

COMMENT

Please, don't drive drunk this weekend

Another long weekend is upon us — a chance to do more work on the spring cleaning, head to the cottage or just simply relax.

Most of us enjoy holiday weekends, but every year many people are affected by tragedies in the form of collisions on our roads.

And every year, senseless impaired driving is a factor in some of these tragedies.

The solution is simple. It just requires common sense and responsibility.

If you're planning to drink, also plan to avoid getting behind the wheel of a car. If you know you'll be driving, don't drink.

If you're one of those people who don't take the issue of impaired driving seriously, but haven't yet hurt anyone or been caught by police — there are still many of them out there from all walks of life and professions — know that in all likelihood you and others will eventually pay for your actions.

Or, you can stop now before it's too late.

As the Halton chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving states, 'Avoid the Mourning After, Drive Sober'.



OUR READERS WRITE

Reader concerned water carcinogenic

(The following letter was addressed to Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and a copy was filed with *The Champion*.)

Dear Editor:

You will see by last Friday's edition of *The Champion* that the polluted drinking water problem we have had for more than two years isn't going away, and will be with us for at least another year.

I think you will agree with me that this matter should be referred to the provincial government, not Halton Region, as you did my last letter of June 14, 2000.

We're still being told that we're receiving safe drinking water, when, in

fact, no health authority has ever tested water with such a high pollution of metals as our drinking water contains.

The situation hasn't improved since the June 14, 2000 photographs I sent you.

My main concern is that a high pollution of manganese and iron may be carcinogenic, especially as the water contains granular manganese as well as manganese-oxide. None of us want cancer, especially among our younger Miltonians.

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Comparison of Cuba and Canada outrageous

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Dear Editor:

In 10 years of reading the letters section of *The Champion*, I have never read so despicable a suggestion as that of Peter D. Haight's public letter to you ('It appears there's still much work to be done, Mr. Chudleigh.' — May 15).

Mr. Haight likes the orderliness and cleanliness of Cuban society and finds our society too disorderly. Oppressive dictators love an orderly looking society! Mr. Haight likes the happiness and courtesy in Cuban society. Well, no one dares frown or complain about the government in an oppressive dictator-

ship.

After presenting his admiration for coercive government, Mr. Haight complains about the taxation of his business. By his ideal, he would own his businesses in name only, if at all. As long as he smiles politely and appears happy, like the Cubans he admires, he will be able to keep it. As long as he pays the right bribes or has family members in the relevant government offices, he may be able to get past the "red tape" to run his business as he pleases — so long as he does not "go too far." If he oversteps, he will find himself in a prison camp.

Canada's crazy mix of freedom, stifling taxation and legislation, produced by our ridiculous left-right tug-of-war between socialism

and fascism, isn't severe enough for Mr. Haight. He apparently prefers the outright, gunpoint, oppression of a Fidel Castro. Such a view should enrage anyone who knows what our war veterans fought.

Mr. Chudleigh, our lives and our children's lives depend on our politician's grasp of the difference between individual rights under capitalism and the whole or partial slavery that occurs when individual rights are muddled or disregarded. Few adults are unaware of the hundreds of millions of lives that fascism and communism/socialism destroyed in the 20th century. To advocate either system is simply evil.

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