

## EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



### In the air you breathe

Pollster John Wright of Angus Reid expects a rough, no-holds-barred finale to the Ontario election campaign. Well, I certainly hope so!

The campaign so far has had all the excitement of the Maple Leafs' recent run for the Stanley Cup. While last week everyone was wondering if Doug Gilmour was going to show up for the playoffs, now people are wondering if our painfully shy MPP Noel Duignan is going to break a sweat in the Halton North race.

Of course, the answer to that question is, *Who knows, and who really cares?*

I'm guessing that Duignan is so far behind in the local race it would take a rocket launcher to get him back into contention. However, the NDP candidate did score his first point of the local campaign with his reference to a recent study by the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, at City University of New York. The study, released last week, shows that dioxin and dioxin-like compounds emitted by more than 1,000 Canadian and U.S. garbage incinerators spread through the air over large areas.

"This study, and others like it, show that the Bob Rae government's ban on new incinerators to process municipal waste is an important health measure," Duignan said.

"Liberals and Tories have said they will lift the incineration ban," warned the MPP.

Financial management (cutting spending, eliminating the deficit and reducing the province's out-of-control debt) is a major issue in this campaign. And it should be. But there is another issue — let's call it "Poisoning the Planet" — which warrants much more attention than it is getting.

Health care, payroll taxes and jobs are the warm issues right now (no such thing as a "hot" topic in this slumber-party of a campaign), and the environment gets shuffled back. But our governments' financial mismanagement pales next to the mishandling of our air, our water and our land.

There was a day, not so long ago, when you could swim in our lakes — and actually eat fish from those waters. There was a day when you could sit outside on a spring day and not fear the harmful rays of the sun. Those days are gone.

Automobile exhaust throws tons of pollutants into our air every day. Our solution? Build a new commuter highway. We continue to play a losing game with atomic energy while solar power and all its potential sits stalled on the sidelines, as it has for the past 30 years.

Should the poisoning of our planet — and ourselves — be an important issue in this election? The answer is in the air and the water, the sun and the rain.

The real question is, will it become an issue in the final 14 days of the campaign? Sadly, the answer is no.

## LETTERS

### Euchre results

To the Editor,

As the area convenor for the Ontario Seniors Games euchre, I would like to thank all those who came out to support this event.

This year we were able to enjoy the facilities of the new recreation centre.

Every other year the competition is province-wide; this year it is within the county.

Eight high-scorers from each of the five areas will compete in Oakville in September. The five areas are Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Burlington and Oakville.

Yes, folks, we have tried hard

to let Acton and Georgetown keep their own identities instead of having to participate as Halton Hills.

Representing Acton are the following: Pearl and Colin Baker (127 score), Elma Braida and Mary Papillon (127), Doll Tournour and Jessie Robertson (125) and Edgar Barnstaple and Christene Robertson (117).

Not advancing but with close scores were: Theresa Matheson and Jessie Roden (115), Isabel Nichols and Betty Green (105), Bridget Murphy and Robert Snyder (104) and Isabel McDonald and Ina Petersen with 100.

Good work folks!

A very special thank-you to the Acton IGA, who supplied six lovely plants as prizes.

Without you all, there would be no games.

Christene Robertson  
Elizabeth Drive



## LETTERS

### Goodbye, Acton

To the Editor,

To the citizens of Acton:

With great sadness I have tendered my resignation to the Halton Board of Education, to be effective on May 31.

I have accepted the position of general manager of the Yarmouth Development Corporation and will be taking up my new duties on June 5. Fran and the boys will follow in late August.

As you can imagine, it is extremely difficult for us to make this decision. We have developed many lasting friendships over our

years in town and will miss each and every one.

I especially want to thank my supporters over my many election campaigns, winning and losing, over the years.

To my friends in Esquesing and Acton, I want to add that it has been my honour and my very great pleasure to have served you as school trustee, local and Regional councillor.

We will miss Acton, but we hope that any of you who may be travelling in Nova Scotia will look us up.

My new office is on the main street in Yarmouth and if you are driving on the south shore of the province, you have to go through Yarmouth. Please drop in.

