

# Letter to the Editor

## Reader objects to museum move

Dear Sir: Ever since the Ministry of Transport got the brainstorm to build a airport in Pickering, and the province dreamed of creating some kind of a boly city in connection therewith, this area which was once "a green and pleasant place", has been a very confused and dispirited community. But the most absurd idea to come out of the general dislocation is the decision to move the Brougham Museum to a new site on floodplain at Greenwood. The cost will be beyond all reason in this age of retrenchment. It is claimed that the vacated land will be for a new industrial area. At present, factories in Ontario are running at a fraction of capacity, as unemployment figures show. The Department of Trade and Commerce is ready to barge into the European Common Market to sell out surplus goods, while businessmen are encouraged, with subsidies, to search for new outlets for many of our industrial products. So why do we need new industry? Why should the underdeveloped countries make the mistake of following our example which has produced so many evils? A modern view of our mechanized society is questioning the social

## A taxpayers's reply

Dear Sir: With regard to the front page comment by his Worship the Mayor, concerning the alarm being expressed by people receiving their interim tax bill, while his statement that an increased interim tax bill does not necessarily mean an increase in taxes is true, why does he turn a blind eye to the fact that Stouffville residents do read your paper and only the week before it stated that we could be faced with an increase of between \$68 — \$71 for school taxes based upon an assessment of \$20,000. My home is assessed at \$29,700 — I can therefore look for a hike in my taxes in excess of \$100 for education costs alone. Since moving to Stouffville in November 1973, my taxes have gone from \$730 in 1974 to \$865 in 1975 and from all indications I can look forward (using that term loosely) to a final tax bill either close to or in excess of \$1,000. How high is up! ALEX G. MILNE  
Manitoba St.

## 50th anniversary for Grimsby S.S.

Dear Sir: 1975-76 is Grimsby Secondary Schools 50th Anniversary. The Student's Council along with past students are planning an "Anniversary At Home" on Saturday, May 29, 1976. This celebration will consist of an open house and dinner at the school, followed by a dance in the Grimsby Arena. Invitations are forthcoming, but since our mailing list is far from complete, you can help by sending names and addresses of ex-students you know. Please write to the following address: 50th Birthday Committee, c/o Mr. Bill Fisher, P. O. Box 40, Grimsby, Ont. LORI STEWART, TERESA OMIECINSKI, Co-chairmen.

## Writer supports the free market system

Dear Sir: E.G. Burton, president of the Metro Board of Trade recently described the freemarket as a "lean competitive and efficient — all that the government is not." Trudeau wants to control the private sector, but he can't even control his government spending.

WILLIAM E. RAE  
Scarboro.

cost of transforming our finite resources into environmental headaches and health hazards.

Why think only of a larger GNP when, with the free market system restricted in many ways, the consumers cannot afford to buy and clear off the shelves?

Our economists will have to find a new way of life because we have lost our way. Our planners should not work on the assumption that the massive growth of population is inevitable. They must be responsible for the disastrous consequences, depicted by many famous scientists and demographers, if they do not now plan to avoid them. The danger signals are already clear. ANDREW GLEN  
Locust Hill

## A guest editorial

## Wrong door closed

We all realize that financial restraint is necessary at this time but it seems to us that it is simply false economy to close Doctors Hospital in Toronto, which has one of the lowest treatment costs per patient, one of the best records of bed utilization and one of the lowest costs per patient day.

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Doctors Hospital also provides a unique service in the

greater Toronto area. It is a community hospital in the core of the city. A community hospital where there are many ethnic communities rolled into one. A hospital where a multitude of languages is spoken, not by interpreters but by the members of the medical staff. A hospital where the patient's doctor continues to treat him after admittance, an important relationship to those from our ethnic communities not yet proficient in English. This unique hospital must be maintained — please, Premier Bill.

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