

# Opinion

**Halton Hills THIS WEEK**

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## The lies must stop!

**To the Editor:**

My letter to the editor which you entitled "Let's fire the politicians" was published in the opinion section of your paper's Oct. 13 issue. At the bottom of my letter an editor's note which asked the question, "if you fire all the politicians, who will run our country?" and the statement "It is the system itself that needs to be changed, were printed.

I would like to clarify that at no time in my letter did I state that we should fire all our politicians. The message I was trying to convey was that if a law stating that a politician has to tell the truth before, during and after an election campaign or be fired for lies told, was to be passed today, the majority of our current politicians would be unemployed.

If such a law were passed into our elections act to govern future generations of politicians, it would be a huge step in making our politicians accountable for their actions.

Perhaps if our current politicians and those of the future were to enter into office with a law such as this in place, we the people could look forward to being governed in a democratic fashion again rather than in the dictatorial fashion that currently prevails.

We cannot keep condoning our elected officials barrage of lies, we must insist on their honesty with all matter pertaining to the running of our country and of our lives. We are their bosses and it is our money that they mismanage, not theirs. We the people (the majority) must stand up and be noticed or God help our children and theirs. We must leave them with a level playing field, starting with a political system that is guaranteed not to be corrupt.

This, I do believe, would constitute a major change in a political system that exists

only due to the public's unchallenged acceptance of blatant lies. Guaranteed honest politicians, what a unique concept, eh? A concept that has not yet been seen in this generation but must be put in place for the next.

In this letter I also stated that if such a law were passed and the politicians were fired due to their constant telling of untruths, it may be a solution to our country's unemployment problem, allowing for the creation of three to four good paying jobs for every politician fired. This was no more than a facetious attempt on my part, of expressing to your readers the extent to which our politicians are reimbursed for their services.

I am well aware that it is our political system that must be completely overhauled to guarantee we the people, fair honest representation at all times. I feel that by insuring that the system's tools (the politicians) come to us with a guarantee of honesty, we may have a fighting chance. I can assure you, if we don't institute such a change, the politicians will never do so on their own initiative. All we will have to look forward to will be a wealthy, elite group of Canadians (politicians) who will say or do almost anything to further their financial or political positions at our cost.

In closing, I again commend you and your paper for your fair, honest representation of political issues and public opinions and for giving the public an avenue to have their say, be it relevant or not. As long as the honest, straight forward style of journalism you practice remains in existence in Canada, we the people still have a voice. Please, do keep up the good work!

**McConnell Acton**

## South getting ripped off

**To the Editor:**

Did you know, Northern Ontario residents pay nothing for their license stickers? License fees were waived as of May 1, 1991. This area includes Parry Sound, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and further north.

A lot of people live in these areas. There is still road construction up there and these people still use our roads. Do you think this is fair that they pay nothing?

To compensate for this, The Treasurer of Ontario and the cabinet decided to raise fees in the Greater

Toronto area. Is this fair?

Remember when the sticker system first came out? The government said it would be less expensive?

A 4-cylinder vehicle was \$40 for a license sticker.

A 6-cylinder vehicle was \$60 for a license sticker.

An 8-cylinder vehicle was \$80 for a license sticker.

Now it is \$90, no matter what you drive, but if you live in certain areas it is nothing. If this does concern you, please call or write your MPP.

**D. Bryant Georgetown**

## The People's Corner

### Charter a threat to family life

**To the Editor:**

The hour is upon us in which this generation will see the demise of the family structure as we know it forever.

Presently before the United Nations is a comprehensive charter advancing the agenda of the Children's "Liberation" Movement. I'm concerned as an individual by the power of governments to destroy and rip apart families under the guise of a 'child's rights' measure. This wolf in sheep's clothing could, if passed, substantially undermine the authority of parents to exercise vitally important responsibilities towards their children.

It currently awaits political expediency from the United States Senate and the United Nations. This bill called "The Rights of the Child" is a treaty designed to over-rule all the laws of the countries that sign it and Canada, under the PC banner already signed this treaty in 1991.

If ratified, this treaty will undermine the family by granting to children a list of radical "rights" which would be primarily enforced against the parents. These new "fundamental" rights would include the "right to privacy", the "right to freedom of thought and association" and "the right to freedom of expression."

Also within the confines of this treaty, the charter would give children the right to disregard parental authority, the state will determine the child's "best interest", all children under the treaty would immediate-

ly be registered to ensure state and UN control over their development and severe limitations will be placed on the parents' right to direct and train their children. The charter would further entrench the right of teenagers to abort their babies, the state would assist in co-parenting of the children and the list of inclusions continues.

