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## LETTERS

### Hwy. 404 takedown carried out with minimal risk to all involved

Re: *404 chase cop 'out of control'*, Jan. 16.  
I am a York Regional Police officer who also saw the video of the pursuit and arrest of a very dangerous offender.

I have been a police officer for almost 10 years and have a good grasp on the degree of force police can use to apprehend a dangerous offender, as well as procedural guidelines regarding pursuits and use of force.

The arrest was over in a matter of maybe 10 seconds after the suspect was first grabbed by the officer.

A lower level of force could have meant harm to the suspect or to an unsuspecting citizen driving in the northbound lanes or could have taken the life of an officer.

Taking the life of a police officer isn't just widow-ing his spouse or leaving children without a parent or losing a child, it's an attack on every person in the community. We represent everything our society stands for and are paid to keep society safe.

In the days of video cameras and news helicopters, reasonable people know that police do not use more force than is necessary to apprehend violent suspects.

I think, after watching the video in detail enough times to make a comment, a reasonable, law-abiding, mature person would definitely see that this offender was stopped quickly, effectively and at minimal risk to everyone, himself included.

A few suggestions for the anonymous York Regional Police officer: Maybe you require more life experience, additional training and/or a heightened degree of social responsibility.

IAN MASON  
NEWMARKET

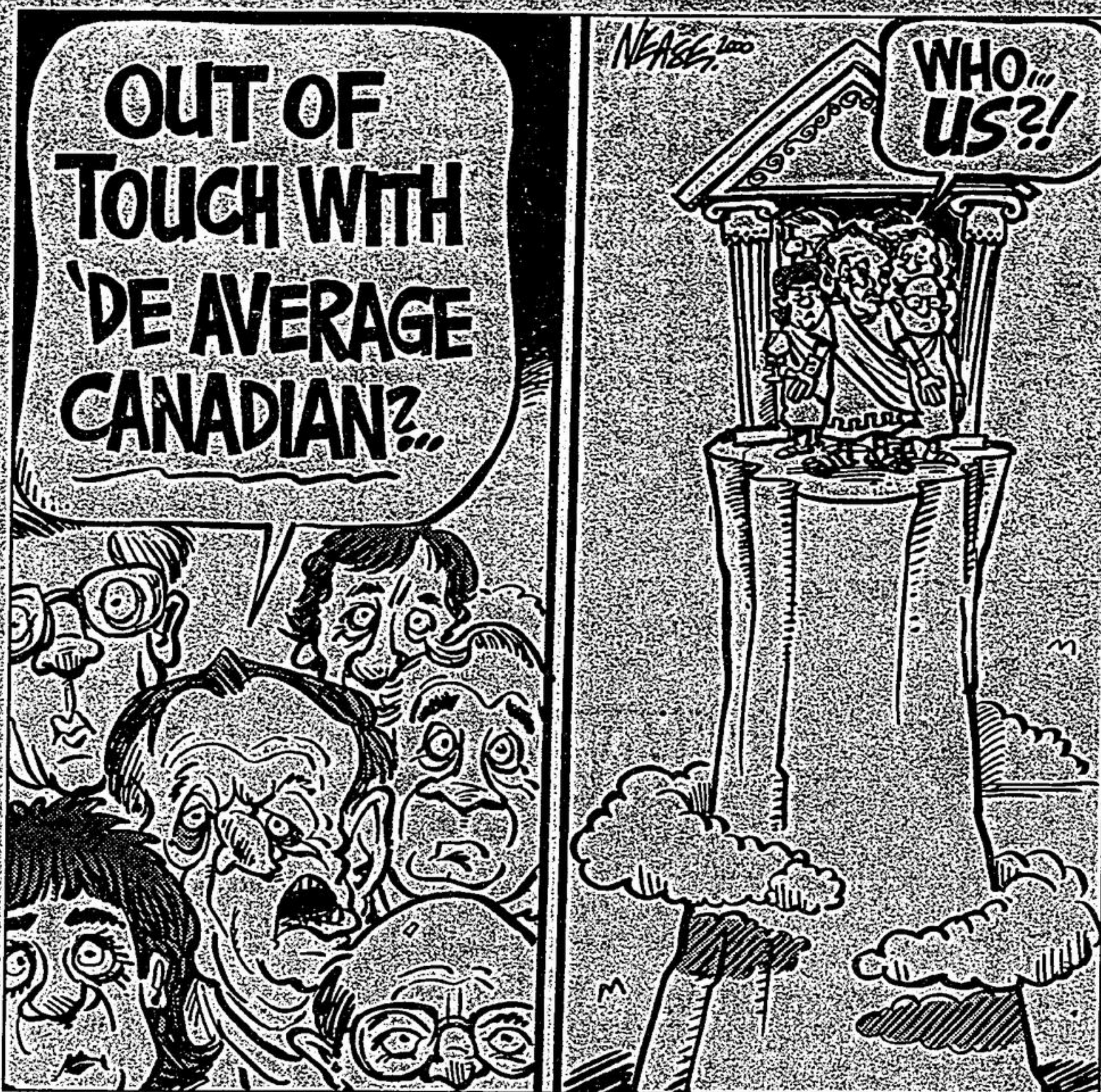
### Develop moraine with sensitivity and everyone's a winner

Re: *Buy moraine with reserves*, Feb. 5

Bravo to mayors Don Cousens, Tim Jones and Tom Taylor for placing environmental concerns, and thus the health of future generations, ahead of economic gain.

