

Good sports

With the summer Olympic Games set to wind up this Sunday in London we're hoping these Games spark an increase in the number of would-be Olympians flexing their athletic prowess in our town's parks and on our streets.

Whether it be Rosannagh MacLennan's surprise gold medal win in the trampoline, Ryan Cochrane's silver medal finish in the men's 1500 metre freestyle swim event or the Canadian women's soccer team's gutsy and gut-wrenching effort, it's hoped that an interest in sport has been sparked—a healthy interest that would be great to see year-round.

Canada's Olympians would be proud to think they have encouraged a new generation of athletes to be the very best they can be in their chosen sport.

Strength of character, an indescribable work ethic, stamina and an intensity that few possess, are among the hallmarks of a top athlete.

We are proud of all the Olympians, but especially those who call Canada home.

Many, like Georgetown rower Cristy Nurse (who was injured prior to the Games and was forced to watch her women's 8s teammates row to silver), put their lives on hold for years in an effort to train and hone their skills. It's their determination that should be inspiring, regardless of the result.

With the stage set for the closing ceremonies Sunday, let's continue to ride high on the feeling of goodwill spread by the Canadian athletes.

And let's continue to give our young sports stars the support they need to reach their dreams.

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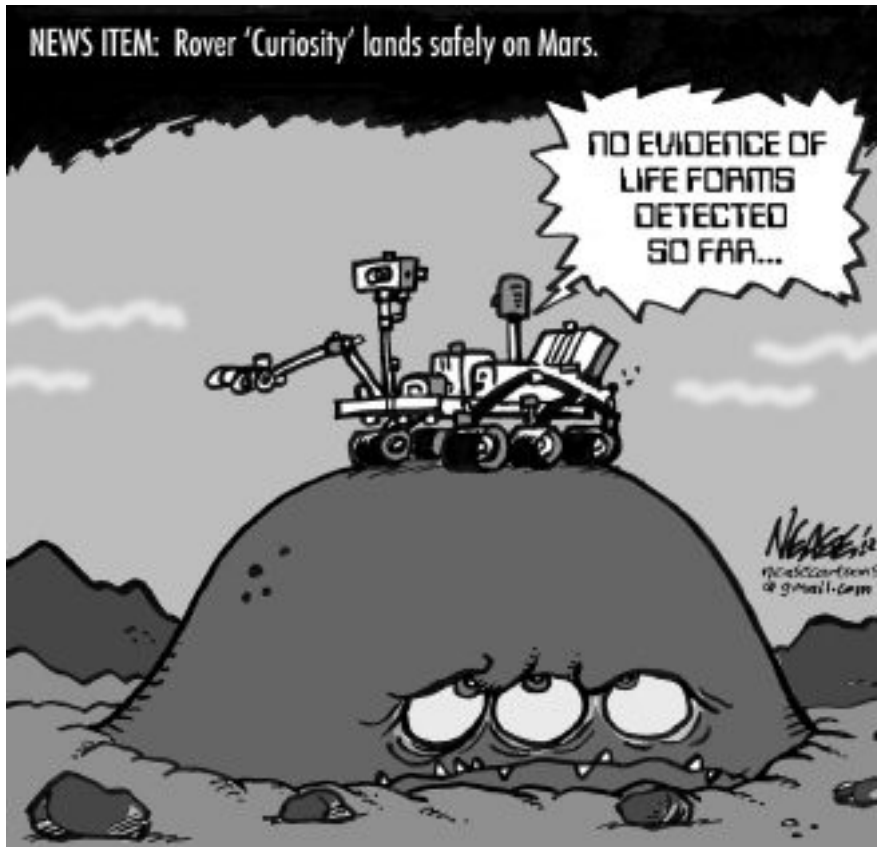
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Construction has begun on a new GO train station in Acton. Are you likely to use GO's service because of this new station?

- No. It will make no difference to me (61%)
- Yes. It will make commuting easier (39%)

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Letters to the editor

Kind veterinarian will be missed

Dear editor,
 What is it about another human being that draws them in very dear to our hearts?
 Compassion? Sense of humor? Sensitivity? Or is it a set of kind eyes? A soft spoken voice? A cheery smile? Or a welcoming heart to all others including ALL animals?

Dr. Ronald Trenton was all that and more, as many of you can relate.

He was an absolute delight to have in our home and our four dogs loved him, wagging their tails and staying perfectly happy and calm while he would give them their shots/physicals. (How many animals love seeing their vet? That speaks volumes.)

My daughter enjoyed his company as he would get down to her level to talk to her and ask her if she loved her "doggies." He was a true joy to every age and species.

I had complete trust in Dr. Trenton. He was always there for my three Yorkies with whatever we needed (advice or emergency

check ups).

Then we added a Lab to our mix and I'll never forget what he said.

"Oh Sarah, Nahla is just beautiful. What a smart little girl! You're going to have so much fun with her!"

Replaying that in my head makes my me smile.

Shocked to hear this very heart-breaking news, we will deeply miss Dr. Trenton and I'm certain everyone else who knew him will too. Our vet visits will never be the same and we will miss his smiling face.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife, children and family.

Farewell friend.

The Hayward and Plobner families, Georgetown

'Shame on' foes to cell tower

Dear editor,
 Opposition to the proposed Bell Tower at Sheridan Nurseries, as presented at the July 17 public open house, is evidence of

NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) at its worst.

Many of those voicing this opposition carried cell phones—where do they think the signals come from that enable this usage? What attention did they pay to the reports citing brain damage and/or cancer due to cell phone usage? But, that discussion is for another editorial.

The purpose of this is to say 'shame on you' to those who have chosen to attack Sheridan Nurseries—which for years has been a respected, contributing business in Halton Hills.

The Town of Halton Hills has also been painted with the same brush as being uncaring, unscrupulous money-grabbers. It should be noted that although there are several roof-top cellular installations in Halton Hills, this is the first opposition to expanding effective and efficient cell phone coverage.

To discuss health warnings associated with these towers is the expectation at these public meetings, to viciously attack respected business is not acceptable.

Peter Pritchard, Georgetown