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On patrol

It's been said that less is often more, but when it comes to putting more police officers on the street more is definitely more.

Last week, Solicitor General Bob Runciman announced that the province, through its Community Policing Partnerships program, was paving the way for the hiring of 1,000 more police officers across Ontario.

In Halton, that means the region will hire an additional 42 officers over the next two years at a cost of slightly more than \$5 million.

Money well spent, we think.

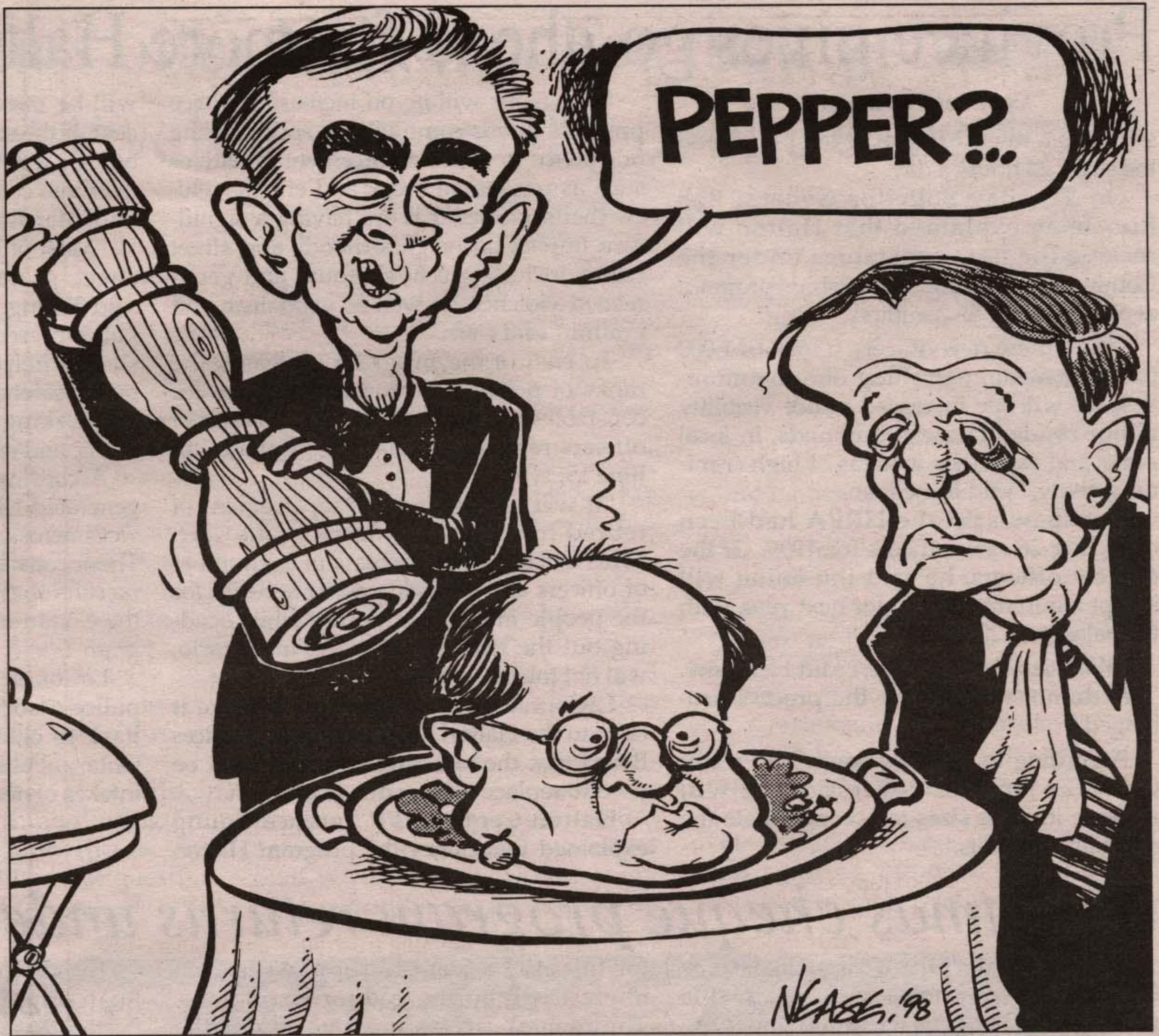
The Halton Regional Police Association (HRPA) has been pushing in recent months for the hiring of 50 additional officers to meet what it says is the proper level of police service for Halton.

And even though HRPA president Bill Henshaw says the new officers will not be enough, he is pleased with the announcement of new officers coming on board.

Runciman said the new officers, province-wide, will improve police visibility in local parks and other high-crime areas. As well, it will enable police to "target enforcement initiatives such as residential break and enters, vehicle thefts (and) crimes that are having a significant impact on neighborhoods."

What that means is more officers will be on patrol to prevent crime. And that is a good thing no matter how you look at it.

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Paper thanked for its support

Dear editor,

The youth, leaders and committees of the six scouting groups in Georgetown wish to express their collective appreciation to The Independent & Free Press for its Oct. 13 photographic promotion of our annual "Scout Apple Day."

This year's residential canvass on Saturday, October 17 was quite successful as the young Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents toured the neighborhoods of Georgetown to promote the image of scouting. The generosity of the citizens of this community in donating money in exchange for an apple was overwhelming.

Funds raised are used entirely for the betterment of scouting youth programs in Georgetown. The "Apple Day" organizers wish to thank the residents for their continued support of our scouting youth.

Steven Norman,
Scouts Canada
North Halton District
Council

Letter of the day

Know your gas station's policy

Dear editor,

This letter is in reference to the November 20 column by John McGhie. I have heard similar scare stories about gas stations calling the police when you forget your wallet, and they may be true, but I would like to share a recent experience.

I have been driving for over 25 years, and this summer I finally found myself in the embarrassing situation of pumping a tank of gas, then realizing I had forgotten my wallet. This occurred at a Sunoco station in Mississauga. I went into the cashier and told him what happened. He did not seem surprised and gave me a short form to fill out, stating my name, address, phone number, plate number, and the time I expected to return with the money.

The form was all that I was required to leave with them. I returned an hour later and paid the bill. I was pleasantly surprised at how well this Sunoco station handled the situation, showing consideration and trust to a customer.

We would all be wise to ask our favorite gas stations what their policy is in this situation. If you don't like their answer, tell them so, and shop for another favorite station.

Elwin King, Georgetown

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