

Editorial

# Lost causes

Another "protest for the homeless" denouncing the policies of the Mike Harris Tories, complete with wanton acts of vandalism and planned thuggery has come and gone.

Ho-hum.

You've noticed, of course, how none of the post-protest discussion is focused on the supposed issue—the unholy Tory agenda—but rather, on how much vandalism this scruffy bunch of urban terrorists inflicted this time.

Terrorists? You bet. The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) and the Ontario Common Front, which spearheaded this latest day of nonsense (and draws support from several unions), is little more than a well-organized street gang (and not nearly as clever).

As best we can tell, these thugs oppose: (1) any business which makes money; (2) anyone with a job; (3) politicians duly elected by the public; (4) police; (5) the U.S.; (6) law and order; (7) private property; (8) personal hygiene.

Reasoned and rationale protest is one of the cornerstones of a democracy and can be a means to effect meaningful change. However, coming to a protest armed with Molotov cocktails, gas masks, pepper spray and various weapons is terrorism, plain and simple.

The organizers of this latest day of lunacy should be held financially and criminally responsible for the damage they caused. They should also come to the realization their message is being drowned out by the sound of breaking glass, overturned newspaper boxes and punctured tires.



## Letters to the editor...

# Red Cross failed to meet funding criteria

Dear editor,

On behalf of the board of directors of the United Way of Halton Hills, I would like to respond to

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comments made in an article in *The Independent & Free Press* on the Halton Hills branch of the Canadian Red Cross Sept. 14.

Funding from the United Way of Halton Hills to the Halton Hills Branch of the Canadian Red Cross was discontinued because they ceased to meet the criteria for a United Way-funded agency. It is our understanding their board of directors resigned en masse after receiving direction from the Canadian Red Cross that the Halton Hills branch would be closed.

Apparently, that decision was reconsidered, but the Canadian Red Cross were, unfortunately, unsuccessful in recruiting replacements for their board. They were also unable to provide necessary financial information to the United Way. Funding was continued for several months following these events, in the belief these issues would be rectified.

If, in the future, the Canadian

Red Cross are able to satisfy the requirements that are standard for all United Way-funded agencies, the United Way of Halton Hills will be pleased to accept their application for funding.

**Brian Clark, president  
United Way of Halton Hills**

### Pilot lauds attitude

Dear editor,

I read the (Oct. 10) 'What you said' (Have the incidents of Sept. 11 made you afraid to fly?' with much interest. Where did you find four amazing people like these?

This is the "spit in your eye" attitude that we need in these difficult times. Contrast this with the attitude of some of the top golfers (Mike Weir included) who have backed out of the World Match Play in Europe due to "the current international situation".

I'm with you 100 per cent, Mary, Tina, Barb and Ed.

**Dave Main,  
Captain, AC**

### Crime Stoppers says thanks

Dear editor,

On behalf of the board of directors of Crime Stoppers I would like to thank all Halton Metroland newspapers, Cogeco 14/23, Wave 94.7 FM, CHTV, WindCheaters, Links to Halton Web services, and all our corporate sponsors who are too numerous to thank individually in this letter.

Thanks for helping us promote Crime Stoppers at our most recent tournament which was held on September 18 at the lovely Georgetown Club Link course. A great day was had by all and, on first accounting it appears over \$9,000 was raised to support Crime Stoppers of Halton.

Thanks to R. J. Farnworth at the Precept Group and Pilot Insurance for their major sponsorship. Thanks to the volunteers and golfers who ensured the day was a success. Celebrities included Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle, Police Services Board Chair Jack Brewer and Deputy Chief Gary Crowell from the Halton Regional Police Service.

Crime Stoppers of Halton is an avenue in which members of the community can call in to solve crime anonymously. A safer community is your call. Thanks also to our tipsters— whoever you are. Call Crime Stoppers of Halton to solve crime at 1-800-222-TIPS.

**Lee-Ann Ansell, police co-ordinator  
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