JOMMENT

A sobering message on graduation parties

Parents and teenagers may want to pay close attention to investigating their insurance policies before holding that year-end graduation party.

The Halton Region Health Department recently held a workshop — titled appropriately 'Party in the Right Spirit' — in an effort to point out to teens some of the problems associated with holding much-hyped, year-end parties.

Many high schools have pulled out from organizing festive events and who can blame them? The risk is too high and the courts aren't looking favourably upon adults who don't think they can be held accountable.

Parents, too, must be prepared to assume responsibility when their young graduate hosts a party.

And seeking legal advice before the big bash isn't a bad idea either.

Despite the lecture, we know our deserving graduates can still have a good time. They just must play it safe.





OUR READERS WRITE

Campbellville-area residents should have decided if they wanted liquor store: reader

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

Dear Editor:

Re: New liquor store Campbellville.

You seemed excited about it. Who asked for it?

Why does your party insist on doing things without the input of the electorate, for example, Ontario Hydro privatization?

Count our votes as a "go away" to the

unasked question, "Do the residents of Campbellville want a liquor store in Campbellville?"

You would have received the same for answer if you had asked about the slot machines at Mohawk Raceway.

> Ask us instead would we like garbage collection, or do we prefer the ugly bins at Guelph Line and No. 5 Sideroad.

Pay attention, an election is coming some day.

> Jack Murphy Wheelihan Way

Man's comments not misinformed, says reader

Dear Editor:

Regardless of what the Town worker thinks, the original letter writer was not "uninformed."

Anyone who drives that stretch of road from Thomson Road to James Snow Parkway can easily count the number of road cuts. Just total up the number of thumps as you drive over them. There are well over 30.

I presume this is adding extra wear and tear on my car's suspension as, like many others, I travel this route twice a day, five days a

I know that I'm the one who will have to pay any costs related to premature repairs to my car.

What should have been done? It may be fair to assume — based on the fact that Main Street, west of Thomson Road, is four lanes that ultimately it should be four lanes all the way to James Snow Parkway.

Why then, did the Town not require the developers to pay to lay whatever cables and pipes were required on the north side, put down a two-lane road and divert traffic on to it, then tear up the existing road at their leisure?

I'm all for development, but there's no reason that we should have to be impacted by construction in this manner.

> Edward Brooks Hayward Crescent

Letter derails efforts of welcoming Miltonians

Dear Editor:

After having read a letter to the editor last Tuesday regarding newcomers to Milton and their family doctors, I suspect the author isn't a member of Milton's Welcome Wagon organization.

Milton's businesses, churches and community groups have gone to great lengths to extend a friendly welcome to all the new residents of this town.

To suggest that I should "make the trip to the old area" derails the efforts of these people. Many of my family's friends, relatives and former neighbours love to come out to see us in Milton and find out what all our enthusiasm for the town is about. My family didn't just buy a home in Milton, we came here to live.

While there has been an influx of citizens in Milton, it should be

noted that three new doctors will be receiving new patients in town very soon. There's also a walk-in clinic on Main Street that has been there for 6 months.

It's believed that where people see their doctors is also where they will probably shop. Every effort should be made to see that this potential revenue is channeled into Milton's economy.

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