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Sporting scandal

Allegations against a high-profile former executive of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Minor Hockey Association shook the community early this week.

And charges laid by police against Edward Grimshaw, a long-serving and respected volunteer with the WSMHA, cannot be easily dismissed.

The police, who allege that Mr. Grimshaw misappropriated almost \$12,000 of hockey association funds, say the missing money was for two specific hockey league accounts.

Despite that, he is still innocent, unless that is decided otherwise in court.

Local residents, and particularly those involved in Stouffville's minor hockey association, have to wait for the judicial system to do its work.

Mr. Grimshaw's arrest has been made public, the charges have been laid, and a November court date has been set.

The community must let the judicial process run its course to decide guilt or innocence.

It's good for our country, isn't it?

Dear Mr. Mulroney,

I hope you are keeping well. I'm not sure if the rest of us are or aren't.

I watch the news every day and see you in the House of Commons, or on the steps of the House.

Most of the rest of us are wondering if we will still be able to walk up the steps of our houses - or if we will be able to keep our houses.

And what is all the fuss about your recent Senate appointments? There's nothing wrong with hiring a friend, especially if the friend shares your view, right?

We have something in common. My friends, although I've never hired them and offered plum salaries and cushy pensions, share my views about cer-



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tain things.

I don't think you want to really know what they are.

Mostly, my friends work 40 and 50 hour weeks, although some of them are afraid for their jobs. Are you afraid for yours? I wonder.

Aside from that, I don't think you know how popular you are among my friends and co-workers. Never mind what those silly polls say.

Most work days, and even on the weekends, our talk turns to you and how you are doing.

And I think my friends must like you because I often hear things like "Did you see what Mulroney did today?" or "How about our Prime Minister?" or "He says there isn't a recession."

They are good citizens, right?

You must feel proud knowing that people are talking about whatever you do all across the country.

I've heard other things, and I assume they are from bad citizens, because they say things like "I'd like to take all the Tories and..."

I also think you impressed a lot of people in your handling of the Meech Lake thing earlier this

year.

You really got a rise out of us all when you referred to Meech Lake's failure as a "roll of the dice."

You sure know how to get people going, ha-ha. I don't believe I've ever seen Uncle Richard get so red in the face, but I couldn't tell if he was laughing.

Anyway, I don't believe the end of Meech Lake really spells the end of Canada. You didn't really believe that either, did you? Did you?

I thought not.

And this Goods and Services Tax; it's good for the country isn't it?

It's hard to believe all these economists who are saying it's inflationary and isn't good for the country at this time.

I realize these are the very same people who are saying that Canada's economy has tipped

into recession.

They just say stuff like that so they can keep their expensive homes and cars, right?

It's pretty easy to see through their ruse, don't you agree?

And one more thing. How are things over there in Oka? You handled that one well too. That sure was an impressive show of force. For a while there that whole area looked like Beirut.

But you can never have enough money or enough military hardware, right?

I'll bet your good friend George Bush would agree, ha-ha.

Anyway, I'm sorry I went on so long, but I thought you might need a little shot in the arm.

Maybe you should call an election soon, just to show all of them.

And never mind what those silly polls say.

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Editor's mail

Environmental solutions

Dear Editor,
I have been following with interest and concern the comments and suggestions for handling waste, generating energy, etc. and have some viable suggestions I haven't seen mentioned.

My experience as an engineer in the design, construction and supervision of environmental heating, cooling and energy conservation might offer a different approach to the problem.

First, burning waste materials, when properly designed, can be done by keeping the

treatment of waste gases controlled and utilizing the heat energy produced.

Secondly, the heat produced should not be in steam but in high temperature hot water, operative at 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more for this purpose.

This eliminates the costly need for water treatment plants and makes the distribution of heat by district heating mains straight forward, since connections to houses at reduced temperatures of 180-200 degrees Fahrenheit can be metered and charged the same as any other

fuel. Such systems are in use in Russia, Germany, England and Scotland and are successfully operating.

There are many things I could elaborate on but suffice it to say that I have available text books, data, catalogues and design data for all such designs and would be pleased to discuss them with anyone who is interested in getting involved.

Sincerely,
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