

# OPINION

## Your thoughts?

At the *Canadian Champion*, we believe it's our obligation to provide the town's electorate with as much information about local candidates as possible prior to the Tuesday, Oct. 14 federal election.

Leading up to the big day, the *Canadian Champion* is publishing profiles on each of the candidates and presenting coverage of all-candidates meetings that take place in and around our town during the campaign.

We have asked the candidates about various issues, including the environment, economy, health care, growth, child care, Canada's role in Afghanistan and even gas prices.

But maybe there's something on your mind that

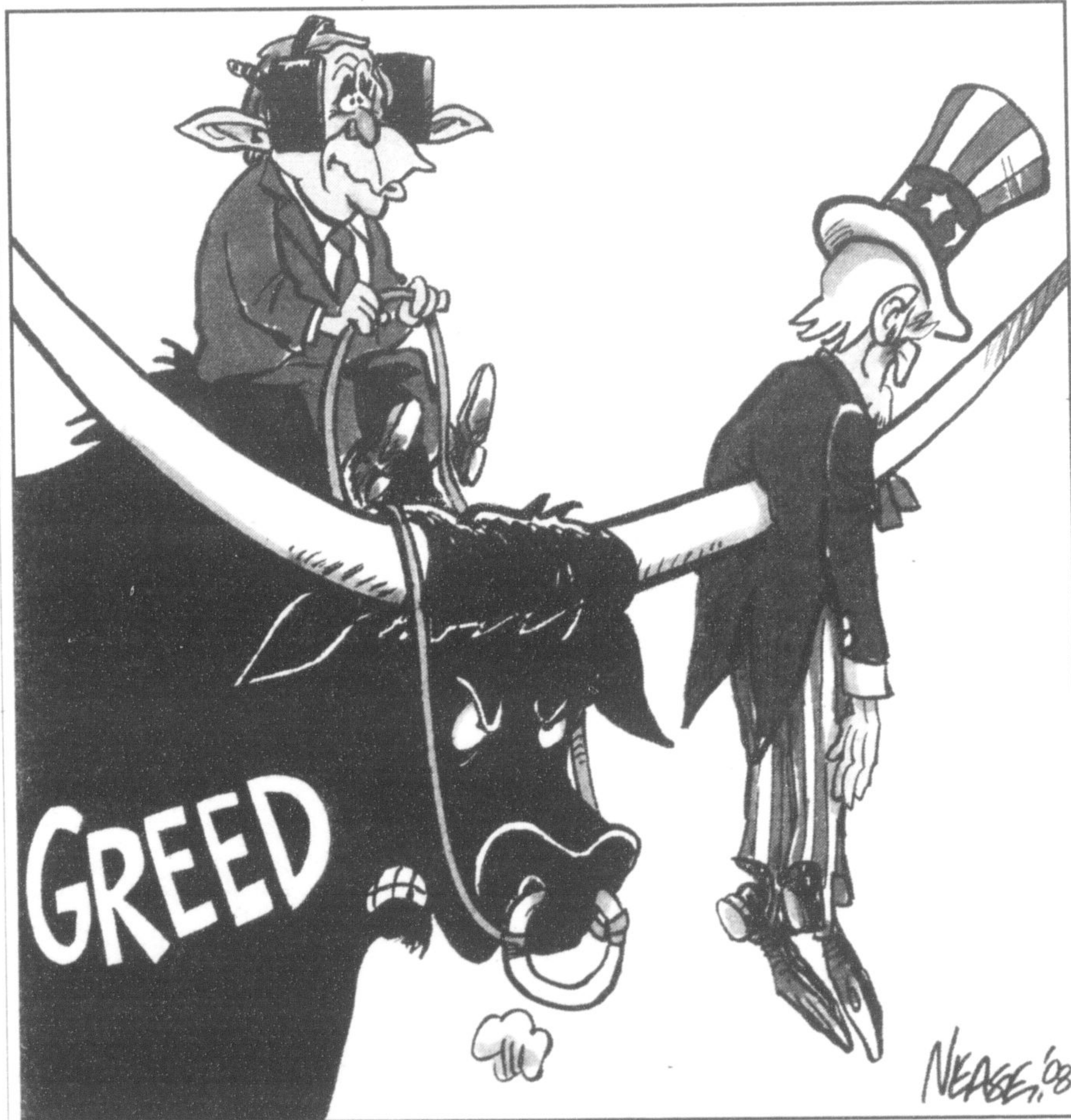
we didn't think of.

