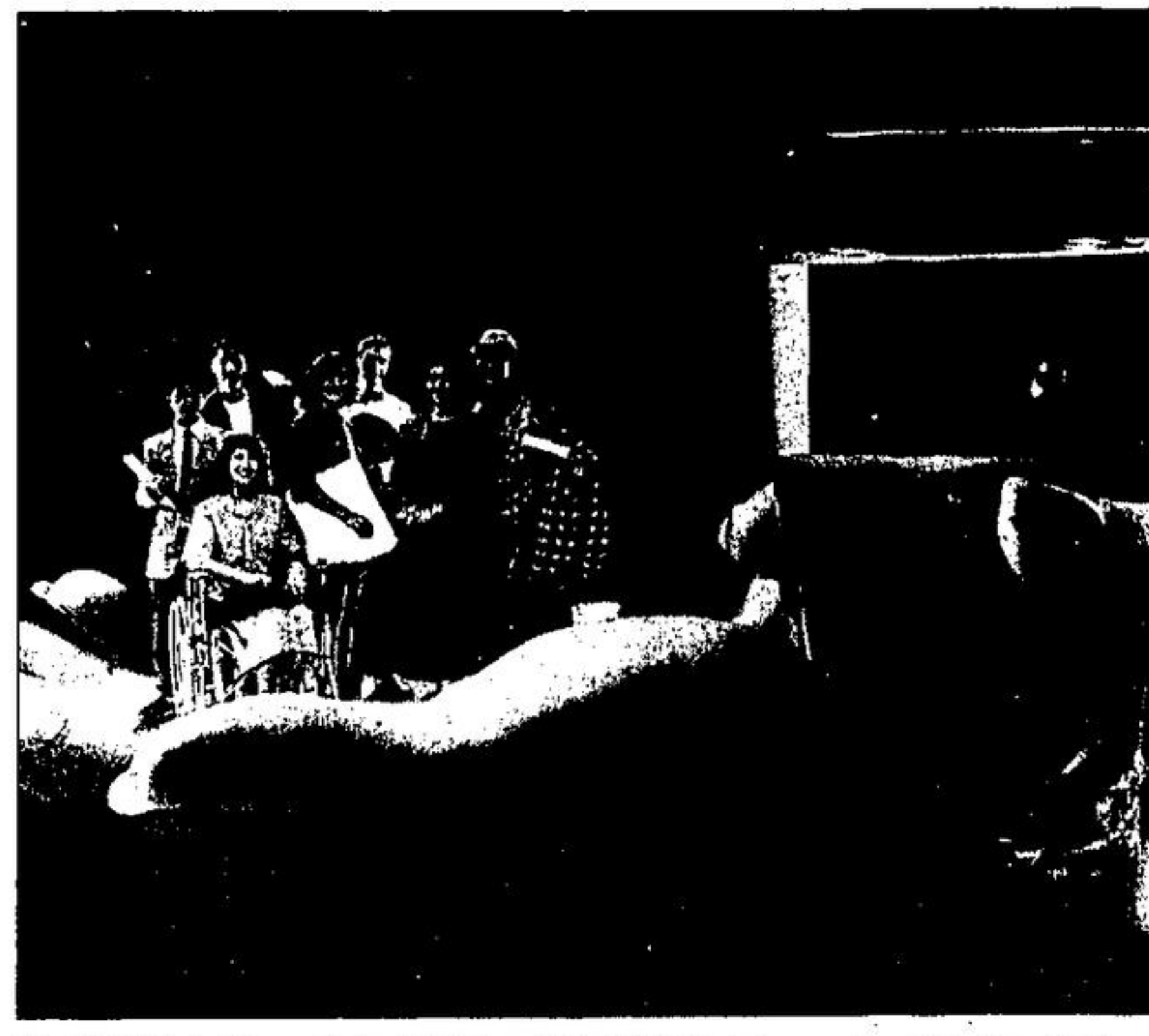
Dear Sir:  
In reply to Dr. Kumar's husband's letter, I would like to say that not for one moment has anyone questioned Dr. Valerie Kumar's credentials. I have no doubt that she is most eminently qualified, as she holds exactly the same credentials as Dr. Ford.

I might add that an M.R.S.O.G. is not recognized in this Province as a specialty-only a Fellowship is. Both Drs. Ford and Kumar are family physicians restricting their practices to Obstetrics and Gynecology—even though their qualifications are recognized elsewhere in the Commonwealth. Neither one holds a Fellowship.

The question here is "who is our physician of choice?" Many women prefer a female gynecologist and others will stand by Dr. Kumar exactly as Dr. Ford's patients stand by him. Only time will tell if we have been unjustly robbed of our physician of choice—and there are some who think we will never know if, in fact, a case has been deliberately built up over the years.

No one is questioning Dr. Kumar—we certainly haven't heard from Mrs. Ford.

Very sincerely yours,  
Joan Vachon Robson



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