



# COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## More class and less mudslinging required

There's no doubt elections invite strong competitive tactics, much as in any battle for a big prize.

But the mudslinging between the parties throughout the recent provincial campaign went too far, and actually became an embarrassment.

The parties, particularly the Liberals, made repeated attempts to turn citizens against their competitors in an attempt to gain votes themselves.

Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty spent much of his television advertising dollars knocking the Conservatives by quoting Premier Mike Harris out of context to make him look foolish.

The first topic addressed by NDP leader Howard Hampton during his visit to Milton was his call for a police investigation into allegations that the Conservatives provided alcohol and cigarettes to students during an in-house rally.

Meanwhile, Premier Harris accused the opposition parties of actively rounding up people to protest against him at party functions.

A citizen interviewed on the evening news just days before the election summed it up nicely. She called the tactics childish.

We hope future elections will be fought with more class and maturity. Politicians may find they gain a little extra respect.

Karen Smith



## OUR READERS WRITE

### War in Yugoslavia

#### NATO bombing solves nothing — only creates more havoc, group tells Reed

(The following letter was addressed to Halton MP Julian Reed and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

How does this country's military participation in NATO's illegal, "morally right" killer bombing of the Yugoslavian people and

the mindless attack on China's embassy help Albanian refugees, world peace and Canada's good name?

Mr. Reed, we urge you to stand up for what is right and convince Prime Minister Jean Chretien to refrain from involving Canadians in any ground war and to stop the bomb-

ing.

Only diplomatic negotiations, not ultimatums, must be given a chance to resolve this terrible crisis and achieve a lasting peace.

We're yours for peace.

Sunshine Coast  
Peace Group  
Halfmoon Bay, B.C.

#### I'm sure we can find a win-win solution in development conflict at Drury park

Dear Editor:

The first official public meeting held May 26 regarding the Drury park development was successful for those opposed to the development.

The planning committee voted to reject the rezoning and not proceed to a technical report. Unfortunately, this is only a temporary victory. H.D. Investments may now appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The OMB may override the Town and approve the rezoning.

On the other hand, they may also reject it. But none of this prevents H.D. Investments from burying the park with a large nursing home complex.

On the other hand, the OMB might also reject that. There is no

clear winner yet but someone will lose.

Therefore, it is time for the Town and H.D. Investments to negotiate a compromise agreement that provides a win-win situation for everyone. This could be achieved as follows:

a) The tennis club could move to another location. Tennis courts can be built anywhere in a few days. One possible location is the former chemical plant site across the tracks from Loblaw's.

b) H.D. Investments could build one large nursing home in the location shown in their current proposal. Instead of the proposed bungalows, H.D. Investments could give the rest of the land to the Town as a park. This would save about 75 percent of the park.

c) In exchange for the park land, H.D. Investments could be given the land at the south-east corner of Ontario Street and Childs Drive for a seniors' development.

This way everybody wins. We save most of the park. H.D. Investments makes a profit without a large number of people hating them. The Town gets two facilities to create jobs and provide property tax income. The seniors get additional facilities in town close to the mall.

I believe this approach is better than the win-lose process now being pursued. Please consider this proposal.

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#### These are a great bunch of volunteers

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in acknowledgment of the wonderful community we live in and the people who give us reason to want to call it home.

The month of April is a special one for the Canadian Cancer Society.

As secretary of the north Halton unit, which includes Milton, Georgetown and Acton, I have the good fortune to work with some of the most caring, loving and humble volunteers that any community has to offer.

Without the human resources volunteers provide, we would not be able to offer our services. The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-based organization of volunteers.

The work society volunteers do within their own communities reflects the achievements we obtain nationally.

The value of our volunteers is immeasurable. Our unit alone has over 1,100 volunteers and I am proud that we rank the highest in raising funds for the fight against cancer.

At the Canadian Cancer Society volunteers come in many forms. Volunteers are found working as drivers, canvassers, council members, fundraisers, health promotion volunteers, peer support workers, in leadership positions, as office workers, and the list goes on.

I consider myself fortunate to have the opportunity to live in a community in which neighbours care about neighbours. To all volunteers, please accept my sincere gratitude.

Sheila Huska-Smith  
Canadian Cancer Society