

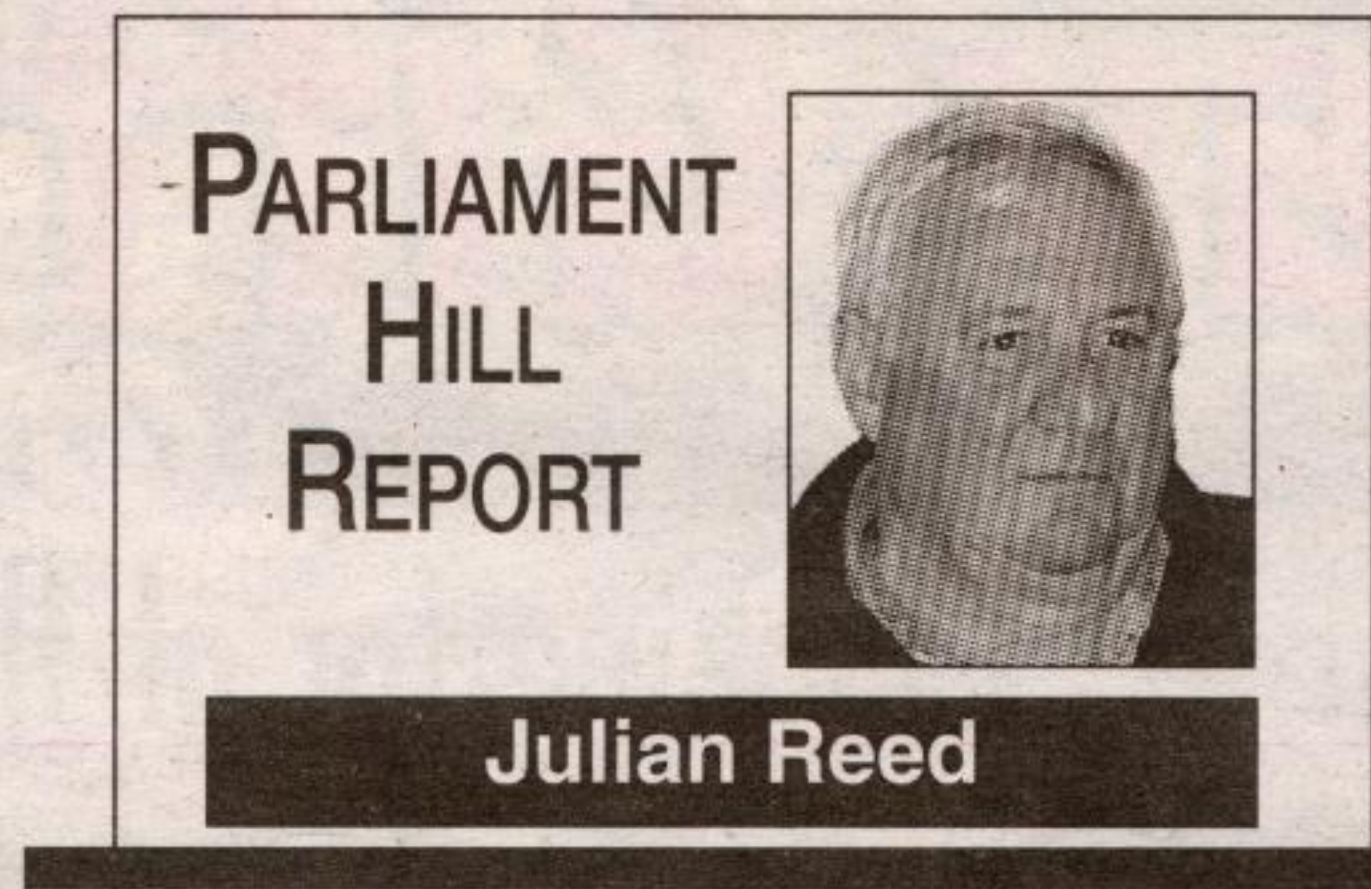
Palliative caregivers recognized

From May 5-11 this year, we recognize Palliative Care Week. In doing so, we acknowledge and respect the efforts made by caregivers. This includes members of the individual's family and community, as well as palliative care professionals, who offer valuable support to patients in the last days of their lives.

Palliative care is one way to try to lessen the pain. It's a special kind of health care for individuals and their families. The goal of palliative care is to comfort and provide dignity to the patient. Palliative care can take many different forms and is also about ensuring the best quality of life, for the patient and his or her family.

