

After 9/11 – one reporter's front row seat to history

On September 10, 2001, Toronto Star reporter Michelle Shephard did a story about a purse-snatcher. The next day, on what is now known as 9/11, her career changed forever, leading her from Ground Zero to the world's terrorism hot spots as a national security reporter for the Toronto Star.

Shephard, winner of many major journalism awards

and author of two award-winning books, talked about how the world has changed since those terrorists' attacks to a spell-bound full house audience at the Acton Town Hall Centre recently.

She was the guest in the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series. The series fundraiser was the brainchild of the late Tracey Tyler,

a colleague of Shephard's at the Toronto Star, and a founding member of Heritage Acton.

Post 9/11, Shephard focused on three hot spots – Somalia, Yeman and Guantanamo Bay – as she developed her foreign reporting skills and found a front row seat to history.

In Somalia, Shephard met a teenager who had been mutilated by a radical group for

refusing to join them. He saw her Canadian flag pin on her bag and through a translator begged to be taken to Canada. An article she wrote about his story led to his rescue and a new life in Norway.

Shephard discussed her latest book, *Decade of Fear* – 10 years worth of stories of warlords, presidents, spies and global terrorists to describe how the

West's solutions for terrorism only made things worse.

After being banned from Guantanamo for naming a source, and then invited to the Pentagon to talk about improving media relation, Shephard, admitted to having "Gitmo-fatigue" (but) "I can tell you it remains a sore spot in many counties and an enduring propaganda gift for Al Qaeda."

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Family Day Household Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| Family Day February 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | Area 1, 3, 4, 5 Collection Moves | | Area 2 Collection Moves | |

Due to the Family Day holiday, household waste collection services the week of February 18 will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled holiday collection day.

Please check your 2013 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca/wastecalendar to create email, phone or Twitter waste collection reminders, or to add your waste collection dates to your personal iCal, Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook calendar.

Halton Waste Management Site will be closed Monday, February 18, 2013

Regular Operating Hours
Open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

For a full list of fees, dial 311 or visit www.halton.ca/waste.



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