

Editorial

Team effort needed

The region of Halton has not been synonymous with poverty. It doesn't have the high poverty level of other municipalities but that doesn't mean poverty isn't a problem here.

Far from it.

According to Joey Edwardh, executive director of Halton Social Planning Council, 9.3 per cent of Halton residents are living below the poverty line. In Halton Hills, that number is 6.5 per cent.

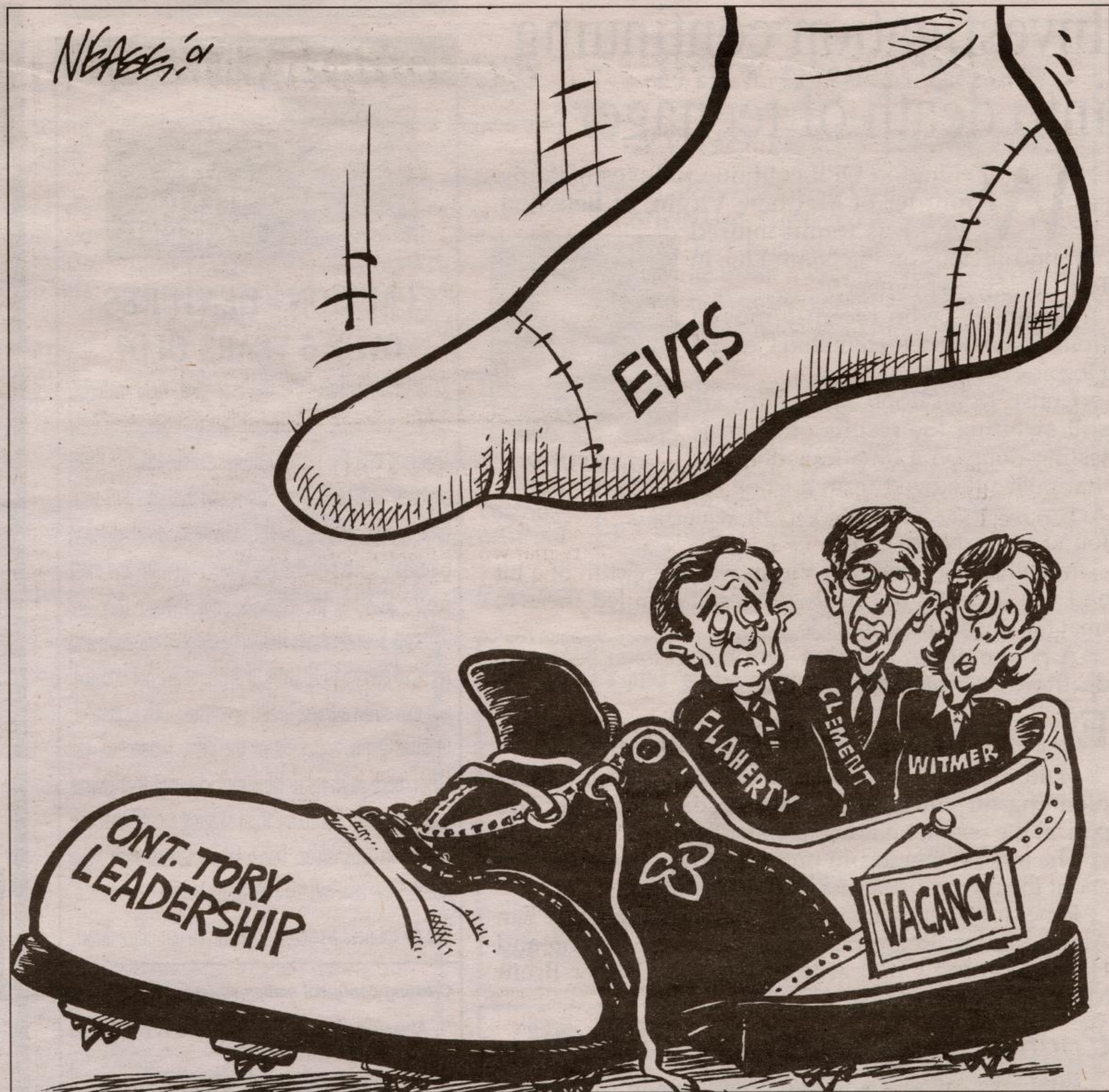
While those numbers are not staggering, they are significant. Even more so is the case of people like 36-year-old Heather, a single mom on disability who escaped an abusive relationship.

Heather receives \$797 month in disability payments yet pays \$707 a month in rent. Affordable housing is hers—and others'—major concern.

"I can't wait five years," she says referring to the waiting list for affordable housing in Halton.

Adelina Urbanski, Halton's Commissioner of Social and Community Services Department, says that all levels of government must play a part in developing affordable housing. There must also be the will from developers to build affordable housing and from the public at large to demand their political representatives make the issue a priority.

Only then will the plight of people like Heather improve.



Letters to the editor....

Support for BIA Halloween event appreciated

Dear editor,

Once again, the annual Acton BIA Haunted House and Ghost Walk on October 27 was a huge success.

Hundreds of children between the ages of six months and 10 years attended the open house. The theme this year was The Land of Oz and Dorothy and her friends put on a great performance, treating the kids to a tour of the Land of Oz, including a visit to the Wicked Witch of the North's castle where Dorothy turned her into a vapour mist!

Although it was a really hard decision to make, the winners of the costume parade were: Cara Benacquista, Hayley McIntosh and Samantha Benacquista. Winners of the colouring contest were: Age Under 5: Emma Young and Kandis Sampson. Age 5 to 7: Alicia Kucinic, Ktysa Minicuci and Cassy Minicuci. Age 8 to 10: Amanda Nelles, Alex Benacquista and Ashley Van Den Biggelaar.

Winners of the Draw for Adults were: Bill Thompson, Lisa Benacquista and Cheryl Rolfe.

All prizes can be picked up at The olde Hide House administration office on the corner of York Street and Eastern Avenue Monday to

Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

A big thank you goes out to all the merchants who participated and donated prizes. We couldn't have done it without you.

Acton BIA

Walk nets \$14,000

Dear editor,

On Sept. 23 200 people participated in the first annual Mother-Daughter Walk to take place in Brampton in support of heart disease and stroke research. Together, we were successful in raising more than \$14,000.

Special thanks to all our contributing businesses, participants and to the dedicated Heart and Stroke volunteers who helped out in so many different ways.

Our sincere appreciation and acknowledgement to our financial supporters of this year's event: National Title Sponsors—Cheerios, National Media Sponsors—New Ad and National Associate Sponsors—Ocean Spray.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario

Fund-raiser a success

Dear editor,

The Horrifying Haunted Hayrides fund-raiser for the New York Relief Efforts and the local food bank was a great success.

There were many individuals involved who helped make it happen and without them and their dedication to this cause, the show would not have gone on. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out from Erin District High School, the new Rotary Interact club, Brisbane and Erin Public Schools.

We would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their donations and support along the way: Lea Ann Page, Loretto Bender, Dr. Will, Chantler's, Aboom Crane Rental, Doug Berry, Mr. Leenders, Mr. Burt, Ashley and Lindsay Lane, Top O' Trafalgar Apple Farm, Playdium, McDonald's, Boston Pizza, Kiss 92.5 FM, Ability Telecom, Brunswick Bowling, and Little Caesars.

Also, we would like to thank all of the unsuspecting victims who came out to support our fund-raiser and we hope you had an excellent Halloween. It is great to see such community support for those in need and we will see you next year!

Lora Bender, Top O' Trafalgar

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