

Editorial

Lock it or lose it

It is unrealistic to expect Halton Regional Police officers to be everywhere, at all times. And because that is not a reasonable expectation, it is incumbent upon each of us to provide extra eyes and ears for officers and to report suspicious behaviour whenever we see it.

As well, it is also the responsibility of us all to take precautions to avoid becoming a victim of a crime.

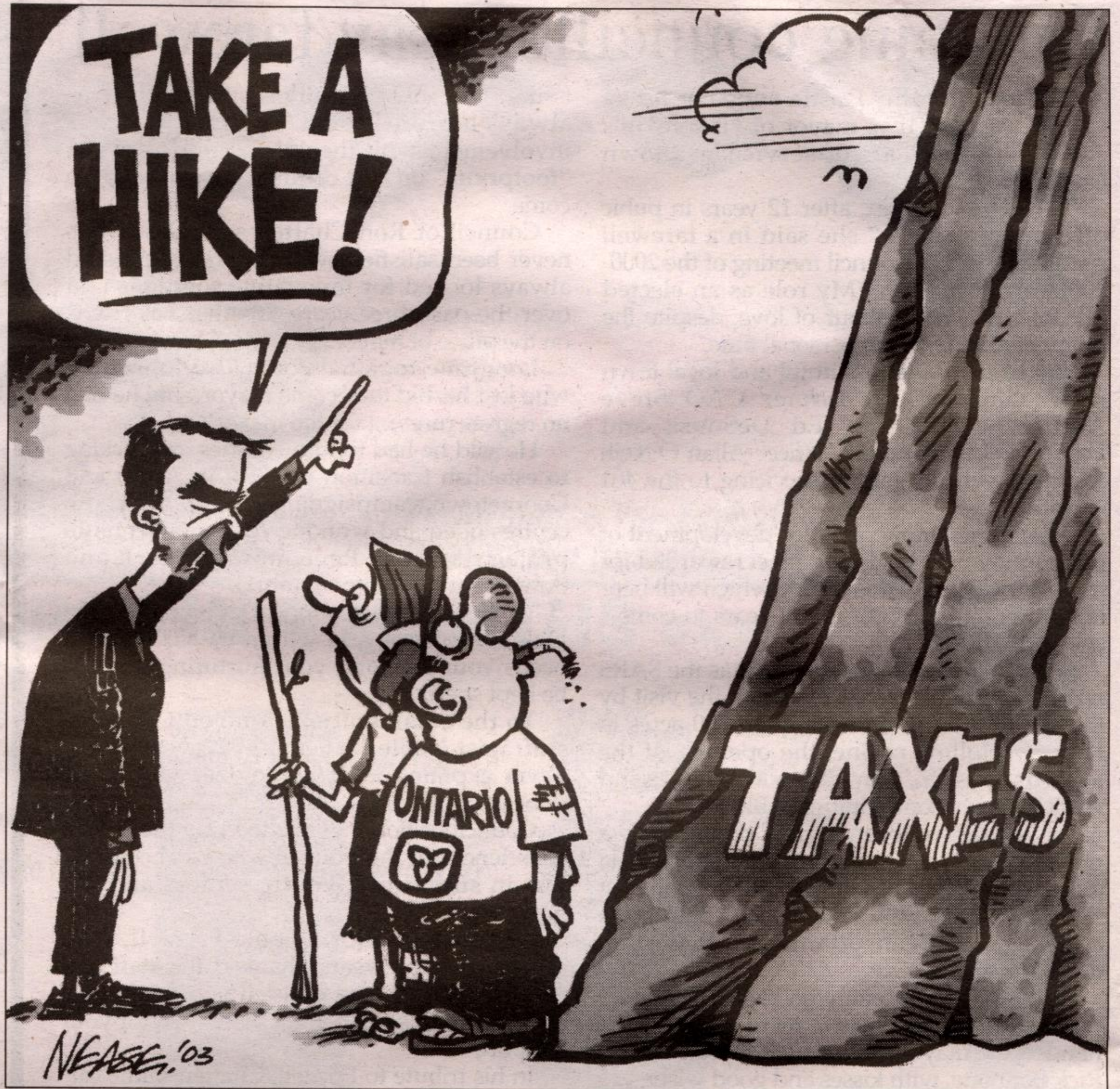
In the past several weeks thieves have been targeting rural homeowners as 14 homes or automobiles have been broken into late at night. What is most disturbing is that these brazen hoodlums have entered homes, not while the owners are away, but while they are sound asleep in their beds.

Thankfully, no one to date has been injured during these break-ins but no one knows for sure what a desperate criminal would do if caught in the act by a homeowner.

There are simple steps residents can take to help reduce the odds of becoming a victim of a break-in...**LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AND CARS!**

Twenty or 30 years ago homeowners could get away with leaving their home unlocked but those days, sadly, are gone folks. Lock it or lose it the golden rule to follow these days. And it doesn't hurt to leave outside lights on as well, Detective Bob Andrews suggests.

If you have any doubts about potential suspicious behaviour don't hesitate in calling the police. The sooner these predators are off the street the better.



Letters to the editor...

Cooking for a Cure event raises \$14,000

Dear editor,

On October 7, Halton Hills Ladies—Cooking for a Cure hosted a dinner to raise funds on

behalf of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Inspired by a friend who had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer, the Halton Hills Ladies saw the ad, Kitchenaid Cooks for a Cure, in a magazine. The premise is that you host a dinner party and instead of bringing a hostess gift you bring a donation for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Our group took up the challenge to raise funds for breast cancer research. This was our second annual dinner with last year's dinner raising more than \$5,000. This year's event was held at the Rotary Glen Banquet Hall who had generously donated their facilities for the evening.

Once again many local businesses that heard of our endeavor jumped on the bandwagon to help reduce the overhead costs for the evening. They donated the venue, flower arrangements, wine, silent auction items, food

products and ticket printing. This year we had 160 women in attendance.

Thanks to the many generous businesses in our community (Loblaws, The Rotary Glen, Freckled Lion, The Glen Oven Bakery to name a few) and the tireless work of our volunteers we were able to raise \$14,000 for Breast Cancer Research! Many thanks to Ruth and Lynn for a very successful silent auction.

We challenge you to host your own "Cook For A Cure" dinner party and support this worthy cause.

**Sherrie, Gail, Linda, Sheila, Geraldine, June, Patty and Laurie
Halton Hills Ladies
Cooking for a Cure**

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School location unsafe

Dear editor,

As a citizen of this town since 1963 I am amazed at the foolish things the town has done.

The new Christ the King High School was built on Highway 7 (Guelph St.). Why would they build yet another high school 500 yards from the first high school to unload yet another 1,000 kids or more onto a five-lane major highway? This floors me.

As a taxi driver in this town for more than six years, I have had to stop numerous times in a second's notice, locking my brakes, to make way for kids running across five lanes of traffic.

My taxi, at about 2000 lbs. or more, doing 60 km-h has a good chance of stopping, but I would hate to think what might happen if it is an 18-wheeler, dump truck or cement truck. They might not be able to stop in time. I hope nothing like this ever happens.

This makes me wonder why the town council would not make this school face Maple Avenue or Mountainview Road. To me, this makes more sense.

Before the school was built everyone worried about who was going to pay for busing. It makes me laugh.

Dominic Nolan, Georgetown

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