

You want something hard-hitting, eh?

Editor Rob Kelly wrote a column last week in the Champion advising that page six was being revamped. Among other things, he said that some columnists wrote about things that were "not generally slanted to local pressing topics of the day."

Between you and me, I think he was talking about me. He went on to say that he thought new columnists would be more attentive to the concerns of the people of Milton.

Well, I'm not taking this sitting down. Okay, so maybe none of my columns addressed any "pressing topics of the day." Or any day for that matter. And maybe they didn't discuss something of particular concern to Miltonaires. Or of concern to anyone, now that I think of it.

That's all about to change. Right now. You want hard-hitting journalism? Try this on for size.

I was at a video store recently — in Milton — picking out a movie, which is pretty much all you can do at a video store. There was a family there, too, with the cutest three or four-year-old girl you've ever seen. They were having trouble selecting a video, so the little girl suggested the Spice Girl movie. "Daddy doesn't want to watch that one," said the mother, dismissing the inno-

cent child.

Daddy? Daddy doesn't want to watch it? All Daddies want to watch the Spice Girl movie. It was Mommy who didn't. She was just using the father as a blaming board while she got her own way.

This kind of thing has to stop. And it has to stop now!

See, now that's hard-hitting. You'd have a hard time coming up with a tougher stance than that.

I'm not stopping there. I intend to tackle the issues that concern the people of Milton. I like living here, and don't have any personal complaints other than some bees have started a hive in my backyard and stung me twice. But, there are problems, besides the bees, although those stings hurt. Uh, big problems and I won't hold anything back.

For example, crime in Milton is bad. Not worse than anywhere else as far as I know, but crime is still bad. Very bad. Bad, bad, bad, bad, bad.

The Mill Pond? It should be clean. Very clean. Clean, clean, clean, clean, clean.

I can be positive, too. A Dairy Queen just opened in Milton and I could editorialize about



On the loose

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that. Dairy Queen is yummy. Very yummy. Yummy, yummy, yummy, yummy, yummy.

Columnists also deal with government issues. Politics is boring to me, unless there's a scandal. I think people who get involved in local government are truly concerned with making the community a better place to live. But, they're still fair game, and with my new responsibility as a columnist, I intend to uncover some scandals. Or at least make some up. Are there any interns in Milton government?

Besides criticizing, columnists should make suggestions for change. We have the luxury of not being too concerned where the money comes from, which is great, and I have some ideas to

make Milton a better place.

How about a 100-foot high wall along Highway 401 to block out the noise? If we don't get it, we blockade the highway until we do. All of us. We'd get international attention, it would be fun, and it would be for a good cause.

That's not the only suggestion I have as an old and improved columnist that should concern Miltonaires. We need a town identity, something to make people want to come here other than to visit their relatives in jail, or to swerve off the highway for a hamburger.

We could say there's some kind of monster in the Mill Pond, but that's been done. If we all get together and say we saw a spaceship land and aliens walk down Main Street, that would work.

But, I say we proclaim Milton the "Coydog Capital of the World." People will come from everywhere to visit the coydog museum, the coydog amusement park, to see the giant coydog statue made out of butter, to get coydog souvenirs, and to go on guided coydog hunts.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Being a columnist is a big responsibility and I plan on taking it very seriously from now on.

Looking Back ...



OUR READERS WRITE



Practicing before participating in the annual North Halton Music Festival in May, 1977 were Aileen Ruigrok, Gillian Willoughby, Hilary Willoughby and Lynda Ross. They were all members of the Martin St. School choir.

Reader questions writer's morality

Dear Editor:

Richard Bramwell believes rational amorality is superior to Christian morality. Let's compare.

Jesus taught: 'Love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength', 'Love your neighbour as yourself', 'Love your enemies', 'Do good to those who hate you' and 'Do to others what you would have them do to you.' This sums up the law and the prophets.

Christian morality starts with God but greatly emphasizes human relationships. People are valuable because God loves them. Each person is to love others unconditionally.

Mr. Bramwell's morality is: Our individual lives are of value to ourselves, first! It is our option to make our lives as happy and as long as we possibly can. In a society based on such a morality, people are valued to the degree they can contribute to the happiness of others. In other words, others have value as they contribute to my happiness. In looking out for number one, one's happiness is one's own responsibility.

Would such a person run into a burning house to save someone else's children? No. Such an act is irrational and could endanger one's well-being and longevity. These are the logical implications of Mr. Bramwell's morality. It differs little from the evolutionary morality preached in Richard Dawkins' book 'The Selfish Gene'.

Christian love is an unconditional love that looks out for the weak and the helpless. I admit this is irrational and contrary to evolution. It is also true that Christians often fail to live up to the high standards set by Jesus. But what is better — attempting to follow Jesus or looking out for number 1?

Richard W.D. Ganton, P.Eng. Milton

Many young people making us proud

Dear Editor:

Stories we read about young people are usually negative in tone, often alluding to an absence of community spirit and moral fiber — don't believe it.

To help combat the perception of lack of

character in young people, I would like to bring to the attention of your readership 10 Milton District High School students who have made volunteerism a part of their lives.

They are; Zac MacKay, Craig O'Neil, Mandy McCullum, Lindsay MacMillan, Brendan Coyle, Eric Regis, Patrick Grimwood, Lindsey Russell, Joshua Evans and Joseph Evans.

All chose to donate a summer Saturday to help residents of Deborah's Home with a fundraising car wash, a success due in large part to the participation of these students.

Deborah's Home is part of Joyce Scott Non-Profit Homes Inc., a Halton-wide organization promoting independent living for adults with physical disabilities.

To these exemplary volunteers, who so willingly contributed their efforts and time to help the residents of Deborah's Home, I extend our gratitude and admiration. Thank you.

Maria Sewell, community relations Deborah's Home

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