

Weekender

# Comment

## Crawford goes out with bang

Is this York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford's last stand?

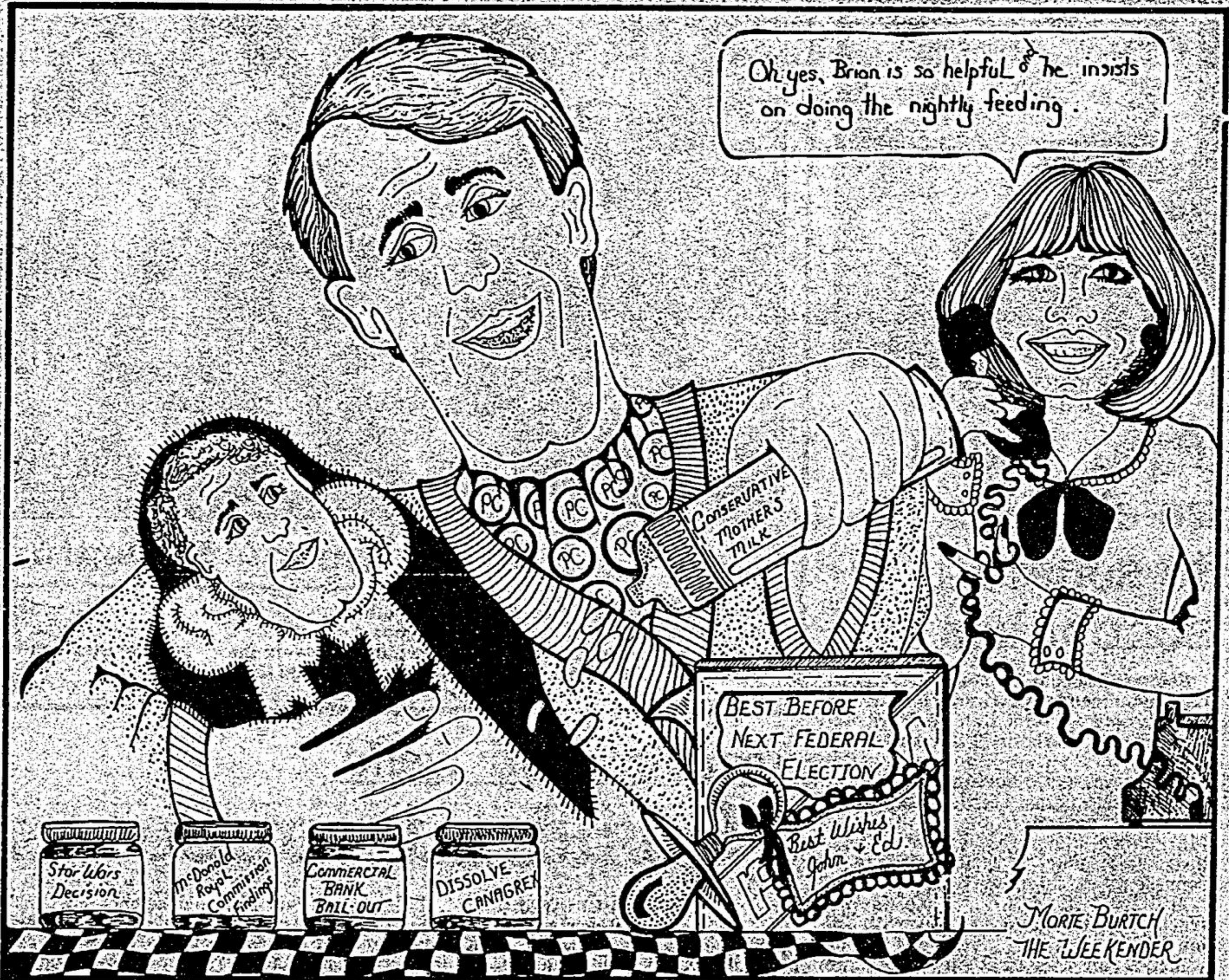
It must be. How else can we explain the rationale behind his charging 39 police officers with insubordination for wearing baseball caps and commemorative arm bands (at the same time) during the force's current work-to-rule campaign.

It seems that the Chief, in his wisdom (?), decided that a little blackmail was in order to bring his recruits back to their senses. Never mind that the black arm bands were in memory of a fallen officer whose murderer(s) have yet to be apprehended, the Chief decided it was time to make a stand.

And so Chief Crawford declared that if the police constables wanted to wear black armbands for the week of Aug. 19 to 25, they'd have to don regulation caps.

This strikes us as a poor way to carry on negotiations and a certain way to antagonize the police officers into further and perhaps more defiant action. It also damages what little morale that is left within a force that is already overworked and understaffed.

Chief Crawford's act of disciplining and perhaps even firing the 39 officers is vindictive and counter-productive. The York Regional Police Commissioners should immediately rescind the Chief's charges and make a public apology.



## Speaking Out

How would you rate Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's performance after one year in office? (Asked on Stouffville, Unionville, and Markham Main Sts.)



**Mildred Rutherford**  
Toronto  
Retired  
"He's been up against the past but I think he's been doing very well so far. He followed a government that nobody was behind."



**Joy Tetlaw**  
Markham  
Homemaker  
"I'm not sure. I know he humiliated both Clark and Wilson on two separate occasions when he didn't support them. There are a lot of things he's been up against."



**Helen Grose**  
Mount Albert  
"Mulroney's government went back on its policy regarding a cut-back on imported beef. Sinclair Stevens went back on his promise and now a lot of farmers are literally going broke."



**Alan Rutherford**  
Don Mills  
"I admire him because he is far more gentlemanly than Trudeau ever was. He's a good front man and certainly shows some good humor considering the government that preceded him."

## Weekender Mailbag Reader applauds pastor's comments

Dear Sir:  
Re Sept. 7, "Zing loses to Zap" by Dave Petrescue, senior pastor of Unionville Alliance Church, wherein he says "So many people today...are inwardly frustrated by the increasing chaos, corruption and societal disintegration all around us. We have attempted to remodel marriage, the family, moral standards, ethics and values."  
Although the denomination to which I belong (Anglican) is not the same as that of Pastor Dave Petrescue, I find it most heartening that he is standing up for the basic values that made Canada a great country and the eternal values that built western civilization. I thank you for

publishing such a timely article.  
Some churches today decline to preach the Risen Christ who makes people whole, gives meaning and identity. They may have been brow-beaten by science into preaching Jesus, the man; the social activist, liberation theology, i.e. materialism.  
But you cannot make people whole by giving them only material, educational, help and freedom. This is shown by the complete failure of our vast welfare systems, foreign aid, and lenient child-rearing; to make people whole, productive and able to work together.  
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