



# COMMENT

## It's time again for us to ask for your help

In prosperous times, it's hard to believe a child could bound out of bed on Christmas morning to learn Santa Claus has passed them by.

It's impossible to fathom the heartbreak of a parent who must comfort their child after being unable to provide them with a proper Christmas.

So for almost two decades, The Canadian Champion and the Salvation Army have been working together to ensure no one in Milton greets December 25 without a gift for their children or adequate food on the table through our annual Champion Christmas Bureau Fund.

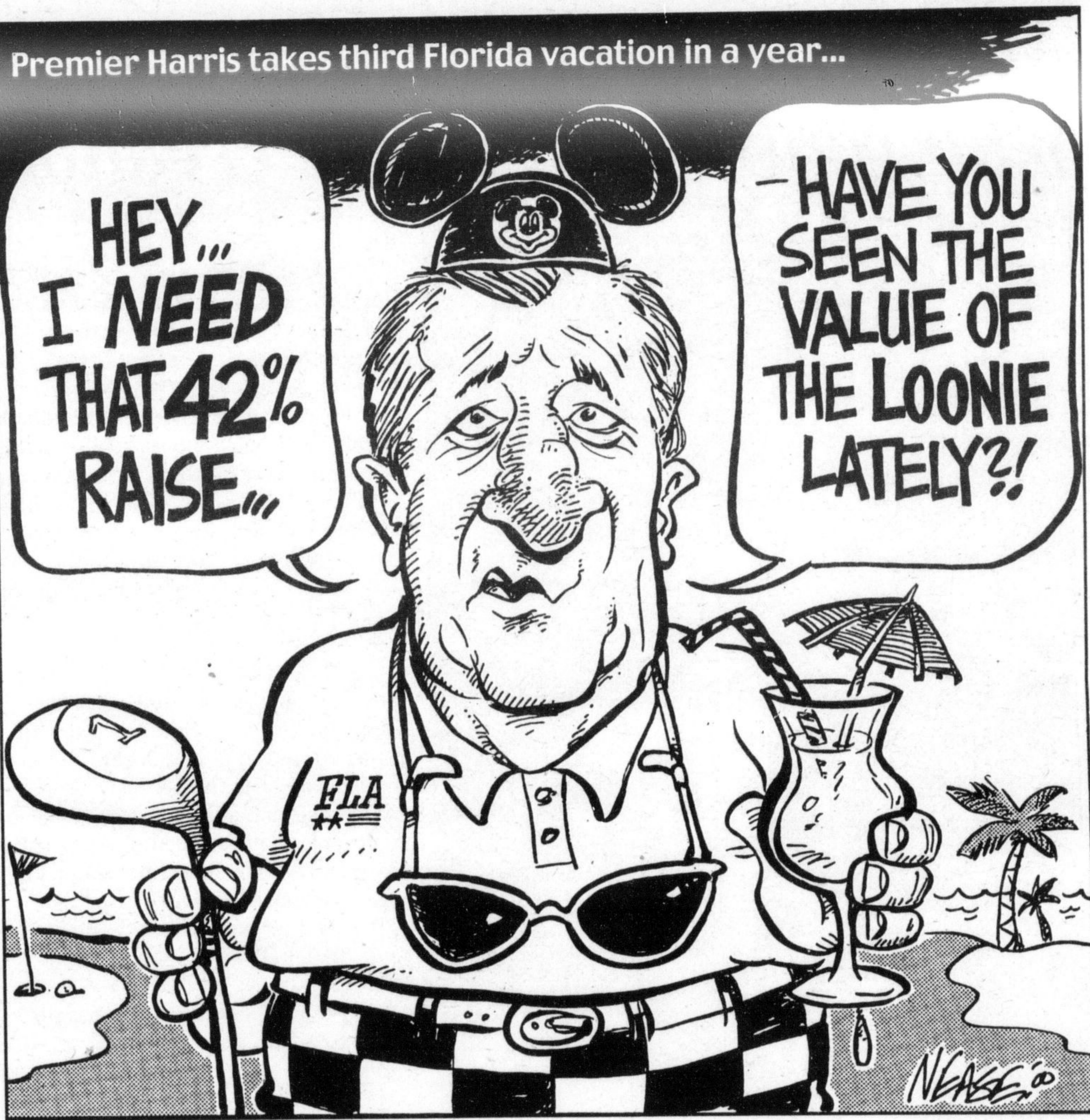
Last year, our campaign raised \$22,000. The goal this year is \$25,000.

To reach that target, we ask that residents drop off donations of food, toys and money at The Champion offices, 191 Main St. E. Tax receipts will be issued.

We know life is busy and money is tight. And it can seem as though hands are always out asking for us to give even more.

But it's within our power to help a child celebrate Christmas.

At this time of year, there's no gift like it.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Let's support and guide our youth

Dear Editor:

Lately it seems that every time I open The Champion there's a letter to the editor complaining about the youth in Milton. People are having rocks thrown at their property or having cars broken into. It would seem we as a community are fed up with these young "vandals" and are ready to do something about it.

Then imagine my surprise upon seeing the young cadets standing outside of stores recently having little success in obtaining support. I saw adults walk by these kids, ignoring their request for a donation. I even saw a few people be

rude in their negative response to the request.

Being a new mother who's planning to raise her child in Milton, this attitude alarms me. On one hand, we complain of lack of supervision and facilities for the children in our town. On the other hand, we refuse to support the kids who are participating in constructive activities. This begs the question — when do we stop complaining about our youth and start supporting and guiding them toward a responsible future?

Wendy Grant  
Commercial Street

### E.C. Drury group should stick to mandate

Dear Editor:

For reasons I will explain below, I have been an avid supporter of the Friends of E.C. Drury Park by way of financial support and the donation of my time, attending meetings for the general public and assisting in the fundraising project.

I was shocked and disappointed to receive the Special Edition Newsletter, published by the Friends of E.C. Drury Park, which recommended the candidates that we should cast our vote for in the municipal election. In addition, it identified the candidates who, for various reasons, were considered to have put forth "disappointing performances" with regard to their support of the park.

In addition to my personal opinion, I'm certain that I speak on behalf of several people that have supported the Friends of E.C. Drury Park in saying that this is beyond their mandate. The opinions outlined in the newsletter aren't necessarily supported by all participants in the Friends of E.C.

Drury Park organization.

Effective immediately, I'm withdrawing my support of this organization. I will no longer wear my 'E.C. Drury Park' baseball cap.

I support the need for senior citizen housing. I'm very close to being a senior citizen myself. Unfortunately, this proposed housing development hasn't been designed solely with seniors in mind. The only logic behind the reference to seniors is the modest house size, one level living, on an undersized property, as well as its placement in relation to town amenities. There are no facilities designed for seniors (recreation centre and shuffleboard, etc.). There's no guarantee that the purchasers of these homes will be seniors.

Due to the density of the development, the highest in Milton, and the somewhat landlocked area, my personal opinion is that the development could become another St. James Town (Toronto) in a few years. This needs to be recognized

not only by those neighbouring the proposed development, but the entire town of Milton.

The above should be the continued focus of the Friends of E.C. Drury Park organization instead of expressing political propaganda.

Len Lee  
Gowland Crescent

### Letters welcome

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