

Comment

Let's hold our heads up high and be proud

It's understandable that we feel disappointed that The Champion's Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund didn't meet its goal this year. However, raising more than \$21,000 in a relatively short period of time is still a great feat and one we're proud of.

As reported elsewhere in this newspaper, this year's fund totalled \$21,118.37 to be exact — substantially shy of the \$30,000 goal.

We really don't know why the fundraiser fell short this year. We don't think the goal was set too high, as that amount was exceeded last year.

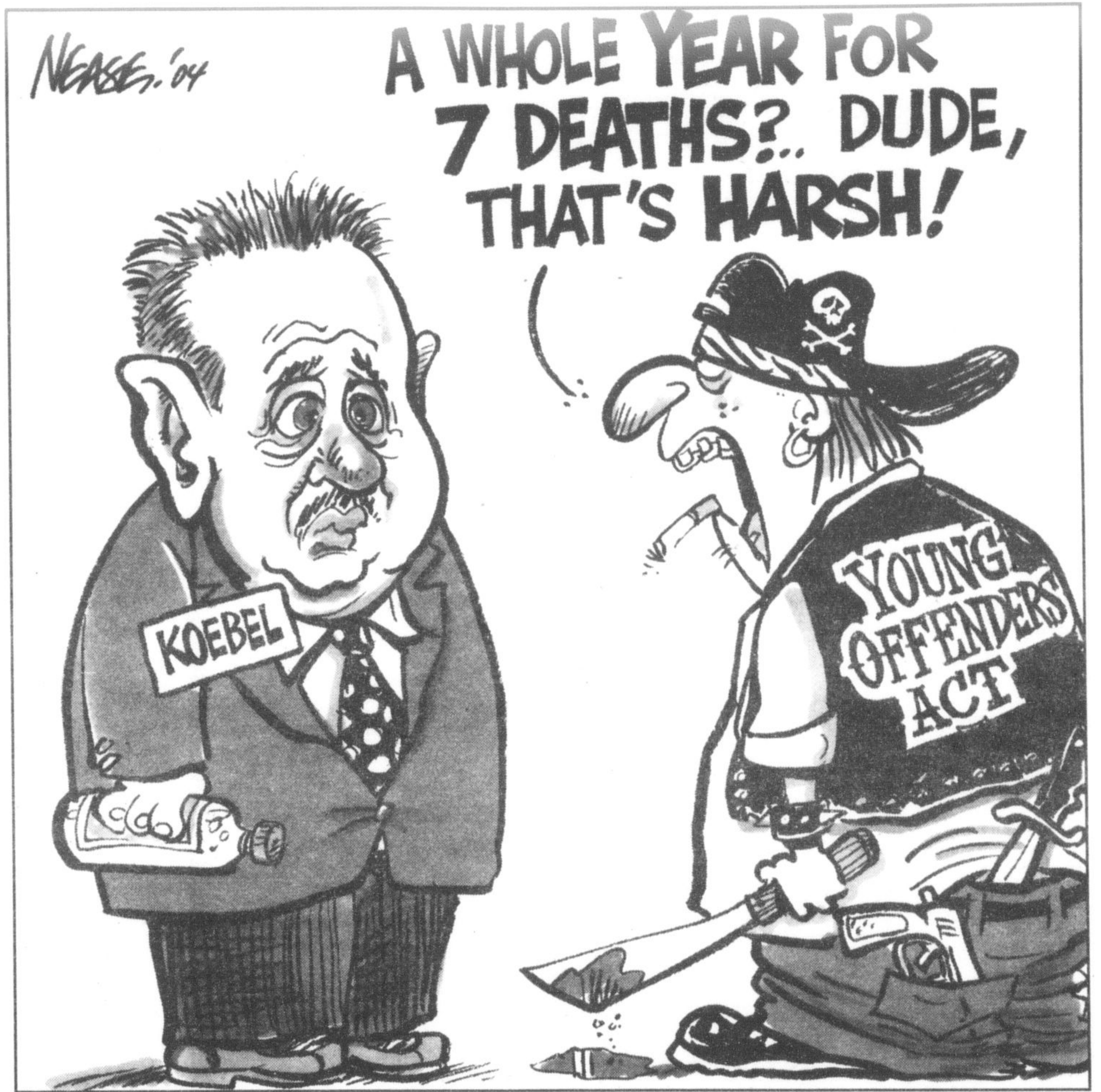
Perhaps it was the lack of major corporate donations, which have given the fund a big boost in the past.

Nonetheless, the final tally was a significant amount and did well to ensure that all local families enjoyed a nice holiday — complete with toys for the kids and Christmas dinner.

And the funds will help the Salvation Army continue its humanitarian work for local families throughout the year.

So let's hold our heads up high and be proud of what we did accomplish.

Next year, we'll just have to try a little harder.



Our Readers Write

Muzzling bylaw not enforceable right now

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to T. Andrews' letter to the editor in the December 3 Champion entitled, 'Pitbull muzzling a step in the right direction'.

The letter congratulates councillors for making it mandatory to muzzle pitbulls in public, and for 'seeing through the smoke screen and irrelevant, inaccurate nonsense'.

However, if T. Andrews were to have read the last article on the matter in The Champion, he or she would see that while the muzzling bylaw was passed, it's not enforceable at this time by either the Town of Milton or the Oakville

Humane Society unless there's a complaint.

I've said this before and I'll say it again, muzzling of any dog gives the public a false sense of security.

To T. Andrews, please check with your local councillor, bylaw enforcement officer or the Oakville Humane Society. You may find that concerns over this issue are not irrelevant, inaccurate or a smoke screen. It's a bylaw that was passed and one that is at this time unenforceable as it stands, and also one that — in my opinion — is a safety concern.

C. Caldwell
Holly Avenue

Twiss Road widening inconvenient, but necessary

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Dave Moore's letter about the widening of Twiss Road and loss of climbing privileges at Sunset Rocks that recently appeared in The Champion.

I've lived in the country nearly all of my life and I must say that we country folk tend to stick together over certain issues.

First off, I don't own an estate, nor do I claim to be wealthy. I don't even own — or want — a computer. I'm actually hand-writing this letter, which is a dying art.

The stretch of Twiss Road that Mr. Moore speaks of has been on the Town's agenda for more than 10 years, as I understand.

We the wealthy landowners, as Mr. Moore called us, only wanted the bare minimum done to our roadway, including paving it.

The reason most of us live here is to be away from the noisy town and busy roads, and have peace of mind and quiet.

When the construction of Twiss Road started, many of us — including myself — were devastated over what took place. All the trees that once secluded my property were cut down and the rock face that once jutted out was pounded and jack-hammered for weeks upon end until it was all trucked away.

Furthermore, the noise of construction would start at 7 a.m. every morning.

The 'No Rock Climbing' signs have been in place for quite awhile, and in my opinion are only in place to save Conservation Halton from being sued by injured rock climbers.

As far as the 'No Parking Signs', they too have been in place for

ages, yet are rarely obeyed.

I can understand why people in Milton would be upset with this issue, since Derry Road and Britannia Road are very much in need of widening as well.

The population has expanded so rapidly that nobody thinks to widen roadways when building new homes. The planners always seem to forget these important issues.

To Mr. Moore, I have no objection to the rock climbing or the parked cars on Twiss Road, as I too walk the Bruce Trail and love my road dearly.

I do, however, object to the garbage and graffiti people leave behind, and the people who make accusations before they check into them.

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