

* OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Litter too often a neglected topic

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your recent editorial on litter — a much neglected but important issue for our town.

We want to be able to walk in our own neighbourhood without feeling offended by the great variety of garbage that mars the beauty of our town. At times we have teamed up to clean the garbage in front of our own condominium and along a stretch of Martin Street to Woodward, however this shouldn't be necessary.

Perhaps one of the reasons there is so little outcry is that people have become so accustomed to the sight of litter they simply no longer see it, a sad form of acclimatization.

Although the schools seem to be doing a good job of raising environmental awareness, we are wondering if the Town of Milton is doing its part by enforcing bylaws that would act as a deterrent.

One way to deal with the reality of junk in our community, as you said in your editorial, is to hire a student to clean up. This would provide employment for a local young person and would make Milton a more attractive place to walk and shop.

Surely a livable community requires some kind of balance between the functional and the aesthetic. We remember the long battle necessary to save the trees along Martin Street, and our impression of town council is that beauty is too often neglected.

Loretta White, Myrtle Lawrence Milton

Reader: No pride in that

Dear Editor:

Perversion has not always been tolerated by societies down through history. There is a thin line between what is crime and what is perversion. I believe often crime is perverse and perversion is crime. I was thinking, suppose all the criminals in the province were to celebrate a "Crime Pride Day" with a parade and the whole bit. I believe most in our society would find it intolerable and repulsive.

I would like to state here that most in our society have found the Gay Pride celebration both repulsive and nauseating. And to you homosexuals who may read this and say it's none of my business... I have news for you. It is my business and you'd better believe it! Because if our Almighty God doesn't judge and destroy our nation and society as a direct result of your perversion, then the truth is He will owe Sodom and Gomorrah an apology.

Ross Hingston Hornby



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No cause for alarm

Dear Editor:

Maplehurst Correctional Centre is expanding, tripling its inmate population to 1,800, one of the largest prisons in Canada.

Of course, this has no effect on property values nor will it hinder residential and business growth plans. This will surely be a strong magnet, attracting numerous families with young children as well as businesses to Milton.

So far Milton has been lucky. However, expanding to 1,800 inmates will eventually, invite the Clifford Olsens, Paul Bernardos and other despicable incorrigibles of this world.

Of course this does not represent a risk or threat to the community. Milton residents, including parents with young children, have no cause for concern. After all, government cutbacks, substantially affecting the number, not to mention fatigue, of police and prison guards, ensure the escape risk is negligible, possibly nonexistent. Hell, we can even rely on the sound, irrevocable decision making process of the parole board to ensure the lack of risk and/or threat.

Ken Cyr



