



# COMMENT

## Jury recommendations must be taken seriously

We're sure the dedicated staff at Halton Women's Place are hoping that this time around the government will listen (and act upon) the 58 recommendations that came out of the Gillian Hadley inquest.

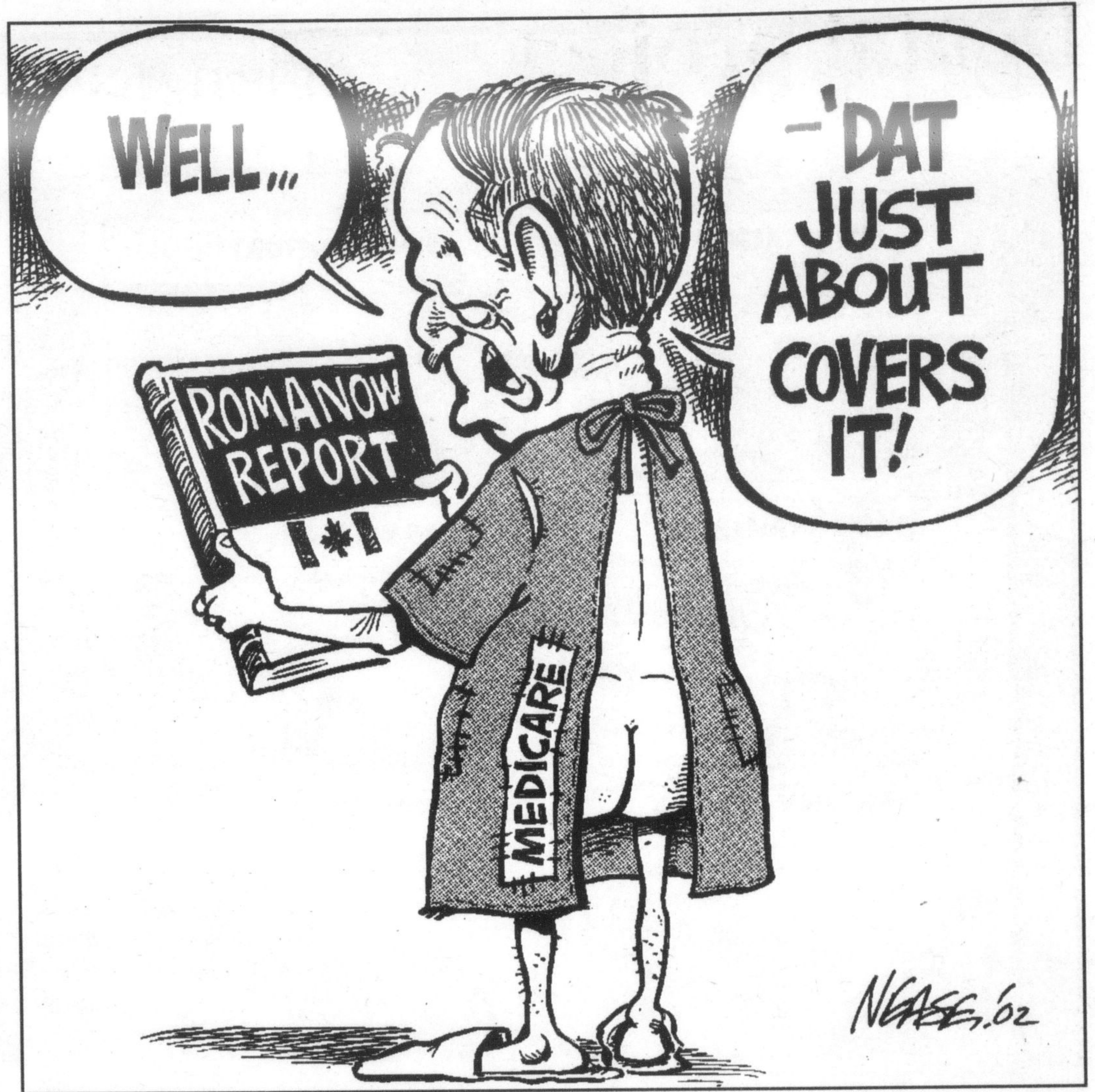
Ms Hadley, 35, was shot to death by her estranged husband in June 2000. Ralph Hadley, who was ordered to stay away from his wife, then turned the gun on himself.

Ms Hadley didn't have to die. Like other women killed in similar tragedies, there was an obvious pattern of violence — so blatantly obvious in fact, that one of the police officers involved in the case predicted the worst.

How many more women must die at the hands of a violent partner before the laws say this isn't just? How many more women must suffer because the social safety net just isn't big enough or doesn't cover every inch of the province?

If only there were tougher bail laws and easier access to subsidized housing for families fleeing domestic violence. And it's precisely these ideas that have been dealt with by the inquest jury.

The jurors did a good job. They deserve to see their recommendations taken seriously.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Milton BMX group president offers thanks to Town and staff for their generosity and support of sport

Dear Editor:

Having lived in Milton for more than 35 years, one thing has remained consistent, do one thing wrong and everyone knows about it. Do a thousand good things, and maybe it will be recognized.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the positive effect that the Town of Milton and its staff have had on the youth of Milton.

Track 2000 BMX in 2001 submitted a request to the Milton Community Fund for financial support so we could upgrade our facility and make it one of the safest, most

challenging tracks in North America.

Thanks to the Community Services Advisory Committee, Jennifer Reynolds, director of community services, Ken McAlpine, parks and facilities coordinator, Joy Anderson, coordinator of leisure division, Doug Thompson, manager of operations, and many others, Track 2000 received funding.

Our executive, parents and volunteers were so encouraged by the Town of Milton's generosity, we hosted one of the most successful BMX National events in North America.

But, the greatest achievement of the year came with the introduction of a new program called Riders Ready, developed by Nicky Pearson.

The program's main goal was to teach children with special needs such as Autism, ADHD and other such disorders how to interact and navigate a BMX race course. By the end of the year something very special had developed between the executive, instructors and regular BMX racers, more than ever imaginable.

These special children created a common bond of trust, which developed because of their sheer determination to succeed. They were no longer thought of as special kids trying to ride a bike, but now as BMX racers just trying to perfect their skills.

I would like to say thank you to the Town of Milton for its support and generosity. This is only one of a thousand good things you do for our community, and it's why Milton is one of the most desirable places in Ontario to live.

Mark Brancier, president  
Milton Track 2000 BMX

### Historic downtown best

Dear Editor:

I would like to add some input to the editorial regarding Milton's project involving Town Hall, library and arts centre.

To make this a truly well-planned and attractive town, it would be wise to maintain an emphasis on the historic downtown district where there's already a full complement of amenities, especially fabulous restaurants and shops. People like to do something before or after a performance, especially going for a bite to eat. All these facilities could be concentrated around or near the beautiful Town Hall. If need be, a municipal department (building and planning) could be located in another location such as Main Street and Thompson Road, which is near construction activity.

To increase parking capacity, create a two-level, underground parking facility under this complex. Additionally, build a two-level parking facility partially below street level east on Mary Street. Consider demolishing and relocating the post office. This generic and sterile-looking building is totally incompatible to its surroundings and gobbles up precious space. The additional property bounded by Main, Brown and Mary streets would allow the building of something superb in design and function of which we would all be proud.

This community complex would enhance and make downtown a vibrant, quaint and burgeoning area. It would be a shame to disperse these facilities all over town.

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