Thank you for everything. We will miss you.

Dave and Fran Whiting  
Acton Boulevard

### No clones here

To the Editor,

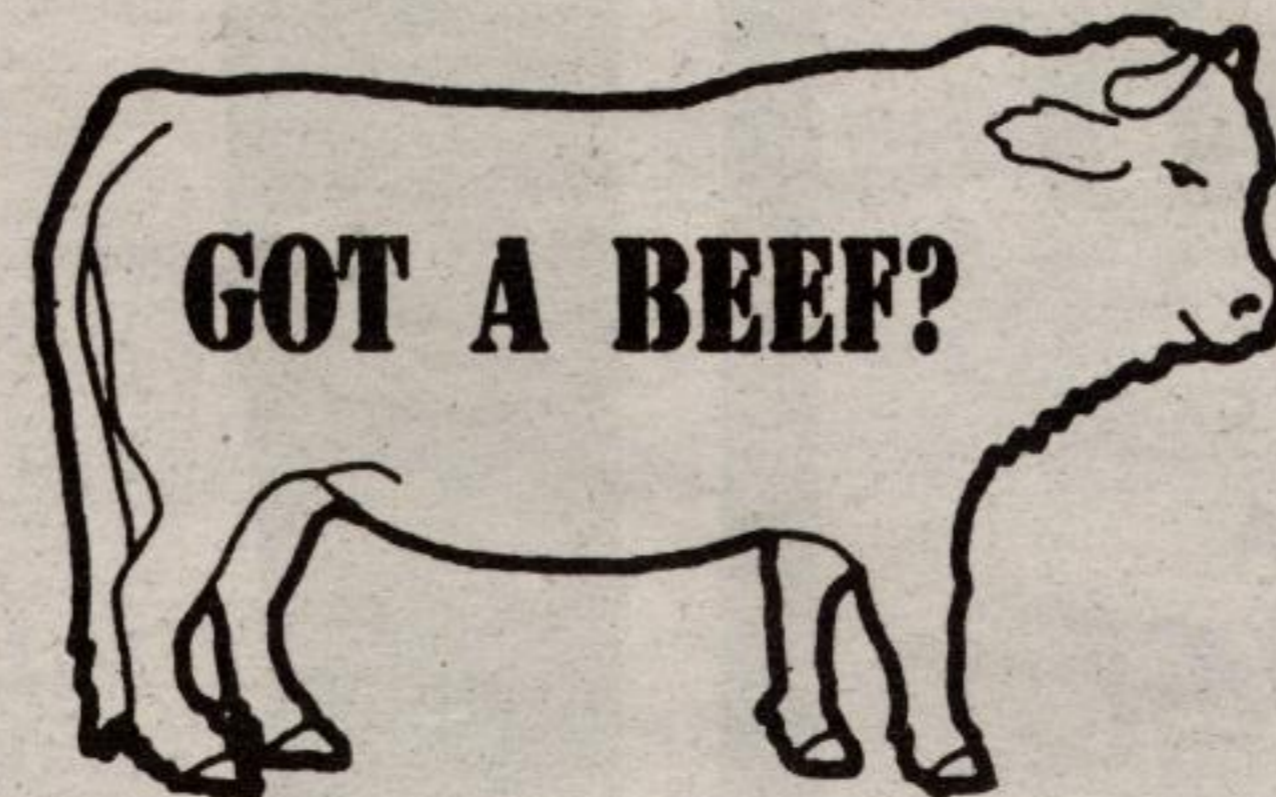
Re: Column by Mike O'Leary in the May 17 *Tanner*.

I notice with interest your comments about the pushing of the leader of a political party as the only national spokesman.

It is true that this is what all of the old line parties do, and this may be for them the way. It does establish an identity. However as leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party, I would like to give you my thoughts.

As far as I am concerned, it would not worry me if I never went on radio or TV — I consider all of my candidates as leaders. In our party they are allowed to think for themselves, not be a talking or voting clone, as is often the case.

John Shadbolt  
Tidey Avenue



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