



COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Committee made good decision in allowing dig

The committee of adjustment used sound judgment voting in favour of a land variance to allow an archaeological dig at a Second Line site in Campbellville.

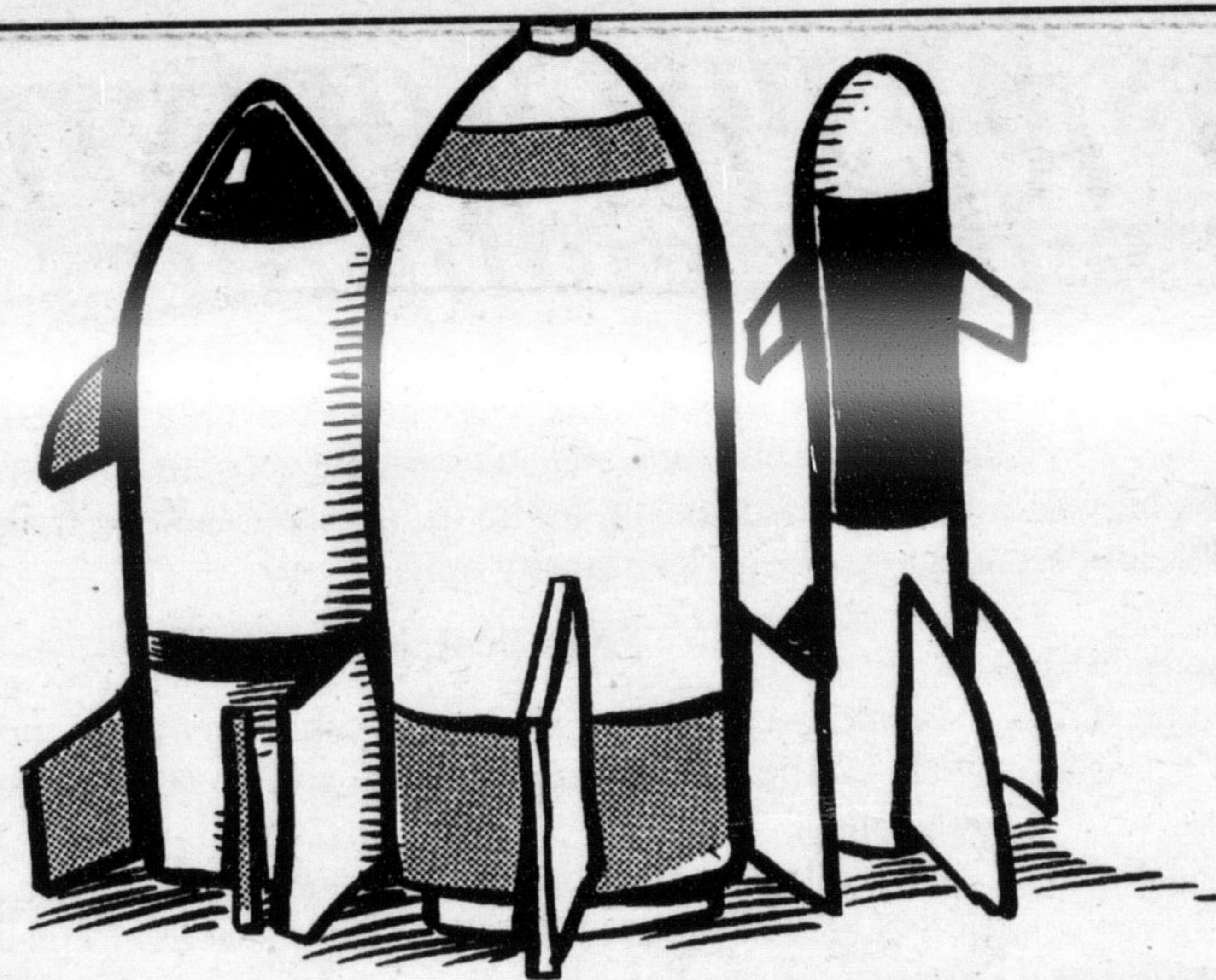
While the neighbours' concerns about noise, traffic and effects on the Niagara Escarpment are valid, they have been addressed by the London Museum of Archaeology as well as through conditions set out in the approval.

As reported elsewhere in today's newspaper, the museum has amended its original plans significantly in deference to the neighbours. Now the residents should give a little, too.

Let's keep in mind that this is not a situation in which a developer is trying to alter the area permanently. Granted, the dig will be conducted over a 15-year period. But no construction will occur and we trust that researchers will take the appropriate steps to ensure harmony with both area residents and nature.

