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## Fighting homelessness important human deed

The Halton Town Hall Group (HTHG) has a doubly difficult task ahead in its quest to bring an end to poverty and homelessness in the region.

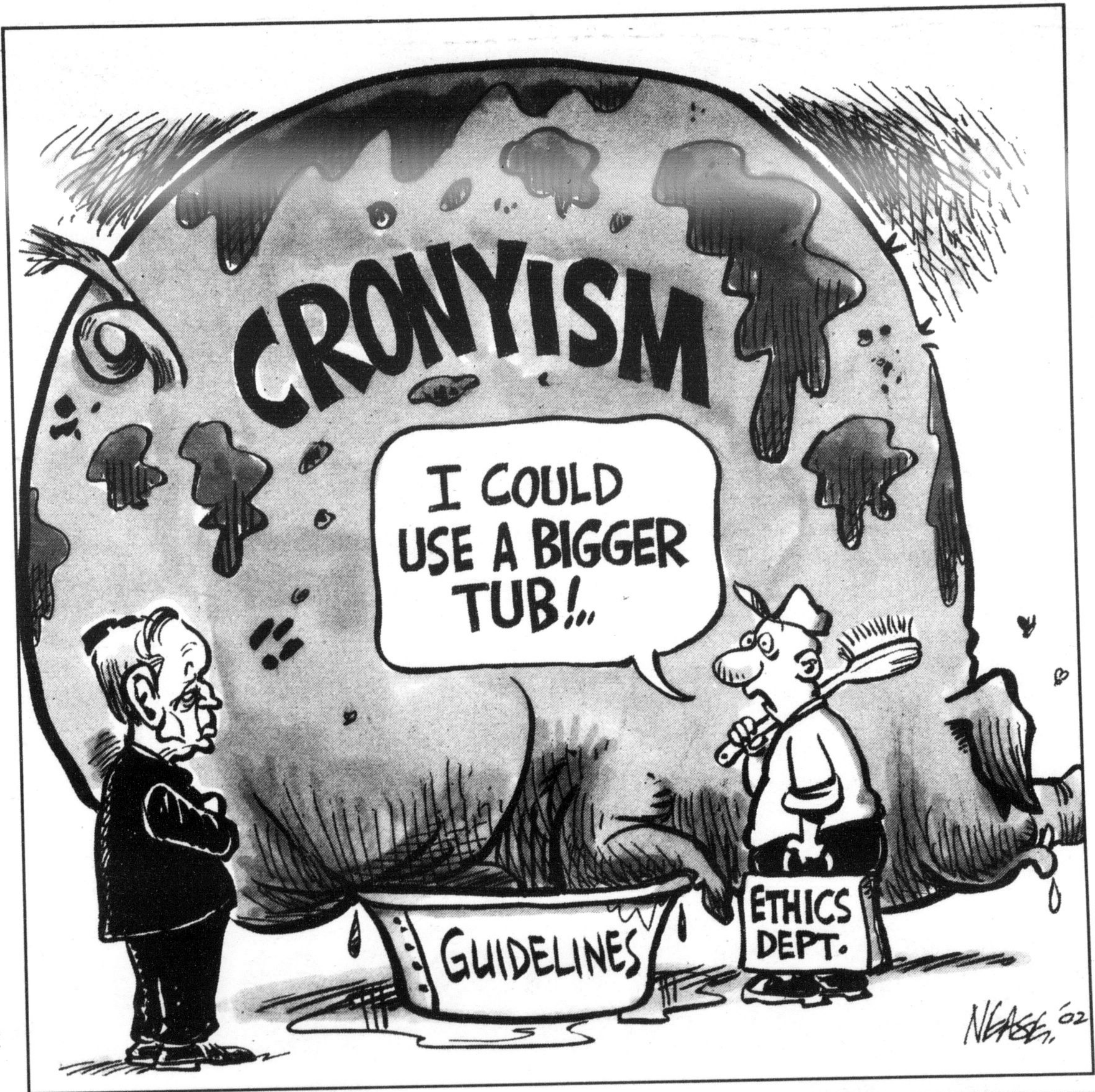
The relatively new organization, comprised of socially-conscious and active residents, aims to go beyond educating people about the homeless problem.

The HTHG's hope is that, with the newfound knowledge of just how widespread homelessness is, citizens will be prepared to exceed the traditional steps of donating to their local food bank.

What the group ultimately seeks is sufficient support to effect the kind of political change that would see far more affordable housing units built and fewer Halton residents facing the prospect of having no place to call home.

It's no longer good enough to sympathize with the plight of displaced men, women and children. The proof we care about the homeless will be shown in our effort to make a difference.

The HTHG is offering to be the catalyst for this important humanitarian deed. The rest is up to us. We support the HTHG's bold quest and hope Halton residents are prepared to help it succeed.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Restaurant patron says she was upset to see smoking during lunch-time visit

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to you regarding Milton's bylaw to regulate smoking in public places.

This is a recently-passed bylaw that prohibits smoking in restaurants and malls, etc.

Recently in your paper I read about the abuse of this bylaw and last week I witnessed it. At lunch time at a Milton restaurant, three patrons at the bar were smoking when I arrived.

I respect the rights of others, and that includes smokers.

Smokers are certainly entitled to smoke, but not where it's against the law.

In Milton it's against the law to smoke in public places such as restaurants.

This being so, I would expect the staff at public places to prohibit, not encourage, smoking.

Until Milton's restaurants start to enforce the non-smoking bylaw, I would advise the citizens of Milton to take themselves and their loved ones elsewhere to dine out.

Elizabeth I. B. Davey  
Milton

### E.C. Drury students should be proud of literacy test results: school council chair

(The following letter was addressed to all E.C. Drury High School parents and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

As chairperson of the school council at E.C. Drury High School, I want to congratulate all of you on a job well done.

The grade 10 literacy test results have shown that you truly have lived up to our school motto, 'We're serious about success'.

To have our high school score higher than both the provincial and Halton average is truly something to be proud of.

On behalf of all of the parents and students in our school, I say thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts in helping us in this achievement.

The team work that our school displays gives new meaning to the phrase, 'Together everyone accomplishes more'.

When I first became chairperson of our school council, I was so impressed with the school motto that I adopted the council motto, 'We're serious about supporting success'. Congratulations again to all of you and also to the students who have shown to everyone that we at E.C. Drury High School are the best.

Jeanne Robinson,  
chairperson  
E.C. Drury School Council

### Reader says more people want smoking at bars than don't, so leave it up to the individual owner

Dear Editor:

I'm a smoker and just read the October 18 issue of The Champion, particularly a front-page article entitled 'Many bars still allowing smoking'.

It's my opinion that more patrons want smoking than don't.

Of all bars and restaurants in Milton, only 50 complaints have been aired. Let's face it people, we don't want a smoking ban. I say leave it up to the establishment owner.

I know there are places in town that are happy with the ban, but let's

face it, if I want to smoke, I'll go where I can. If I choose not to smoke, I'll go to one that's non-smoking.

The last time I looked, the only thing illegal to smoke was drugs.

Al Cooper  
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