

Weight fines unfair

Dear Editor:
I've written a letter to the Ministry of Transportation voicing my opinion on the behalf of fellow gravel and freight hauler about roadside scales.
I understand and value the need for safety checks and weight laws. However, we've recently experienced too many times how the Ministry and it's officials defeat the purpose of weight laws and highway regulations.
A perfect example of this is the axle weight restrictions.
Although such a restriction is needed, we wish to point out that our gravel pits are not equipped with scales to show correct axle weights. We believe drivers who knowingly pull over their grossed weight should be penalized if

caught. But show us anyone who can look inside a trailer full of gravel and be able to tell if an axle is overweight and by how much. This is impossible.
For instance, a driver pulls on to the roadside scales and is directed to park. He or she is guilty of axle overweight.
Our Ministry boys say: "Just to show you how nice we are we'll just give you a fine and send you on your way" — overweight.
Now tell us are they really out there to protect our highways or just take our money; money that should be used to repair our pathetically rough roads. This again leads to more costs for drivers for repairs due to bad road conditions.
We feel on this matter of axle weight laws, all drivers should be

given the choice of making their loads legal instead of automatically taking our money in fines, without knowing of our guilt in the first place. Seeing as how the Ministry is letting us leave the scales overweight anyway.
We're forced to avoid scales and unfair penalties that accompany axle weight laws. For this reason we can only address a letter on this matter for a change, seeing as all drivers would lose a day's pay to argue the point in court.
This letter speaks for all drivers put over the same barrel as ourselves. Because we don't wish further harrassment from the Ministry boys, we must remain anonymous. Sincerely,
Time for a change.

Pit Bull Terriers maligned

Dear Editor:
In response to last week's story on 'Muzzles for Pit Bulls', I'm wondering if Mrs. Seymour has ever met a Pit Bull (Staffordshire Bull Terrier).
For those of us who regard all dogs with the same reverence during the hot and humid weather, it is beyond my comprehension why parents allow their children to play with an animal not belonging to them without permission.
Dogs are creatures of habit as are humans and if one human might have a bad public record so might a 'dog' become agitated when accosted by an unknown person. We have tried to teach the children in our neighborhood the respect any dog deserves and it works.
Our Staffordshire is always on a lead when out for a walk and if Mrs. Seymour would like to meet our "Pit Bull" she is more than welcome to do so but please do not categorize our dog with those persons who should not own this type of breed.
Thank you for space in your newspaper, I remain a stalwart supporter of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Canada.
Sincerely,
Marie Graham,
R.R. 3, Stouffville.



—George Ross Studio

Weds lovely Etobicoke girl

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sanderson are pictured here following their marriage June 18, 1988 in St. Luke's United Church, Etobicoke. The bride is the former Norma Hunt, daughter of Ed and Janet Hunt, Etobicoke. The groom is the son of David and Brenda Sanderson, R.R. 2, Markham. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the happy couple have taken up residence in Etobicoke.



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The Stouffville Horticultural Society will hold its final flower show of the season, Monday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., in the lower auditorium of the United Church.
Transparencies are welcomed for competition. A plant sale will be held.
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