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## Liar, liar...

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the Jean Chretien-GST fiasco is not that our prime minister blatantly lied to the Canadian electorate, but that the same electorate three years later will not let him off the hook for that fib.

Chretien has been widely quoted as saying he would "kill", "abolish" or "get rid of" of the hated tax brought in by Brian Mulroney, but now calls his pledge to kill the tax "an honest mistake". It was only after a week of criticism from the public and media that Chretien finally offered a lukewarm apology to Canadians saying he was sorry if anyone was left with the impression that the Liberals would do away with the GST.

Sorry Mr. PM, but when you base a good part of your successful election platform on abolishing an unpopular tax then do a complete turnaround once in power, voters only naturally will look upon politicians— all politicians— with a jaded eye.

Unfortunately, when the leader of the party in power has a such a huge lead in opinion polls it is easy to develop a feeling of invincibility. After all, what is there in the ranks of the opposition for Chretien and the Liberals to fear?

As voters we don't expect those we elect to keep every promise— that just not realistic. We do, however, expect our representatives to show us respect and not try to pull a fast one on us.

We trust the PM has realized the error of his ways.

## Student enjoys home schooling

Dear editor,

I am writing to comment on an article about home schooling which appeared a few weeks ago. I am in Grade 6 and have been home taught since I was in kindergarten.

I like being home-educated because there are only my brothers and sisters in my class, therefore, it is not crowded or noisy. My mum can spend extra time helping me if I have a problem and I don't have to wait a long time for a teacher to be free. I have more time to read on subjects I enjoy.

My mum has chosen a curriculum that has a high academic standard so that I will get the best education possible and have fun learning, too. I have learned to become an independent worker. The discipline I have learned so far I hope will help me when I grow up.

A final benefit of home schooling is that we take lots of field trips and mum can plan our academic year around our family plans and holidays. Keeping up with the work is a challenge, but I like it and enjoy being at home.

Anthony Capuano, Norval

## Letter of the day

### Blood clinic 'best in years'

Dear editor,

The blood clinic held Nov. 18 at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown was the best ever for several years. We would like to thank the 313 donors for their patience and understanding during busy times. The day's collection of 275 units surpassed our target and made a vital addition to the blood bank.

Halton Hills Red Cross would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of the Georgetown Lions Club, the work of volunteer organizers, Ina Reed, Betty Kennedy, Terry Yahiro and Shirley Chaplin.

Refreshments were donated by A&P, Dairy Queen, Loblaw's, Pizza Hut and Shoppers Drug Mart. The kitchen was staffed by the Catholic Women's League and clinic assistants were Red Cross members.

Recognition will be given to donors who have reached the following levels: M. Brady and R.E. McGowan (100 donations), S. Miedema (75), W. Fenske and C. Sargent (50), P. Buisman, S. Jorgensen and H. Roffel (35) and L. Arseneault, J. Balch, G. DeBoer, D. Hinde, E. Selhihamer and D. Westerveld (20).

The next public clinic in Georgetown will be held Feb. 10, 1997. Thank you for the gift of life.

Georgetown Blood Clinic Committee

## The Christmas spirit is alive and well

Dear editor,

Today I received an unexpected gift which demonstrated the true meaning of the Christmas spirit. Some anonymous kind and honest person found \$100 cash which I had inadvertently left in an instant teller machine after removing my card. Not discovering my foolish error until almost an hour later, I held little hope that I would recover those

gift-shopping funds.

However, that honest citizen had turned in the full amount to the bank's employees and upon presentation of my banking machine receipt it was all returned to me.

Whoever you are (I was told it was a man), my heartfelt thanks and a very Merry Christmas to you.

Barbara Baron,  
Georgetown

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