

Comment

Fraud artists cashing in on today's technology

It's disturbing to hear that debit and credit card scams have "become the norm as opposed to the exception," as stated by Halton Regional Police Acting Det. Sgt. Alex Fishbein in a story published elsewhere in this newspaper.

Fraud artists, who choose to steal someone else's hard-earned dollars instead of working for an honest living themselves, keep coming up with inventive ways to clean out people's pocketbooks.

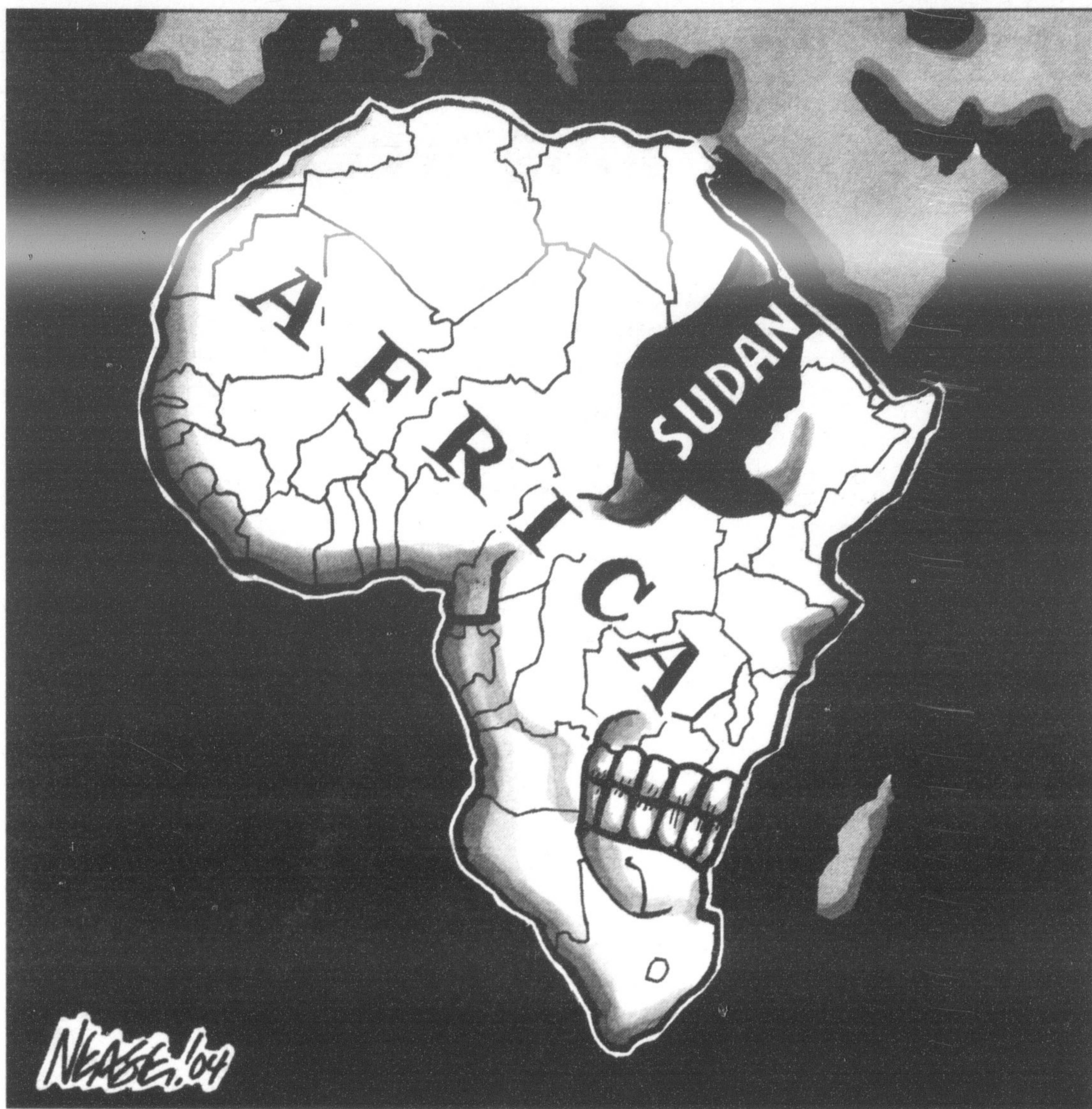
What makes it worse is that, as Acting Det. Sgt. Fishbein pointed out, some methods of debit and credit card scams fraudsters use make it impossible for people to protect themselves.

It makes you wonder if we'd be better off returning more frequently to the use of good old cash, even if it isn't as convenient.

But that poses a risk as well these days with the rampant circulation of counterfeit bills.

Few places even accept \$50 bills anymore, leaving consumers reaching for their credit and debit cards for large purchases more often.

While technology makes life easier in numerous ways, it also causes hardship when it gets into the wrong hands and is used to hurt us instead of help us.



Our Readers Write

People not picking up their dogs' business shows a blatant lack of respect for others

Dear Editor:

I live in the Commercial Street town-house complex and am writing because I'm fed up with picking up after other people's dogs.

Just recently I once again found some fresh business on my lawn. There are now two clumps of it from two separate dogs on my tiny front lawn.

I refuse to pick it up because I feel that since I don't own a dog it's not my responsibility.

I have a 10-month-old baby girl who likes to crawl and play on the grass. Now

I can't put her down because of other people being irresponsible.

I think that if you have a dog, you should take care of it in all respects, or you should lose your privilege of having a dog.

I take care of my lawn — I seed it and water it regularly — and it's too bad my family can't play on it anymore.

I'm very disappointed and angered by these people that feel it's okay to do this to others.

Melanie Franzese
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We're the cause of our own traffic woes

Dear Editor:

I always see many people complain about our local traffic problems and I thought that I would give my two cents on what actually causes traffic.

It's us — the general Milton public — that's to blame. Due to the poor driving tactics of a growing number of Miltonians, we're the cause of our own traffic woes.

A perfect example of this can be seen at the intersection of Trafalgar and Derry roads. Driving westbound on Derry on the east side of the intersection there's one left turn lane, one through lane and one right turn lane. On the west side of the intersection there's one through

lane and one merge lane for those who are going right from Trafalgar southbound.

I've found that around evening rush hour every day many people seem to view the right turn lane and the merge lane as a great spot to speed through the intersection, pass the patient traffic in the through lane and merge back in after the intersection.

Little do they realize that by doing this, they're the actual cause of the slow traffic in the first place. As they merge back into traffic, drivers in the through lane have to slow down to allow them in.

As a result, the slow down works its way back through the intersec-

tion and back to the beginning of the turning lane, where more impatient drivers decide to take the same route — thus continuing the cycle and further slow down traffic.

I have a solution for this. We should place signs on the east side of the intersection to make the turning lane indeed for turning only, and then have the police visit this location on occasion to hand out fines to the offenders.

Or people should simply slow down, be patient and arrive at their destination just a couple of cars back. This is a lot safer and would cause fewer traffic problems.

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