Caring for a loved one in the final days of his or her life can present enormous challenges, especially if we must also meet other commitments in our lives. A new leave benefit for palliative caregivers, announced in the recent budget, offers some assistance.

This compassionate family care benefit will be available to those who want to take time off work to care for a gravely ill or dying child, parent, or spouse. Beginning January 4, 2004, those who qualify for this leave can take six weeks off as part of the employment insurance (EI) program. To



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provide flexibility for different families, these six weeks can be divided between family members. These initiatives are a result of the 2003 First Ministers Accord on Health Care Renewal.

On the issue of the riding boundaries for Halton, we filed an objection with the House of Commons Subcommittee on Electoral Boundaries Readjustment on April 25th. The appeal should be heard within the next month and then returned to the boundaries commission, which must then finalize its report. No changes can be made by either Elections Canada or the government; the commission's report is final.

—Julian Reed is the MP for Halton

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Temporary driving range gets council's okay

Town council has approved a temporary three-year use of a 100-acre property at the corner of Hwy. 7 and Fourth Line near Acton — a golf driving range.

The property, owned by Gino Molinaro, is intended for future rural residential and commercial uses but market conditions

are delaying development. The driving range is intended to generate some interim revenue.

A public meeting on the property in November drew about a dozen residents concerned primarily about traffic and lighting.

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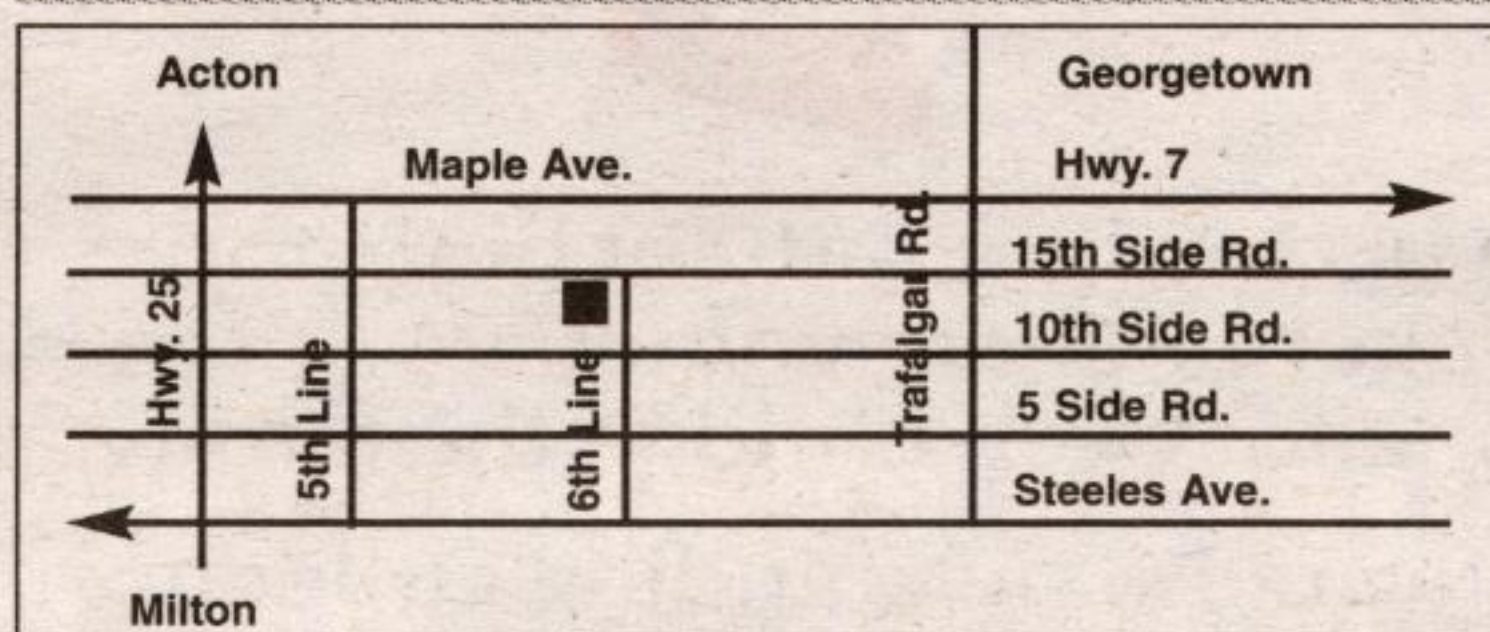
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