

Editorial

# Dooms-Day

These should be heady days for the Alliance Party. With one Liberal MP turning his back on a war veteran and another ranting about make-believe cross-burnings in B.C. the Liberals should be on the defensive against a barrage from Opposition members.

Instead, the Liberals who have been given a virtual free ride in the previous two elections are looking even more comfortable in the catbird seat as the Alliance Party has been stealing the media spotlight for all the wrong reasons.

Clearly, Stockwell Day is not the man many Alliance supporters, not to mention MPs, thought he was. He has waded from disaster to disaster, divided his party and did what many thought impossible: make Joe Clark and the Tories look appealing.

Now, with eight caucus members on the outside looking in and others rethinking their support of Day, the Alliance Party is in danger of imploding. Many MPs will undoubtedly be putting out feelers in their home ridings this holiday weekend in an effort to gauge their constituents' feelings about Day.

The "renegade eight" with their abandonment of Day have crossed a serious line. There is no way they can work with Day and maintain credibility. Day also cannot lead a party so deeply split.

Tough decisions must be made by the Alliance Party. And all the while the Liberals will be smiling.



## Letters to the editor...

### Teen ball players can't find a place to play

Dear editor,  
I am writing this letter in the hopes of someone out there knowing where my 18-year-old son and his friends can play baseball.

For the past few years they have played in the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA). This week they showed up for their first game after attending a couple practices to find out

they had been cut from the team. They were told there was no room for 18-year-olds in the league. After looking forward to baseball all winter, they were disappointed to say the least.

I phoned the league president and found out it was an oversight the boys were not contacted until showing up for their game. I was given an apology for this error, which I accepted and was told there was just not enough over 18 guys to make up one team, and even if there was, not a diamond available for them to play on.

I don't know about other parents out there, but I am happy my son just wants to play baseball. There is no room in my heart to harbour resentment or animosity towards the GBA, so I apologize if it appears that way. These guys are not troublemakers, but a group of young men with a passion for baseball.

With all the trouble and temptation in this world, why can't my son and his friends just play baseball?

G. Kyle,  
Georgetown

### Halton police officer was simply the Best, says appreciative mom

Dear editor,  
I would like to formally acknowledge Halton Hills police officer Ken Best for the wonderful service we received during a recent episode involving my 12-year-old son Alex.

Officer Best responded in a timely manner and treated both my son and myself with professionalism, courtesy and respect.

Officer Best turned this negative situation into a positive learning experience for the boys. He did not trivialize the situation and for that I will be forever grateful. This sends a strong message that the rights of children must be upheld.

Officer Best is an example of community policing at its finest. I agree with my son, "Officer Best is really cool".

Julie Paterson,  
Georgetown

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### Coverage helped Youth Week succeed

Dear editor,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cynthia Gamble and Angela Reynolds for the Youth Week coverage you provided.

All the events put on by the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, Halton Hills Community Support and Information and the Regional Health Department were well-received by the youth of Halton Hills.

Much of this success can be attributed to the promotional article featured in the May 2 edition of your paper.

Youth Week is an annual, international celebration of youth. We look forward to partnering with *The Independent* again next year to make events here in Halton Hills even more successful.

Aaron Matthews,  
recreation supervisor

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