

# Letters

## Parent Concern article 'outstanding', she says

As volunteer leader of Parent Concern, I would like to thank you and Doreen Livingstone for the outstanding article "Parent Concern into fourth year", December 13 Liberal.

Three parents contacted me and two are attending our weekly meetings.

The most difficult job we will ever have is being a parent.

As parents we are blamed, not trained — parenting is one of the last stands of the amateur.

As mothers and fathers we should each take a long, close look at our parenting and at ourselves.

We can often gain great insight into our relationships if we really listen to our young children talking to Teddy or playing "Mommy and Daddy" or our older child's (especially our teenagers) "you don't talk with me, you talk at me. No one really listens to how I feel."

Family life lays the foundation for how we feel as a person and how

we cope with life.

We should show our children the same respect we would show a friend.

If a child lives with approval he will learn to like himself.

The need to change and adapt is one of the endless challenges of being a parent.

What do we need to improve our relationships and help us cope more effectively with stress?

Reading? Parent Concern has a display of books at the Richmond Hill Library during the month of January.

Courses? Some could be based on the books "Parent Effectiveness Training" by Thomas Gordon and Dreikur's "Children The Challenge".

(The Richmond Hill-Thornhill Area Family Services, 884-9148, is sponsoring a course "Communication in the Family", February 7 to March 28).

Courses in transactional analysis also could be beneficial.

What else is needed — personal, marital or family counselling at the Family Services in our region, lectures, Parent Concern, or a combination of the help available in our community?

So often our recurrent theme is a longing for a change in another person in the family relationship.

What are we prepared to do about changing ourselves?

If you feel that your child may be emotionally or physically harmed as a result of your attitude, words or actions, please call me at 884-3503.

I would like to be a friend.

Joyce, Richmond Hill.

ED. NOTE — Parent Concern's volunteer leader and group members use first names only to encourage free discussion.

## We should be proud of our police

I was pleased to see your editorial (January 3) noting from statistical reports the achievements of our York Regional Police Force.

It is encouraging to see the press commenting favorably on our police force at a time when public servants in all levels of government seem to be receiving an excess of criticism, much of it unjust and unfounded.

It should be evident to all of us in York Region that our police force is as great as one would find anywhere, and we should not need statistical comparisons with other police forces to convince ourselves.

This greatness is being demonstrated to us constantly in its purposes, its courage, its moral responsibility, and in the tenor and results of its daily operations.

As the caption of your editorial indicated "York Regional police should be proud of achievements", I would add that residents of York Region should be proud of their York Region police.

Lorne Greenwood  
43 Wild Cherry Lane  
Thornhill

## Dawn should see the light, council candidate advises

I take exception to Dawn Osmond's letter last week that Lou Wainwright wouldn't have got the votes he did for regional councillor if people knew he wanted afternoon council meetings.

And I also take exception to the fact that

Dawn Osmond feels the Citizen Advisory Group are representing the feelings of the Richmond Hill people.

Well, let me wake you up, my dear.

The council was elected by the people to represent the best way possible. I couldn't care less when they had their meetings as long as it's in the best interest for Richmond Hill and it doesn't cost us, the taxpayers.

The reason most municipalities have afternoon council meetings is so they don't have to

pay the attending staff overtime for night meetings.

And as for the businessmen in town sitting on council, I find them all very competent men who will do a great job for the people and the Town of Richmond Hill.

I feel the only inconvenience is to the Citizen's Advisory Group not having things their own way like the last four years.

Think about it.  
Jack Major  
383 Wenlock Ave.,  
Richmond Hill

## Afternoon meets would hamper his attendance

I question the motives of Wainwright, Rowe, Corcoran, Barrow and Amos in supporting this move, particularly the latter two.

They campaigned on a platform of open, responsible government.

The majority of the citizens in Richmond Hill are unable to attend an afternoon meeting.

Could their motive be to limit citizen participation in this town?

If so, what are they up to?

June Kirby,  
320 Markham Road,  
Richmond Hill

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I am also a leader of student language club in Seoul which consists of some English teachers and their students who are interested in English language.

Through the classes of English and world history, we are much taught of your country which is the greatest nation in the world.

By many facts and

knowledge, we students would like to know more about your country and recent condition by our direct communication.

Then many of us would like to make friends in your country by assistance of you, by your newspaper.

So I sincerely hope that you will find some space to print my request in your esteemed paper.

And all of us would be much glad if we can hear from you, from friends in Canada. We do welcome any age and any sex as our friends, and we promise that we can be good friends and we will show it.

I hope this kind of direct communication between friends of similar ages

will help both to learn each other's country.

I also think we might have fun in swapping items in hobby collections.

In addition, we may discuss about students life, various topics of everyday life and current international problems.

I wait your assistance, and many kind letters from Canada.

Thank you for your reading and kind consideration.

Miss Youngsun Moon,  
C.P.O Box 3834,  
Seoul, Korea

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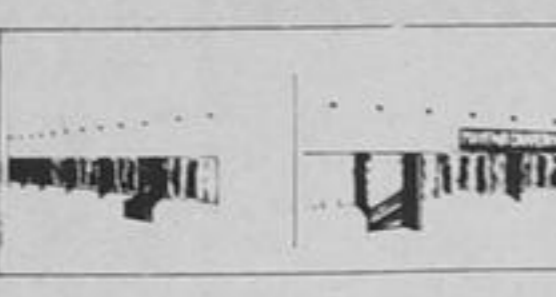
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