

Comment

Another long weekend — and another tragedy

It's a story too often told on long weekends.

While the holiday weekend was supposed to be one of celebration and pride for Canadians it turned out to be tragic one for a local taxi driver as well as his family, friends and co-workers.

Milton Rainbow Taxi driver Michael Rayment, 44, was killed in a two-car crash at Derry Road and Fifth Line early Saturday morning.

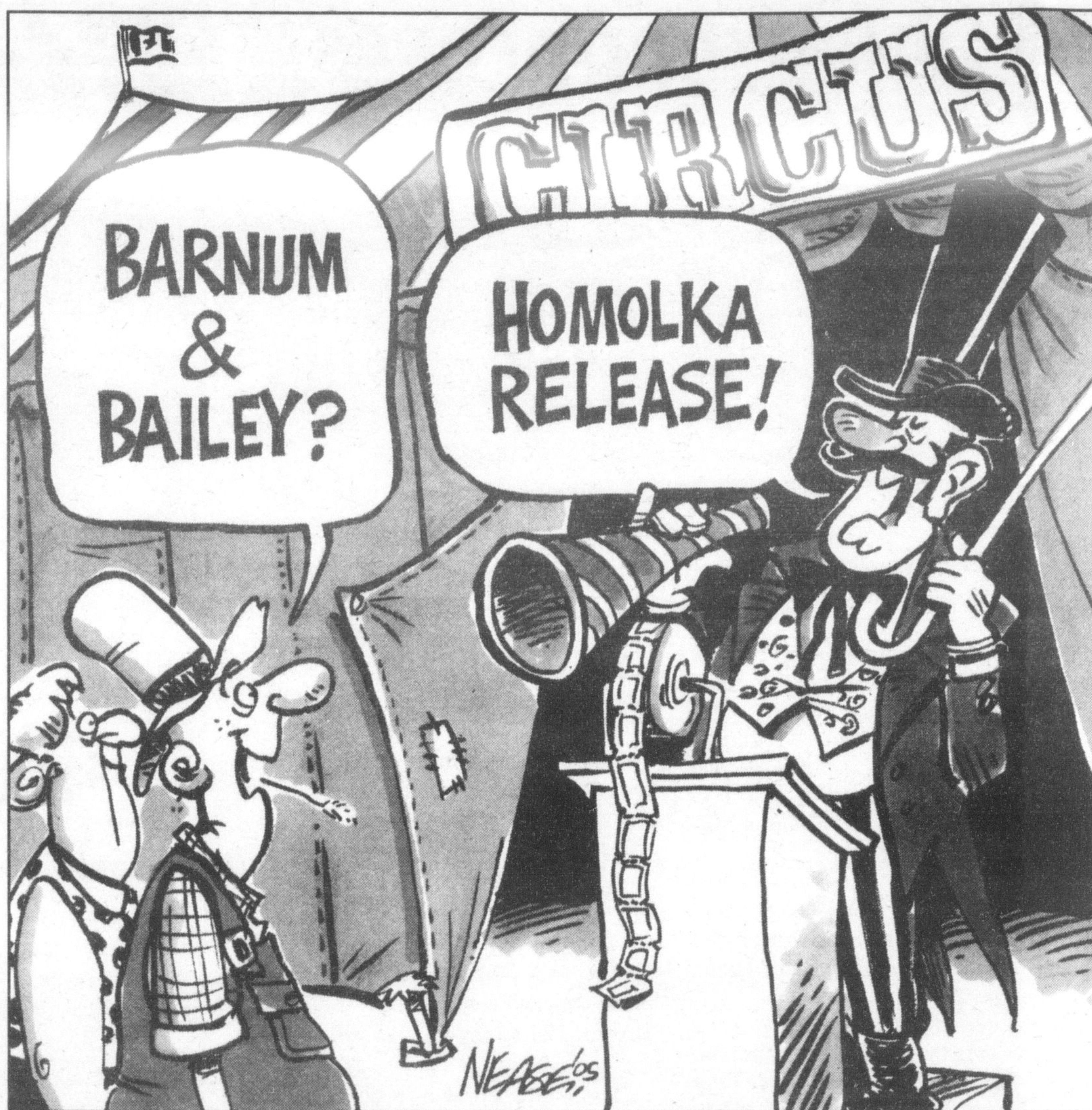
No charges have been laid so far in the crash, as the investigation is ongoing, but police say they believe alcohol may have been a factor.

If it was, this will have been another preventable, senseless death at the hands of a drinking driver. It will have brought frustration and discouragement to people like members of MADD Halton who have worked for years to get the message out that alcohol and getting behind the wheel of car don't mix.

On a more positive note in this terrible crash, we would like to applaud Tara Anderson of Milton, who showed her bravery and good citizenship by helping at the scene.

Not all people would have gotten involved the way she did, and to do so at the young age of 18 speaks to her character.

However the police investigation plays out, never drink and drive.



Our Readers Write

Carr's vote on Bill C-38 disappointing

Dear Editor:

Voters in the riding of Halton beware. It appears that local MP Gary Carr only supports the rights of some of his constituents, and not the rights of all of his constituents.

Last Tuesday, while the majority of the federal Liberal party members were voting to support same-sex marriage legislation, Mr. Carr voted against the bill.

For those of us who voted for him in

the last election because we agreed with the Liberal party's stance on this issue, his vote against Bill C-38 was deeply upsetting.

Though proud to live in a country that supports same-sex marriage on the grounds that all citizens are equal regardless of sexual orientation, right now I'm ashamed to live in Halton.

Melissa Cameron
Barclay Circle

More opinions on local issues needed

Dear Editor:

The Champion's June 24 editorial entitled 'Liberal Dream World' and the salacious cartoon about same-sex marriage would appear to be straight out of the federal Conservatives' election campaign handbook.

Surely there are issues of a more pressing nature for the citizens of Milton. Is not the purpose of a local newspaper to provide coverage of

local events, and to provide an opinion on matters most affecting local citizens?

What's The Champion's opinion on the discussions initiated at the meeting about Destiny Milton II? What about the traffic chaos, lack of control of illegal parking and dangerous driving in town?

How about having some discussion about the lack of affordable housing for seniors and young peo-

ple? Surely local politicians can be challenged on all of these matters.

And in my opinion, it's almost redundant to mention the obvious lack of pre-planning for the current housing developments in Milton.

Also, let's hope that it's not too late to improve the safety of our roads and streets.

Audrey Cairns
Court Street

Ticketing cars on street is simply a money grab

Dear Editor:

I received a ticket recently for parking on the wrong side of my street overnight.

I parked there because my driveway had just been paved. The street was full of cars on the one side and it was the only place available to park close to my home. I chose not to park far away since I had my two-year-old twins with me, as well as some groceries.

Like many of my neighbours, I was ticketed. And since I work and can't take the time off to fight such a ticket, I have to pay it.

I'm terribly disappointed about this situation, which

I feel is an obvious money grab by the Town.

I don't believe this is the way to make so many new Milton residents feel welcome.

The argument that my neighbour was given was so emergency vehicles could get down the street. However, 18-wheel trucks and other construction vehicles seemed to have no problem negotiating the street with cars parked on either side.

Shame on the Town of Milton. This isn't the way to treat people.

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