

Our Readers Write

Where is the Georgetown kindness?

Dear editor,
Re: Blame The Driver, April 3
Where is the Georgetown kindness?
I was shocked to read the words of Mike Leigh. "God has a way to pay back." A family lost a cherished family pet and you attack Penny Parker with your thoughtless comments. Shame on

you. It is my experience that Georgetown citizens have a little more class than that. Agreed that cats roaming can be a problem but you could have said it with more sensitivity.

Michelle Churchill
Georgetown

Stop the studies and just build the road

Dear editor
Re: Trafalgar Rd. widening study
Stop doing studies.
If you build it they will come.
Studies are a waste of time, energy and money.
It is obvious to me that if you think

you need to widen a road, then you need to widen a road, so just do it.
Save the money from the study and use it elsewhere.

Jacques and Monique Pelchat
Halton Hills

Some cats need to roam; it's their nature

Dear editor,
Re: Blame the driver, April 3
Karma is wonderful...
I was shocked to read the response to the letter on the death of a household pet/cat Pablo. How senseless of you to blame the owner of the cat. Regardless of the circumstances, any pet is a family member and their loss is devastating to the owners.

Some cats need to be let out, it is in their nature, and they should not be frowned upon because of that. If the driver was not speeding, this accident could have been prevented. All of God's creatures should be treasured and to point the blame on the owner in this case, is shameful.

Pauline Webster
Georgetown

From our readers

A GIFT

Isabelle was visiting her grandparents Heather and Magnus Kilian in Limehouse for a vacation, when she decided to have her locks cut for the charity Locks for Life at Salon Marcel.



Got a photo you want to share?
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Time for a change

With each passing day, Kathleen Wynne's government continues to unravel at the seams.

On March 27, a bombshell allegation electrified Queen's Park: *The Toronto Star* reported that Dalton McGuinty's former chief of staff might face criminal charges for arranging the deletion of internal government emails relating to the cancellation of the Oakville and Mississauga gas plants.

The Star's story disclosed that an Ontario Provincial Police investigation into the \$1.1 billion gas plant scandal had uncovered that an "outside" person was given access to 24 computers in the Premier's Office, during the transition between the McGuinty and Wynne governments, just over one year ago.

It seems obvious that this unrestricted access to the premier's computers might have allowed the "outside" person, a man named Peter Faist, the opportunity to "wipe" away files or documents of interest to the police investigation.

The next day, *The Toronto Star* included no less than eight pages of news and analysis on the gas plant debacle, and the possible cover-up that may have followed.

The following Monday, we learned that Peter Faist had formerly worked for the Liberal Government Caucus. More recently, he had been employed by the Ontario Liberal Party until Sunday, March 31, when he was "terminated," even though senior Liberals maintain he did nothing wrong.

Those same senior Liberals are quick to point out that the events in question all took place before Kathleen Wynne was sworn in as Premier.

By taking this approach, they throw

their former Leader, Mr. McGuinty, unceremoniously under the proverbial bus.

They also overlook the fact that Kathleen Wynne became the incoming Premier on the day she was elected leader of the Liberal Party. As incoming Premier, the power and authority began to shift to her. She can hardly now credibly claim she has no responsibility, while blaming everything on the predecessor she worked so closely with, for so many years.

Then on Tuesday, April 1, our Ontario PC Caucus released documents which uncovered a cynical Liberal plan to announce the contents of the budget one by one, over the course of a month, before the budget speech is presented in the House.

They intend to announce \$5.7 billion in new spending on a variety of programs and projects, all intended to put pressure on the NDP to support the budget motion and avert a possible spring election. To place this number in context, remember that the provincial deficit last year was expected to come in at over \$11 billion.

To help execute this pre-election spending and photo-op spree, they have inappropriately enlisted public servants. And by systematically and deliberately disclosing key budget items before presenting them in the House, they open themselves up to even more questions of impropriety, since budget secrecy is a Parliamentary tradition going back generations.

Kathleen Wynne's "safe hands," as she likes to call her leadership style, appear to be losing their grip.

— Ted Arnott is the MPP for Wellington-Halton



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