

Comment Letters

Letters to the Editor

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BURNING MAD

I give Premier McGuinty one more week of fiddling his thumbs before he's finished. Windsor has put up with a municipal workers' strike for more than two months. But Toronto isn't like Windsor. Two months will take us right through the summer. That's two months of garbage stinking and rotting in the streets. With such a feast laid out for them, our rat population will quadruple. What the premier has to remember is that rats don't vote.

BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO

(Just those in the rat race)

MILLER'S ARROGANT

Re "City, feds seek answer to streetcars" (June 24): I find Mayor David Miller's tactic of strong-arming the federal government to pay its third of his streetcar deal absolutely arrogant. This does not fit the infrastructure stimulus program criteria so Minister John Baird has every right to say "no" If Baird does give Toronto the money, what's to stop Montreal, Vancouver or Edmonton from doing the same thing? Then where will the funds be for municipalities that do meet the criteria?

RON CUNDELL

ANGUS

(Baird can give Toronto the cash for projects that do comply and Miller can then use the savings to buy the streetcars. Everybody wins)

UNIONS NEEDED

Re "Tempers, trash get hot" (June 24): I've been on all sides of this equation. I've been self-employed, management for a private company and a card-carrying union member. As much as I've had my own problems with unions, all in all we are all better off with them. It is the union leadership over the past decades that has provided everyone with the rights and benefits you now enjoy. Even if you are non-union at the moment, you enjoy privileges that were obtained from the struggles of union organizers and their members. Every advance does to some degree trickle down.

Peter Provencher

Scarborough

(Explain to us again how the union blocking people from lawfully unloading their trash, helps them out. At least, the union said yesterday, they're backing off)

CROSSING LINE

Re "Dumpsters trashed" (June 24): Someone tell me where is the law that allows union workers the right to restrict me or anyone from entering any building or place just because they are on strike? With the thugs on the picket line restricting legal access to city facilities that my taxes paid for, all I keep hearing from the Sun is that the union has the right to restrict access.

KEN BRUTON

WASAGA BEACH

(The precise definition of "information picketing" is always controversial)

YES, IT'S FAIR

Re "Union fairness a farce" (Peter Worthington, June 24): Peter asks "Is it fair they get benefits few other workers get?" The answer is absolutely. For over one hundred years, unions across the world have fought for higher pay, increased benefits and for a better standard of life for themselves and their families. What would be truly unfair would be for the unions to go through all that work and still be at par with non-union employees.

CRAIG MILLER

EAST YORK

(Because who cares about them, right?)

MAYOR'S GARAGE

Re "Dumpers trashed" (June 24): Our mayor says he's storing his garbage in his garage. As the mayor and most city councillors have limited knowledge of the old city of Toronto, he undoubtedly is unaware that most of us do not have garages. It would be appreciated if you could publish the address of the Millers' home to enable us to store our garbage in his garage. I'm sure he would not mind.

LARRY MCLEAN

(Yes, he would)

MOVE THEM!

Re "Dumpers trashed" (June 24): It is against the law for anybody to intentionally impede the flow of traffic without a permit. This applies to people out on a legal strike. The only legal rights that those picketing have is to inform the public of the labour dispute that is taking place. If you don't believe my opening statement, then tomorrow you go out and block off a street and let me know what happens.

PAT DRUMM

COURTICE

(The city may need to get an injunction eventually)