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It's a vanilla budget

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have been vanilla. If it had been a play it years, we've learned our lesson." would have been a one-man show about the many purposes of lint.

This budget was boring — times 10.

Goodale opted to forgo tax cuts or, surprisingly, expensive spending goodies. Considering the fact a federal election is expected this year, it was downright stu- et was a \$913 million investment in pefying the Liberals didn't choose to buy "communities" across the nation. voters with a taxpayer-friendly budget. However, this feeble bit of funding will Obviously, some Liberal deep thinkers do little to assist ailing cities such as managed to correctly realize that offer- Toronto in dealing with its major probing up tax breaks and spending some of lems. Major cash infusions are needed, the enormous surplus would be seen by but Goodale decided to allocate an Canadians as blatant vote buying and a amount of cash that will serve as little feeble attempt to wash away the smell of more than a Band-Aid. the sponsorship scandal.

the finance minister tried to convince 'Twas much ado about nothing.

Finance Minister Ralph Goodale deliv- Canadians the Liberals have taken steps ered his first federal budget last Tuesday to watch every dollar Ottawa spends afternoon, a document that's sure to be through a series of internal audits, remembered for one thing — its bland- department comptrollers and a comptroller-general. In other words, "forget about If the budget was a flavour it would how we wasted billions for the past 10

Sorry, that's asking too much.

While he chose not to offer an "election budget," Goodale also didn't give Canadians a budget that improved health care, the environment or cities.

His biggest new initiative in this budg-

Shakespeare perhaps could have In mentioning the sponsorship scandal, summed up this Liberal budget best:





Our Readers Write

Adding fluoride to town's water will do more harm than good, says chiropractor

Dear Editor:

I've read in The Champion recently that the water fluoridation issue has raised its unwanted head yet again.

How many times do the people of water. Milton need to turn this thing down?

hands.

In my opinion, public health authorities will be hard-pressed to prove that adding this chemical to our water will do even a particle of good.

Having raised three children in Milton

- all of whose teeth are as good or better than others I know from neighbouring municipalities — I would like to see some facts on the benefits of fluoridated

I do know that it's of no benefit to Perhaps the health officials at Halton those past the age of 12, so — as far as Region have too much time on their I'm concerned — putting it into our drinking water is tantamount to mass medication. Who needs to be consuming more chemicals? Isn't our air, food and water suspect enough?

Dr. David Phillips, chiropractor Milton

Reader says she questions if fluoridation of Milton's drinking water is a wise move

Dear Editor:

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This letter is about the proposed fluoridation of Milton's water — an issue we should all be concerned about.

It would be good if our children could have teeth without cavities. Some people think that adding fluoride to the public water supply is a be replaced frequently. way to achieve this, but is this really the best way?

As I understand, if fluoride is added to the water, only a tiny amount will be ingested by children

but all of us will have to drink it, parents who want to add it to their bathe in it, use it for laundry and children's diet. other household uses.

site that fluoride is highly corrosive be prepared to pay about \$5 a tube and that the shovels used to add it to for it. That seems strange when water disintegrate quickly and must

No doubt the corrosion continues all through the system and into the water pipes in our homes.

Perhaps it would be more efficient to provide fluoride pills for

Letters welcomed

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and reject letters. Letters must be signed and the address and the telephone number of the

It's already added to almost every I was told by someone who brand of toothpaste. And if you works at a Toronto water treatment choose toothpaste without fluoride, toothpaste with fluoride costs as little as 67 cents a tube.

> ask, why should we have to have fluoride added to our drinking water?

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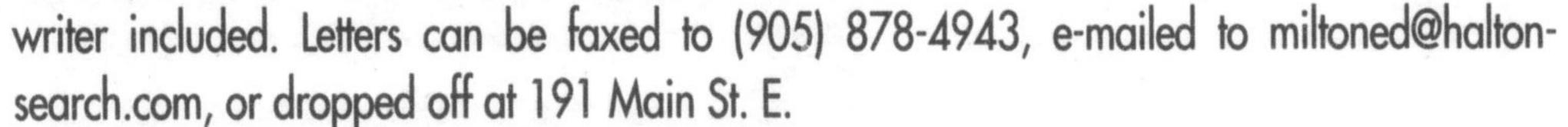
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