

# Crime victims drop boycott

Wambacks, McGloans to attend YOA forum presented by Canadian Alliance party

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Dropping their boycott, the parents of two beaten teens will attend the Canadian Alliance party's forum on the Young Offenders Act in Newmarket tonight.

Joe Wamback said yesterday he has persuaded Bruce McGloan to attend the meeting, which was at the centre of a political commotion earlier this week.

Although Wamback, who is seeking the Tory nomination in York North, wasn't originally planning to attend the forum, he said he will now go with his wife Lozanne.

On Monday, the fathers complained local Alliance riding association officials were using their families' tragedies to score political points.

Wamback's son Jonathan, now 16, was beaten into a coma in June 1999. Three youths face a trial in October, charged with aggravated assault.

McGloan's 17-year-old son Clayton was beaten and stabbed to death at a Halloween party two years ago. Two brothers, aged 15 and 17, were charged with second degree murder.

McGloan, of Calgary, is on a cross-Canada trip called Journey for Justice demanding changes to the Young Offenders Act.

He is staying at the Wambacks' Newmarket home while in the Greater Toronto Area.

The two families have also gathered more than 900,000 signatures urging the federal government to toughen the legislation against violent young offenders and make early intervention counselling for young people who commit violent crimes mandatory.

Both fathers were outraged after seeing an advertisement for the forum placed by the York North Alliance association in Sunday's Era-Banner.

The association said it was presenting Journey for Justice, but didn't mention anything about the McGloans or Wambacks.

It also urged residents to sign "our petition". Association executive Jack Hurst apologized to the families and said the wording of the ad resulted from a misunderstanding.

Yesterday, Wamback said it is time to put the disagreement in the past and focus on changing the Young Offenders Act.

"I want to rise above this. I want him (McGloan) to get a better taste of what life in our communities is like," Wamback said.

"I had a talk with Bruce last night and convinced him to go (to the meeting). I want to put the focus back on the petition and Journey for Justice."

The meeting will feature guest speaker Chuck Cadman, an Alliance MP from Surrey, B.C., whose son was murdered by a young offender in 1992. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Centre.

# Police target intersections

Red light runners and other aggressive drivers will be targeted during an intersection blitz by York Regional Police this month.

Officers will focus on the region's 20 worst intersections, as identified by York Region's engineering department.

The crackdown at the high-collision intersections will concentrate on a number of driving offences, including racing through yellow lights, failing to stop for red lights and improper turns.

Those nabbed by the police will face a \$90 fine plus a \$20 victim surcharge and the loss of up to three demerit points.

So far this year, 12 people have been killed in traffic collisions in York.

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- Hwy. 7 and Jane Street in Vaughan.
- Wellington and Yonge streets in Aurora.
- Bathurst Street and Clark Avenue in Thornhill.
- Yonge and Carrville Road in Richmond Hill.
- Woodbine Avenue and John Street in Markham.
- Hwy. 7 and Islington Avenue in Vaughan.
- Kennedy Road and Denison Street in Markham.
- Ravenshoe Road and Woodbine in Georgina.
- Warden and 14th Avenue in Markham.
- Yonge and Major Mackenzie Drive in Richmond Hill.

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