In that spirit, the *Canadian Champion* has decided to ask you, local voters, for your thoughts. We're issuing an open invitation to you to tell us what the most important federal issue is to you.

Simply e-mail us at [editorial@miltoncanadian-champion.com](mailto:editorial@miltoncanadian-champion.com) so we can address the issue with the candidates and include their stances in our election coverage, which will wrap up next Wednesday. Please write 'My Biggest Federal Election Issue' in the subject line.

Our goal is to address issues that weigh most heavily on your minds heading into the election to decide who represents you in Ottawa.

The rest is up to you.



## ReadersWrite

E-mail your letters to [editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com](mailto:editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com).

### Our transit system sure leaves a lot to be desired

DEAR EDITOR:

Am I alone in being disappointed with the transit service in our town? It's very poor.

Things were looking up when the number of buses was increased to four, but what good are they when they are continually breaking down or are being pulled off the road for some reason?

It's no wonder that ridership hasn't increased to support public interest. All too often, seniors and students are left in the lurch, since they're the ones who rely most heavily on public transit. They must continually reschedule appointments and personal obligations to meet with busing schedules.

And no, not everyone has a friend or relative who can pitch in to drive, nor do they all have the financial ability to pay for cab rides.

Also, having no transit service available on weekends causes difficulty to those who would normally ride the bus. Having more bus services would cut down on road congestion and make it easier to attend local functions like the fall fair or the farmers' market, or even going to church services.

We pride ourselves on having a transit system available, but how about making sure it's actually available to us.

ANGELIKA KOETH  
MILTON

### Ongoing harassment isn't appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

We have lived on Regional Road 25 since 1963 and believe we haven't caused anyone any problems or done anything to deserve the following.

Beginning on September 4 of 2007, for three straight days we had bags of garbage strewn on our driveway. This continued into October and November, and on October 28 the door was torn off our mailbox.

Now again this fall we are experiencing more harassment by this sick person or persons.

On September 3, we had a gallon of yellow paint thrown and broke open on our driveway, while the following day a

gallon of used black oil was thrown and broke open as well.

Then a gallon of cream paint was smashed on our driveway on September 8.

We don't deserve this and ask those responsible to refrain from such acts.

If you have a bone to pick with us, have the intestinal fortitude to confront the situation instead of committing these sick acts.

We have contacted the Region, the Town, the police and our councillor for help.

WILLIAM AND  
BRIDGET SERAFINI  
MILTON

### Does writer really know what breed he saw?

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing in response to Phil Taylor's letter entitled 'Dogs have no place in school yards' in which he identified a dog as a pit-bull.

I think he demonstrates some of the inherent problems with the pit-bull ban, given that I'm not sure he really knows what breed of dog he saw.

He has labeled a dog a pit-bull that may be one, but clearly may not be one as well.

Has he ever seen a cane corso?

How about a Lab mix, or even a rotti mix?

Better yet, what about a Dane mix, which are often mistaken to be pit-bulls.

Does he know that the American pit-bull terrier actually scored higher on temperament tests than most of our commonly known, child-friendly dogs, such as golden retrievers?

If his point was that dogs on school yards should wear muzzles, I completely agree. That would be a responsible thing for a dog owner to do, regardless of the breed involved.

Unfortunately, he got sidetracked and his point was lost. Urging the people of Milton who aren't dog experts and may not know what a pit-bull looks like to call animal control could put many dog owners and dogs at risk.

It also could take important time away from real animal emergencies where dogs, cats or other critters are in distress. What a waste of time that would be for animal control officers.

I'm sure I speak for many of us in Milton when I say that we're intelligent enough not to start calling up animal control every time we see a medium-sized, short-haired, muscular dog being walked by our houses.

SHELBY MCMURCHY  
MILTON

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