

## Letters

## Reporter brought up issues

Dear Editor,

I believe you should either check the credentials of the reporter who covered the Reform nomination meeting this past Thursday, or send her to have her hearing tested.

The headlines and the article were absolutely wrong and misrepresented most that happened at the meeting. Your reporter was the only one who brought up the topic of racism. Through her line of questioning, she was very persistent in her attempts to solicit racist comments from people in attendance.

She came armed with a verbal explosive, ignited it, and then continued to throw gasoline on it throughout the night. The emotional reaction that resulted from

Comments  
disputed

Dear Editor,

I wish to deal primarily with the issue of the Reform Oak Ridges Riding Association meet the candidate gathering which took place on Thursday, April 24. Let me say from the outset that I am not in the habit of writing to newspapers. But the deceptive spin that was put on these articles is of great concern to me.

I have worked as a professional law enforcement officer for many years and pride myself in doing professional investigations which report truthfully all the facts of the incident. When a case is prepared for court there are no secrets, all evidence which has been gathered must be disclosed to the lawyer for the accused. This is not a requirement for the defence and after reading events as reported on by your correspondent, it is obvious to me that the disclosure of fact is not a concern for her.

In the past I have read many articles in the newspaper on investigations which I had personal knowledge of. The facts were not always reported correctly but generally I attributed this to the correspondent not having been there when it happened or that they were lacking further information which had come to light through continuing investigation. This is not the case in relation to your article on the Reform, Oak Ridges candidate meeting. Your correspondent was there, in fact she was sitting not far from myself my wife and my neighbour. We had attended the meeting in an attempt to see what kind of candidate was being offered by a federal party who had become one of the major players in our riding in the last election.

I find the title of both Reform articles extremely biased and deceptive. "Reform fete turns ugly" I can only assume that because the candidate Mr. Sarafian was asked some tough questions that your reporter interprets that as "ugly" or maybe it was the tough questions that were directed to your correspondent on her  
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residents of the Oak Ridges riding was towards your reporter and her libelous comments about Reform's policies, candidates, and members.

The gentleman to whom she attributed a racist remark was referring to actual examples outlined in a story last week by a major Toronto newspaper. It reported how illegal immigrant brokers are taking advantage of Canadian compassion, and unjustly using social safety nets designed to assist our citizens who badly need them.

Your reporter, your newspaper, and you, had better be more properly informed about Reform policies and the people who truly represent them, prior to writing such inaccurate articles in the future.

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