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## Views ON THE News

A FORUM FOR PUBLIC OPINION

**Q** A controversy is brewing over a nude beach approved by Toronto Council for a one-year trial run. What's your opinion on clothing optional beaches? Will you pay a visit?

I guess it's good that we live in a place and time that is at least tolerant to things like this. I will not visit though.

MARILYN HOPPER

I definitely will not go to one. I hope if they allow something like this, they keep it far away from families and children.

JESSIE MUNROE

I'm not really for it because it will probably attract undesirables and undesirable behaviour.

HEATHER BYERS-KEATON

Say good-bye to tan lines.

TIM WEATHERALL

I like to think I'm open minded. So as long as every body lives by the regulations and it is not imposed on others, then it's fine.

NORM RASMUSSEN

I'd like to be there for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Those politicians who vote for it should be required to cut the ribbon in the buff. Hmm, well maybe not.

DENISE FORTIER

I won't be taking this old body to a nude beach, that's for sure.

DORIE TEVLIN

Life used to be so much simpler. Heck, before religion came along, people were doing this type of thing all the time, weather permitting. I don't see what the big deal is.

STAN CECILE

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

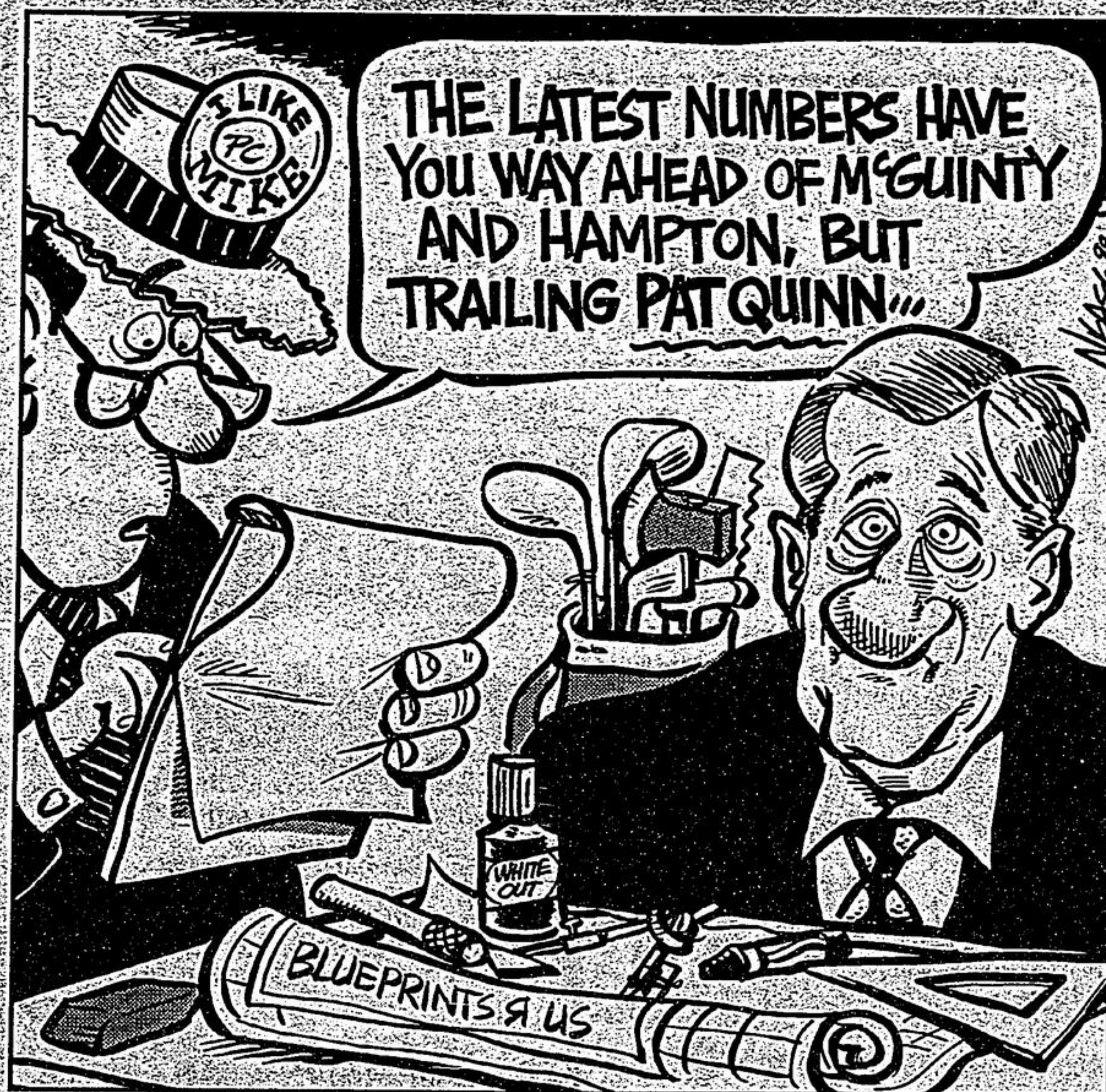
As you make your decision in the June 3 election, will you cast your vote based on the party leaders, the issues or the local candidates, and why?