Friends, I appeal to your deep-felt convictions and proclaim a red alert to an action mandate. We are in day and age where we are witnessing in front of our very eyes the deliberate destruction of the family, spelling an end to the family structure as we have known it for centuries. As a Christian and a candidate in this federal election, I'm concerned about the moral fibre and sanctity of the family in our country.

I speak on behalf of all Christians who still believe in God and the reality of His presence. We must preserve the sanctity of the family in its entirety. We need to stand in one accord in prayer and actively voice our opposition. Remember, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph, is that good men do nothing." - Edmund Burke.

If you are a concerned Canadian and sympathize with the grave consequences of this treaty and would like a transcript of the "Conventions on the rights of the Child" please call the CHP Campaign Office at 905-873-MARC.

**Marc Bianco  
CHP candidate  
Halton-Peel**

### LEST WE FORGET

**To the community:**

We are looking forward to meeting with you once again. Your generosity was appreciated last year as well as the previous years. We know you will come forward by participating in any or all of the three ways: by direct donation to "The Royal Canadian Legion 'Poppy Fund'"; by having a Poppy Box on your premises or by purchasing a Remembrance Day wreath made by Veterans at Vet Craft.

Our Annual Poppy Report will appear in the local newspapers. The Poppy Trust Account is used exclusively for assisting needy veterans and their families, widows and dependents of deceased ex-servicemen.

Remembrance Day is one of the many ways for us to never forget, and we must never forget all the many lives that were given so that we may have the freedom we have today. This is a challenge that we all face.

With your support, we are trying to help the future generations know and understand the importance of Remembrance Day.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. If you require any further information, please feel free to call me at 702-0066 or call the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 at 877-4413.

**Marion Carney  
Poppy Chairman  
Georgetown Branch 120  
Royal Canadian Legion**

### Make it a positive vote

**To the Editor:**

It is a sad state of affairs when polls show that as many as one in three Canadians will cast protest votes for either the Reform Party or the Bloc Quebecois.

It is a difficult job for any political party to run this country of ours and I am not sure if anyone has the "key". As a voter, it is easy to be disheartened and easy to criticize, but when your party gets power - reality sets in. Just look at Bob Rae's government. They were largely elected on a protest vote and look what happened! Political agendas go out the window and those who made their protest vote, join loudest in the chorus of criticism.

The other scary prospect with this election is that we could end up with a government elected more by

default than by choice. The fact that this will be a liberal Government is not important. It is the principle that concerns me. As Richard Gwyn said, in Saturday's Star, "The Liberals will win all right, perhaps with a majority, but they will do so more by default than because they have really bonded voters to themselves" - kind of like being invited to the dance because everyone else was already taken.

My message is: vote for the person or party you choose but make it a positive vote. Finally, when you vote for an alternate party, have a look at the end result to see who your decision will benefit.

Happy voting!

**Brenda Sisnett  
Halton Hills**

### It is important to get out and vote

**To the Editor:**

In Canada, most of us take free elections for granted. We assume that on Election Day we can go and cast our ballot without fear of physical interference or intimidation. We have a right to expect that the voters lists have been prepared properly and that the counting of ballots will be done in a manner that will assure accuracy. We take for granted that candidates of all beliefs have a right to bring their ideas and principles before the voting public for their scrutiny. In other words, the exercise of our franchise, freely and openly, we take as a given, but how do we stack up against our neighbors around the world? The truth is that we are a very rare commodity.

Firstly, our country was created in legislation and not revolution. The tenets of peace, order and good govern-

ment were part of our nation from the very beginning. We are privileged as candidates not to be dogged by the assassin's bullet or by riots in the streets. We are privileged as voters to continue a tradition that has existed for 125 years. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, the democratic system of government is the worst of all systems of government, except for every other system.

Therefore, with all of its perceived weaknesses, the democracy we take for granted is still the most prized way of life human beings have been able to devise for their well-being.

However, we must all remember that this precious element in our lives is held onto only at a price. The price from time to time has involved sacrifice in war. This year, thanks to those who sacrificed, it involves only the active efforts of thousands of caring people of

all political stripes and of conscientious candidates who will once again restate our beliefs in the democratic process.

When Election Day comes around Monday, hopefully everyone will have had enough time and enough information placed before them to make a choice. Let us never forget that we are able to make the choice freely, without fear or concern of any kind other than for the future performance of the elected candidate.

On Election Day, your vote will preserve this precious yet sometimes fragile democracy. You will also be restating to the rest of the world that Canada represents a beacon of hope to those who live in a bondage that our country has never known.

**Julian Reed  
Liberal candidate  
Halton-Peel**