We hope neighbours won't appeal the committee decision, but will express any concerns directly to museum director general Dr. Bill Finlayson, who we see as accommodating.

Karen Smith



'SMART' BOMBS.



STUPID BOMBERS.

NEASE 99



OUR READERS WRITE

More school days off? I can't believe it

(The following letter was sent to Fred Sweeney, director of the Halton Catholic District School Board, and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

I did not write when you and the union destroyed the children's fall semester in 1998.

I did not write when my children's two lowest marks ever were in those two classes the teachers' unions boycotted.

I write now because I cannot believe you're closing the schools again and, once more, shortening this same school year. Mr. Sweeney, as a taxpayer of Halton, you and your board should be

fired. You see, ultimately, we taxpayers are your only authority and I don't feel I'm getting value for my money.

This school year in Halton must rate right up there with the worst school years in the history of the world. You fail. I hope others who feel the same will help me have this board rescind this move so our children can stay in school these Wednesdays and all regular days.

Also, it's rather coincidental that you are permitting the teachers to allegedly study on these Wednesdays during the heat of an election campaign.

Trudi Demille
Campbellville

Relax, don't be in such a hurry, says rural man about speeding on country roads

Dear Editor:

Re: "Changing the rules is not fair play" by Richard Bramwell May 7, 1999.

Having lived in the Milton area for most of 50 years, I think it is important to realize that many of the country roads in this area were never intended to be used by large volumes of traffic travelling at high speeds.

With the increased traffic over the years, I don't think it at all unreasonable to ask that people slow down a little, not only for the safety of those that live on those roads, but also for the safety of those that use them.

I can remember using my bicycle on roads like the Fifth Line and never seeing another vehicle. You can't do that now. All the little curves and dips in the road hide pedestrians, bicyclists and people using driveways and other side-roads and they have just as much right to be safe on that road as

those who are concerned about having to spend one or two extra minutes getting to work.

Then, there are the domestic and wild animals that are sometimes found on the road. They probably shouldn't be there but it would be a small consolation being in the right when the front of your vehicle is smashed up and you are late for work anyway.

If you choose to live where you have to use these roads for commuting, maybe it would make sense to leave five minutes earlier and enjoy the drive a little bit. You would be more assured of getting where you are going, probably be a little more relaxed and more productive when you arrive. You might see a friend or something of nature that you have never seen before.

For those of you that think you are so important that you can ignore the safety of those around you, I hope that you are the only

one that gets hurt or injured by your carelessness and that your fate will not cause too much pain to those that love you.

Doug Bousfield
Milton

YCJA is as fair and balanced as it can be

Dear Editor:

On April 6, The Champion printed several comments from Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh on the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). The YCJA was tabled in Parliament on March 11. The YCJA was introduced to improve the Young Offenders Act.

After dismissing the new act as 'minor tinkering', Mr. Chudleigh went on to call for adult punishments for adult crimes. He

• see YOUTH on page 7



THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Box 248, 191 Main St. E.,
Milton, Ont. L9T 4N9

(905) 878-2341

Editorial Fax: 878-4943

Advertising Fax: 876-2364

Classified: 875-3300

Ian Oliver

Publisher

Neil Oliver

Associate Publisher

Bill Begin

General Manager

Rob Kelly

Editor

Karen Cross

Circulation Manager

Teri Casas

Office Manager

Tim Coles

Production Manager

The Canadian Champion, published every Tuesday and Friday at 191 Main St. E., Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9 (Box 248), is one of The Metroland Printing, Publishing & Distributing Ltd. group of suburban companies which includes: Ajax / Pickering News Advertiser; Alliston Herald/Courier; Barrie Advance; Brampton Guardian; Burlington Post; City Parent; Collingwood / Wasaga Connection; East York Mirror; Etobicoke Guardian; Georgetown Independent/ Acton Free Press; Kingston This Week; Lindsay This Week; Markham Economist & Sun; Midland / Penetanguishene Mirror; Mississauga News; Newmarket / Aurora Era Banner; Northumberland News; North York Mirror; Oakville Beaver; Orillia Today; Oshawa / Whitby / Clarington / Port Perry This Week; Peterborough This Week; Richmond Hill / Thornhill / Vaughan Liberal; Scarborough Mirror; Uxbridge / Stouffville Tribune; Today's Seniors.

Advertising is accepted on the condition that, in the event of a typographical error, that portion of the advertising space occupied by the erroneous item, together with a reasonable allowance for signature, will not be charged for, but the balance of the advertisement will be paid for at the applicable rate. The publisher reserves the right to categorize advertisements or decline.

Pud



by Steve Nease