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# OPINION



Roy Green

## Driving test needs better questions

**D**on't feel bad if you — like me — failed miserably on the Ontario driving quiz conducted recently by an insurance company. First of all, you're in good company.

The survey revealed that the vast majority of Ontarians would fail the written driving test if asked to take it today.

DirectProtect reported that 94 per cent of Ontarians wouldn't get half the answers right.

But that's because the survey asked stupid questions.

As in: "Under what situations, if any, are you permitted to make a left turn on a red light?"

The answer is, "from a one-way street to another one-way street".

Now, we all know that the only people making left turns from one one-way street to another one-way street have become hopelessly lost in the city, as in a) women, none of whom can read road maps or b) men, all of whom refuse to stop and ask directions.

As in: "The law says it is mandatory to report a collision when there are injuries or when damages to both vehicles appear to exceed, how much?"

The answer is \$1,000, but considering the cost of auto repairs today, fixing a flat tire can cost you \$1,000.

The survey should have asked more relevant driving questions such as, "If 94 per cent of Ontarians couldn't pass the driving test, who are all these idiots around me on the road?"

As in: "How many demerit points do you receive for going the wrong way on a one-way street?"

It's three points, but that's not the point.

The point is, people going the wrong way on a one-way street — even if they are a) and b) as referred to above — are dangerous drivers and they should be hit far harder than just three demerit points.

In my opinion, this survey had dumb questions.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Music Mania proceeds help many organization

The cast and crew of Music Mania and the Stouffville United Church Couples+ Club, would like to thank everyone who supported our production of *As The Cork Flies*.

We would like to thank the *Stouffville Tribune* for the excellent pictures and stories of the show.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to report the show was a success and the proceeds raised will be donated to the following organizations: Music Town Clock Tower; Janet Ashley Foundation; Latcham Gallery; Expressions Dance Studio; Cancer Society and a Scholarship Award for Excellence in the performing arts at Stouffville District Secondary School.

Did you enjoy the show? Do you think you can sing or dance? If so, be sure to attend the Sept. 8 planning meeting for Music Mania 2000.

BUNNY AND BRUCE BURTON  
PRESIDENTS OF UNITED CHURCH  
COUPLES+ CLUB/99

### Sacred Music Night will be hard to top next year

Many thanks to St. James Church for hosting another Sacred Music Night.

We did indeed "go to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise," as printed on the bulletin.

From the beginning, with Jean Thomas playing a medley of hymns on the organ to the conclusion, it was a great evening of music.

Doug Walker and his Men of Note made us proud to have such a fine male chorus in our town.

Just to listen to the people join with Anne Simons sing the traditional Hymns of the church with such gusto tells me something — move over contemporary gospel music and make room on the shelf for the hymns.

They are still needed and enjoyed.

How can Sacred Music Night 2000 be better when we have already had the best?

But I bet Jim Thomas will try.

HELEN RATCLIFF  
STOUFFVILLE

### Stouffville raised \$25,000 in heart and stroke campaign

The Stouffville chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank our many canvassers who volunteered their time this year to assist with our Person To Person Campaign.

We were able to raise more than \$25,000 to assist with research and development to help find a cure for Canada's No. 1 killer.

We would not have been able to do it without your help.

KAREN OGDEN  
SECRETARY-STOUFFVILLE CHAPTER  
HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

### Election letters welcome

In the weeks leading up to the June 3 provincial election, the *Stouffville Tribune* will provide readers with an opportunity to discuss and debate the election issues most important to them.

Letters from writers with direct affiliations to candidates, provincial riding associations and political parties will not be published.

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