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Comment

Unnacceptable risk

phone use and preventable traffic acci- care unit.

ways has witnessed this disturbing trend. A car up ahead is driving noticeably under the posted speed limit, periodically 'wan- to happen. dering' outside its allotted lane. The initial reaction is that the driver may have been and she has two choices; pull over to the drinking or is perhaps having a medical emergency.

After spotting a pocket-sized phone being held up to the driver's ear the problem becomes clear. This motorist is impaired — by a phone call which, apparently, is too important to be ignored.

Cellphone ownership has reached epidemic proportions in this country and it's time we considered banning their use by anyone operating a motor vehicle.

to someone on his cell.

How many people will be seriously. An elderly passenger in another vehicle injured or killed before our legislators had to be rushed to hospital where she was finally make the connection between cell- listed in serious condition in the intensive

Across our nation this scenario is being Anyone who regularly travels our road- played out again and again and yet no one seems to be ready to take a stand against these easily-preventable accidents waiting

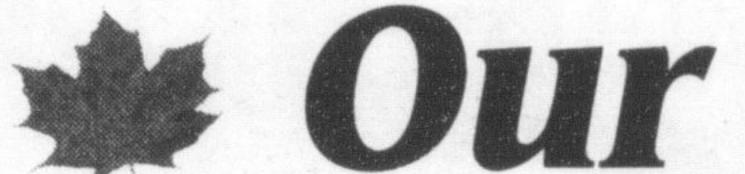
> When a motorist's cellphone rings, he shoulder of the road to take the call, or ignore it and let the provider's answering service do its job.

No phone call is worth someone's life.

By impairing a motorist's ability to devote 100 per cent of his or she attention to driving responsibly, cellphones create an unacceptable risk to hundreds of innocent lives that will cross one inattentive driver's path.

It's not enough to punish cellphone-Last weekend a 20-year-old Waterdown using motorists after an accident has hapman was charged by Halton Regional pened. We should be doing everything in Police with careless driving after alleged- our power — including a total ban on cellly causing a traffic accident while talking phone use while driving — to prevent the next tragedy.





W Our Readers Write

Thanks to all who supported Golfing 4 Cancer

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Golfing 4 Cancer Committee, I'd like to thank the Milton community for helping to make the 12th annual Golfing 4 Cancer at Hornby Glen Golf Course July 11 such a success.

Our sponsors, gift donors, participants and volunteers came through once again.

This year we were able to raise \$53,207, and over the past 12 years we've collected a grand total of \$487,893.30.

The money we raise goes toward the transportation costs of area cancer patients in order to help them receive their chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Last year alone there were 4,369 trips made by 50 drivers in the area.

The Golfing 4 Cancer Committee looks forward to seeing all of our regular participants at next year's event, which is scheduled for July 10.

Peter Stemmann, chairman Golfing 4 Cancer Committee

Stronach made right move joining Liberals

Dear Editor:

Elizabeth Harrison's recent letter of progressive. criticism regarding Belinda the Liberals.

In my opinion, Ms Stronach feels right wing groups in Canada. like I do that the federal And in fact Mr. Harper changed Conservative party is nothing more political parties as well. He was a than the old Reform Party. The member of the old PCs, but quit to Conservatives have changed their help Preston Manning form the name four times now to, I believe, Reform Party. try and hide who they are.

Conservatives. than someone in a witness protec- questioning his leadership. tion program.

I'm writing in response to name because they're no longer

Their leader, Stephen Harper, was Stronach crossing the floor to join president of the National Citizens Coalition, which is one of the most

Ms Stronach and the vast majori-First they were the Reform Party, ty of Canadians, I believe, feel that then the Conservative Reform the Conservatives are too right Alliance, then the Alliance and now wing and that Mr. Harper is not up They've to the job of being prime minister. changed their name more times Even his own party seems to be

Remember, this is the same party And in my opinion, they dropped that threw out Mr. Manning and

the progressive part from their Stockwell Day, so they've certainly had problems with leadership.

> Paul Martin's record on the economy has been excellent. We have the fastest growth in jobs in all of the G-8 countries and are the only nation among them with a balanced budget.

> Ms Stronach, like most Canadians, believes we need a government that's fiscally responsible, but also progressive on social issues. We don't need a right wing Reform Party in Canada.

As far as I'm concerned, Ms Stronach made the right decision to join the Liberals.

> Gary Carr Halton MP

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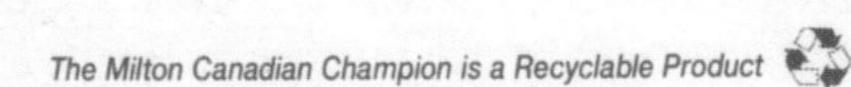












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