



# COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## It's not worth it, youths

A recent incident involving post-party brawling in Milton Heights -- reported elsewhere in this issue -- was no doubt disturbing to residents of the small, close-knit community.

What's even more troubling is how often this type of behaviour surfaces and how easily volatile situations can erupt, in smaller towns as well as in big urban centres.

Thankfully, this particular incident was quelled by police before it could get too far out of hand. There were a few minor injuries and some scared neighbours, but nothing really serious.

The problem is many incidents don't end this way. A Newmarket youth, viciously attacked this summer, just recently regained consciousness and will require years of therapy to fully recover.

And for what -- so some kids could get their kicks exerting their power over a helpless victim, or maybe to settle some dispute?

Most of us can remember getting into fights as youngsters and the subsequent price we paid for our actions, but rarely can we recall the reasons behind the altercations.

Perhaps it's time these young people examine what they have to lose from acts of aggression and then ask themselves, "Is this really worth it?" The answer, invariably, is no.

Steve LeBlanc



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Special thanks to Milton from fire victims

Dear Editor:

In the early morning hours of August 23, our house was gutted with fire. It was a day that we will never forget. Along with the numbing shock and pain of loss, we will always remember the goodness we found in so many people.

Those who responded quickly to the emergency deserve our special thank you -- the firefighters for their gruelling and danger-

ous work in putting out the fire, and the police officers and ambulance personnel for their calm assistance and concern. We are truly grateful that no one was injured or killed. To all our friends, and neighbours, and neighbours whom we had never even met, who came to our aid that morning, we thank you.

Over the past few weeks, as we have worked to provide a temporary

home for ourselves and begin the process of rebuilding, we have continued to receive and been offered support by the wonderful people of Milton.

We would like to thank, in particular, those at Quality Greens for their very generous donation, as well as their thoughts and prayers.

Larry, Judy and Sarah  
Liut  
Milton

### Council has really opened a Pandora's box

Dear Editor:

Few Miltonians argued with the concept in 'Destiny Milton' that the town would grow.

The question was when and how? Do we wait until surrounding municipalities are at our border or do we go out and make it happen?

While the vast majority of citizens I have spoken with preferred the first choice, Milton council actively pursued the latter course with the promise of well-regulated densities and, of course, that it would be done at no cost to existing taxpayers.

Development brings out the big boys playing in the big leagues and so far town council is zero for two in both the above projections. Milton taxpayers are subsidizing growth and much to the surprise of Milton council, planned densities are higher than expected.

Developers are not charities and it stands to reason that in order to pay for the higher than average

servicing charges caused by the 'big pipe' and its associated planners, consultants, etc., their only method of maintaining profits for their shareholders was to maximize land use.

Every builder, land agent and lawyer and most Miltonians I spoke

### We apologize

On behalf of the Milton Canadian Champion, I wish to apologize for the column that appeared on page 6 of Friday's Canadian Champion.

The article, as it was written, was an account of a private, personal conversation between two individuals and had no place being printed in our editor's column.

The Champion has overstepped its boundaries and has exercised bad judgment in this instance and for that I am sorry.

Bill Begin, general manager  
Canadian Champion

with knew this would be the case but somehow this seems to come as a surprise to Milton council and its support staff. At least that's what they now seem to be saying, "It's not us, it's the developers!"

Once again Milton council has opened a Pandora's box and given away the keys of control. Changes can only occur now through the courts of the Ontario Municipal Board, we are warned.

Council's decisions and direction even in consideration of their having the best of intentions has led us to the brink of growth at any cost.

All the control council thought it would have by pursuing growth has evaporated, that is, if you're one who believed it ever existed in the first place.

Rather than looking on Mississauga's growth with disdain, let's hope we aren't looking at it with envy in a few years.

Patrick Kelly  
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