

*Editorial*

# Kids will be kids

Earlier this week David made hand gestures at others, Sandy called him an a----- then David called Gerry a moron.

Dalton then asked Gary to make David apologize then Gary threw Sandy and Chris out of the room while calling everyone an "embarrassment".

Just another day in a Grade 2 class, right? Wrong. The above scene was played out in Ontario's Legislature Wednesday as a name-calling brouhaha between Attorney-General David Young and Liberal opponents Sandra Pupatello and Gerry Phillips escalated to the point that Speaker Gary Carr threw Pupatello and Tory House Leader Chris Stockwell out of the Legislature.

"You can carry this on outside, the both of you," shouted Carr, who earlier gave Liberal George Smitherman the boot for speaking out of turn.

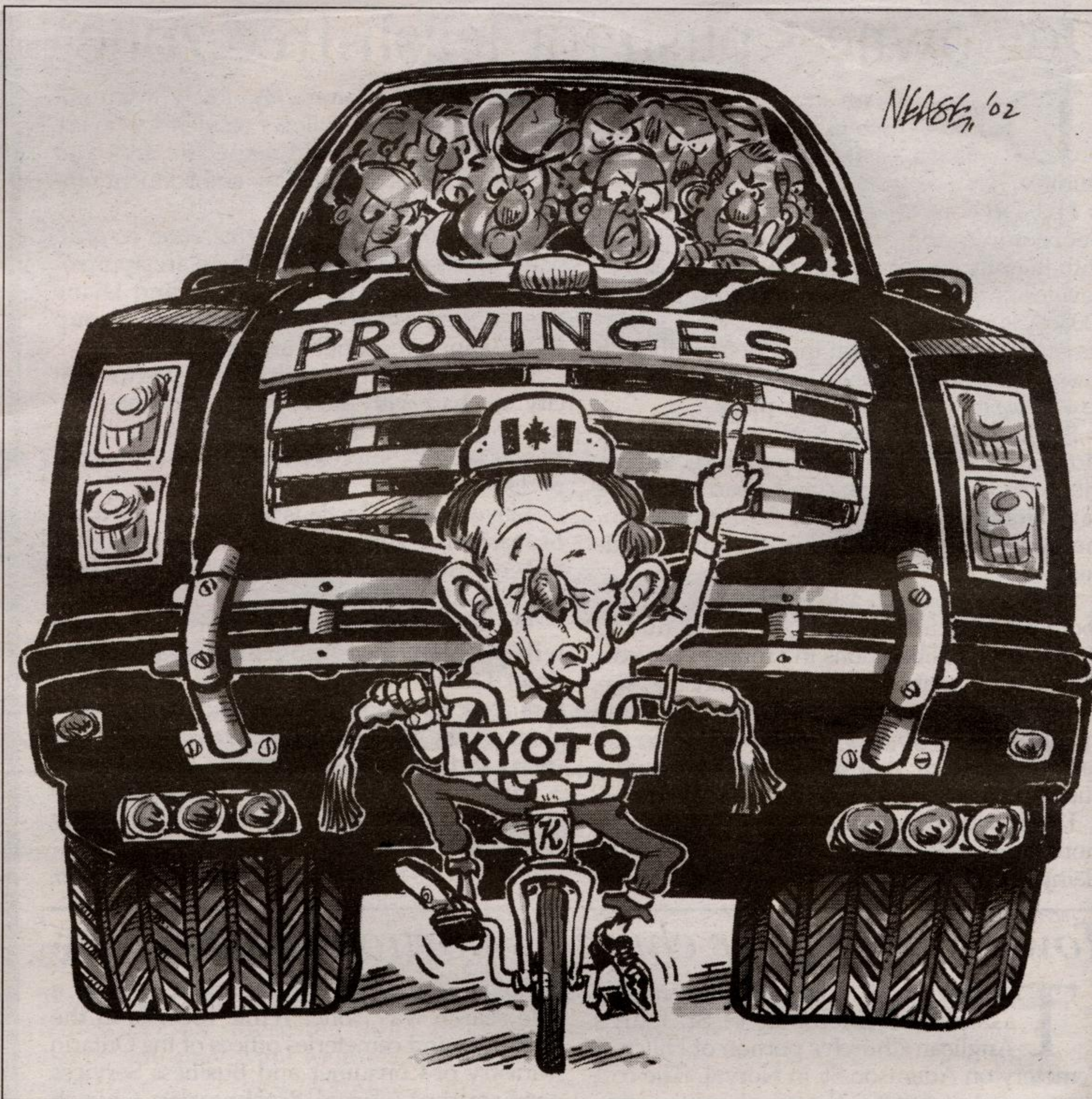
So, what exactly is going on at Queen's Park?

This is supposed to be Ontario's parliament where laws are made and ideas of governing are put forth. This is supposed to be a House of respect.

Since being elected Speaker in 1999, Carr has ejected 36 MPPs as the Legislature has often put on a show for the public that would shame the most die-hard wrestling fan.

Name calling, face pulling, finger-pointing are all things we expect of our grade school kids, not elected members of provincial parliament.

We like Carr's idea of docking rowdy MPPs pay. We also like the idea of Carr being able to tape some members' mouths shut.



## Letters to the editor....

### Reader echoes comments about great care at hospital

Dear editor,

In response to Bob McKay's Oct. 23 letter, Hospital workers went the extra mile.

My mother has been a resident of the chronic care unit of Georgetown Hospital campus for almost four years. She has been treated with care, concern and compassion on a daily basis and enjoys the many activities that are offered to the residents. They have weekly bingo, ice-cream day outings, nail care, hair care, exercise and local group entertainment along with many family involved functions.

These events may seem very meaningless to some, but to the families, personal care-givers and residents, it is very important.

I personally cannot thank the ward clerks, nursing staff, volunteers, kitchen assistants and custodians enough for the wonderful attention given to my mother and the other residents. There is one person who has not been mentioned but deserves a big thank you for all she has done for the residents in chronic care and that person is Belinda Froggett of Recreation Therapy Services.

Belinda left this position at the end of October. She will be missed for all the special events she has arranged and the extra special personal touch that has been given to all in chronic care.

I would like to add as Bob did earlier, thanks to a superior chronic care staff.

Lynda Howse, Norval

### GLT thanks cookie sale supporters

Dear editor,

Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT) would like to thank all patrons, members, subscribers and friends who donated cookies for our cookie sale Nov. 23. Also, thanks to all who purchased cookies on the day of the sale.

GLT would also like to thank *The Independent & Free Press* for bringing the sale to the public's attention in your community calendar.

Cathy Hunt, chair GLT

### Food drive support greatly appreciated

Dear editor,

Georgetown citizens, give yourselves a great big pat on the back. The response to the Scout/Guide Food Drive held Nov. 2 was phenomenal.

The grand total was over 40,000 lbs. and food is continuing to arrive. More than volunteers appeared at St. Andrew's Church hall to sort and pack food, and worked in a tremendous spirit of co-operation and camaraderie. The Scouts and Guides (and Leaders) did a wonderful job in organizing this event and collecting the food—you should feel very proud.

There were so many organizations, churches and businesses whose contribution, from space and equipment, to transport and publicity, was essential to the success of this event that it is not possible to list them all. This event was another demonstration of why we should all be proud to call Georgetown our home.

So, on behalf of all food bank clients, we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

Nancy Heinmiller and David Clayton  
Directors, Georgetown Bread Basket

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