

# Editorial

## Cancer can be beaten

After enduring a winter that could better be described as unpredictable rather than harsh, and a semblance of early spring-type weather it certainly is nice to usher in the month of April as a harbinger of warmer climes to come.

As represented by the Easter holiday, April is also a time of rebirth with the return of robins and the portent of nature blossoming.

April is also recognized as Cancer Month, with the representative daffodil - a symbol of hope in the ongoing fight against the insidious disease.

Few, if any, of us have not been touched by the trauma and fear associated with cancer.

The disease is truly universal in that it can strike males and females, adults and youths and pays no heed to national boundaries.

Cancer can ravage a body with a suddenness that is shocking; it can strike; then go into remission and it can also linger, putting its victim through near-unimaginable mental and physical torture.

However, the battle against cancer is ongoing and the hope remains that someday a cure will be found to wipe out this medical blight on humanity.

The Cancer Research Society was established in 1945 and as noted in information received from the Society, it has dedicated itself to the task of raising money, which is devoted to financing researchers in their quest to control this frightening disease.

It was pointed out in the information packet that over the last six years, the Society has channelled over \$25.5 million in fellowships and grants to some 40 laboratories in hospitals, universities and scientific institutions across Canada.

In a story in last weekend's Herald Outlook, Herald reporter, Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot, quoted from a pamphlet released by the Canadian Cancer Society which stated that each year thousands of Canadians who once had cancer and received prompt attention are now considered cured.

The pamphlet went on to note that much of the progress has been made thanks to the time and energy many community members put into organizing the April drive for funds along with other Cancer Society activities.

Halton Hills is fortunate in that both Acton and Georgetown have very active and dedicated Units of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Both the Georgetown and Acton Units of the Canadian Cancer Society have many fundraising activities planned for the month of April, highlighted by the Daffodil Campaign with volunteers prepared to deliver pre-ordered blooms to industries.

Where there is hope, there is a way, as the cliché goes. Cancer can be beaten and the way is through supporting the local Units with donations of both money and time.

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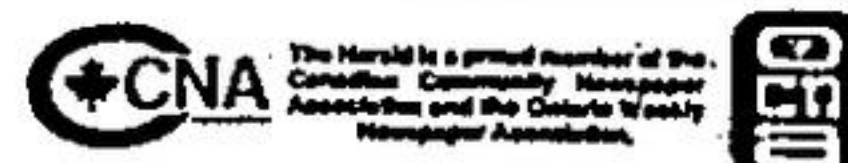
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## People's Forum

# Protesters "got results!"

Dear Colin:

I read with interest your editorial, "Slam-dunked by CBC." There is a good reason why the CBC focused on the "radicals" protesting the widening of Main Street South. They got results! They made Council sit up and listen.

The previous Tuesday, at Committee, R.A.I.D.D. and others made very good, well reasoned and researched arguments against the road widening. We might as well have spoken to the wall. There was even anger in the voice of one councillor who said he didn't think, "these people know what they want so let's get on with the vote." And almost unanimously, councillors voted for the widening. So much for Ben's opinion that council "heeds our concerns."

The same arguments presented the following Monday, by some, in a more confrontational manner and backed by numerous placard carrying citizens, received a far different reaction. Council voted to defer its decision until June 1, well after the April 8 deadline it set for the public to submit written comments to the Town.

R.A.I.D.D., second only to P.O.W.E.R. in size, has chosen to work "with" council where possible. We monitor all Council and Committee meetings and our comments and submissions are the result of careful study and consultation with professionals. We see our role as one of education and mediation. However, when this reasoned approach obviously gets us nowhere, disgruntled members and others

feel they must support us in more "radical" ways. In the case of Main Street South, we are grateful. We may now have a chance to consider some real alternatives.

By the way, Colin, speaking of being "slam-dunked", how is it that after two weeks of presenta-

tions, the last attended by 150 people, Ben's report on Main Street South was buried on Page 7 instead of being on the front page where it belonged?

Cordially,  
Gail Rutherford,  
President, R.A.I.D.D.  
Georgetown.

## Thanks from Blue Fins

Dear Sir:

Just a short note to say thank you on behalf of the Halton Hills Blue Fins, for your coverage of our 1990/91 swim season.

Herald Sports Editor Rob Risk went to a lot of time and effort to help us and did a great job of working with us in getting our write-ups and pictures into the paper.

It is our considered opinion, that we have had more and better exposure than at any time in the past - we couldn't be more satisfied.

Thanks again, and we look forward to working with The Herald next season.

Yours truly, on behalf of the Halton Hills Blue Fins,

John Duncan,  
Director - Public Relations.

## Concern appreciated

Dear Sir:

Our son Nick decided to finish the hockey season in style. Not to be outdone by any of the other players, he completely stopped the play for several minutes.

As we awaited the arrival of the ambulance several people quickly came forward to offer their assistance. We'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the two nurses, the Volunteer Firefighter, Dr. Paul Zeni, the arena staff, and others who were there and immediately helped out.

While at the hospital concerned

players, Coach McMenemy and one of the nurses arrived to inquire as to Nick's health. Within an hour of arriving home League Convenor John Murphy and others were dropping by or phoning to ask about Nick.

It is the kindness and concern of people like these who help make Halton Hills a great place to live.

Our thanks to everyone.

Yours truly,  
Pamela B. Johnston,  
Robert F. Johnston,  
Georgetown.

## Turner replies

Editors note: The following letter was released to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Note: This letter is in response to questions asked of me by Gillian Baker, of Erin, and published in last week's edition of the Herald.

- Garth Turner, MP  
Dear Ms. Baker:

Although, as you point out, you don't live in the constituency I represent, I'm pleased to answer the questions you asked of me several days ago. And I also thank you for the kind personal comments - in this job, one comes to expect just the opposite.

On MP's salaries: The increase which automatically came into effect at the beginning of the year was slightly over 3%, and was determined by a formula which keeps any increase below the rate of inflation. The 11% you read about in the newspapers was arrived at by adding in a \$6,000 annual housing allowance that came into effect last October, to help defray the cost of having to maintain a second residence in Ottawa.

In order to get that allowance, an MP has to apply for it. A number of MPs, including me, have not applied and have no intention of doing so. If MPs had been able to vote on this allowance, I would have voted against it.

By the way, Ontario MPPs get over twice as much - \$13,000 a year - so they can rent an apartment in Toronto. Have you read about that lately?

On the money paid to Bank of Canada governor John Crow: His salary increase was 4.2%, which is below the average increase for Canadian workers last year. But isn't he well paid already? You bet he is - Crow makes a bundle.

But he also earns about a quarter of the amount that presidents of the chartered banks do. In some jobs, we have to pay good wages to get good people. After all, he's in charge of the money supply, fiscal and monetary policy.

On the level of the Canadian dollar, I don't know of any policy to keep it from falling, and, in fact, I wish it would. A lower dollar would help make our exports more competitive and create more jobs. I certainly have been encouraging Michael Wilson to do all he can to bring about lower interest rates, lower inflation and a cheaper buck.

On 80% of people dissatisfied with the government: I regret that our country is being so pulled apart right now, and I wish we could have more of a partnership between people, government, business, labor, French, English, west and east. But, perhaps we have to travel to the brink of crisis before we can find that common ground.

I just want to tell you I am proud to be a Member of Parliament and to sit in the Canadian House of Commons. Popular or not, I can do no better than my best.

Sincerely,  
Garth Turner, MP  
Halton-Peel.