In addition to the region purchasing lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine, I have a sugges-

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tion for how developers could do the same.

Once the environmental studies have been completed and the boundaries of this environmentally sensitive area determined, a forward-thinking developer could design a development a safe distance back from the moraine that would back onto a forested area of the moraine.

Purchasers could then be offered homes on one- or two-acre lots, fully detached with minimum 100-foot frontages, of which the forest is the back portion of the lot. The purchaser could be required to abide by certain rules that would protect the moraine, much like purchasers of heritage homes are.

I'm certain the developer would have no difficulty finding buyers. I, for one, would be interested.

TAMMY MORRELL-BELLAI  
MARKHAM

### Filling up your tank with Nyquil puts price of gas in perspective

The cartoon by Steve Nease (Feb. 19) gave me food for thought about the prices we pay for gasoline.

Canadian drivers should consider themselves lucky that they are not driving in Europe, or that our automobiles do not run on Vicks Nyquil or liquid echinacea. Then we would surely have something to complain about.

This comparison may make some drivers a little happy, or give them a chuckle the next time they have to fill up.

Windex: \$3.88/litre — \$17.90/gallon  
Listerine: \$4.99/litre — \$22.81/gallon  
Vicks Nyquil: \$44.00/litre — \$200.64/gallon  
Liquid paper: \$182.77/litre — \$833.43/gallon  
Echinacea tincture: \$299.66/litre — \$1,438/gallon  
Please be advised that taxes must be added to the prices shown.

J. SHAW  
MARKHAM

### A six-pack goes a long way to creating peace on the homefront

The best way to a man's heart is through his stomach. You feed him well and you'll live contented and peacefully for the rest of your married life.

Of course, nowadays, there is a problem with most of the women entering the workforce. They come home after a long day at the factory, office or store, and are too tired to cook. That's why McDonald's Restaurants are so successful.

Therefore, ladies, on your way home, stop at a fast-food outlet and at the beer store for a few bottles of suds. You won't believe the results — peace and gratitude and an everlasting honeymoon!

It certainly works for me; my dear wife brings me six bottles of beer every day and I never leave the house at night and even do the vacuum cleaning.

A. DE CLERCQ  
WOODBIDGE

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Brenda Larson

### TV's bid for viewers reaches new low with marry-a-millionaire

When I first heard about this *Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?* show on Fox, I giggled at the absurdity of it all.

The greed theme permeating television takes a silly turn, I thought. Had to be fake. Had to be just a television ratings thing. Had to be actors playing parts.

It seems I was wrong. It wasn't fake. It wasn't actors. It was a television ratings thing — viewers tuned in by the millions to watch the women vying to become Mrs. Right for a millionaire real estate broker.

And I'm not giggling anymore.

I've never been a big fan of the American-style beauty pageant. No matter how hard the organizers try to make it look as if Miss America is really selected on the basis of the results of her SATs and her volunteer work at the local children's cancer hospital, we all know it's how she fills the swimsuit and evening gown that really counts. The talent competition (!) is also entertaining, depending on the shuck.

### KNOCK AT FEMINISM

This millionaire-marrying show takes all the negative qualities of beauty pageants and kicks it up a notch. Not only did the contestants parade around in bathing suits and answer dumb questions, one of them actually ended up as the trophy bride, selected by the anonymous millionaire who sat in a darkened chamber where he could watch the wannabes as they made their pathetic pitches.

Talk about taking the feminist movement and knocking it back a few decades.

There are those who will argue the women involved made a conscious decision to participate — they filled out the application form and pitched to be on the show, after all — and they're right.

And there are those who will argue that it's intended to be a dreamy kind of fantasy that we can all enjoy — Prince Charming rescuing Cinderella from a life of drudgery.

How sweet.

And there are those who will point out, quite cynically, that the bride certainly benefits from the arrangement (although reports in yesterday's newspapers called into question the groom's moral character and financial stability).

But it's disheartening to believe that, after years of battling for equal consideration at home and at work, there are still many women who would sell themselves to a stranger for money.

I'm angry at Fox Network for allowing women to be so degraded.

But, worse, I'm ashamed of the women for allowing such a show to even happen.