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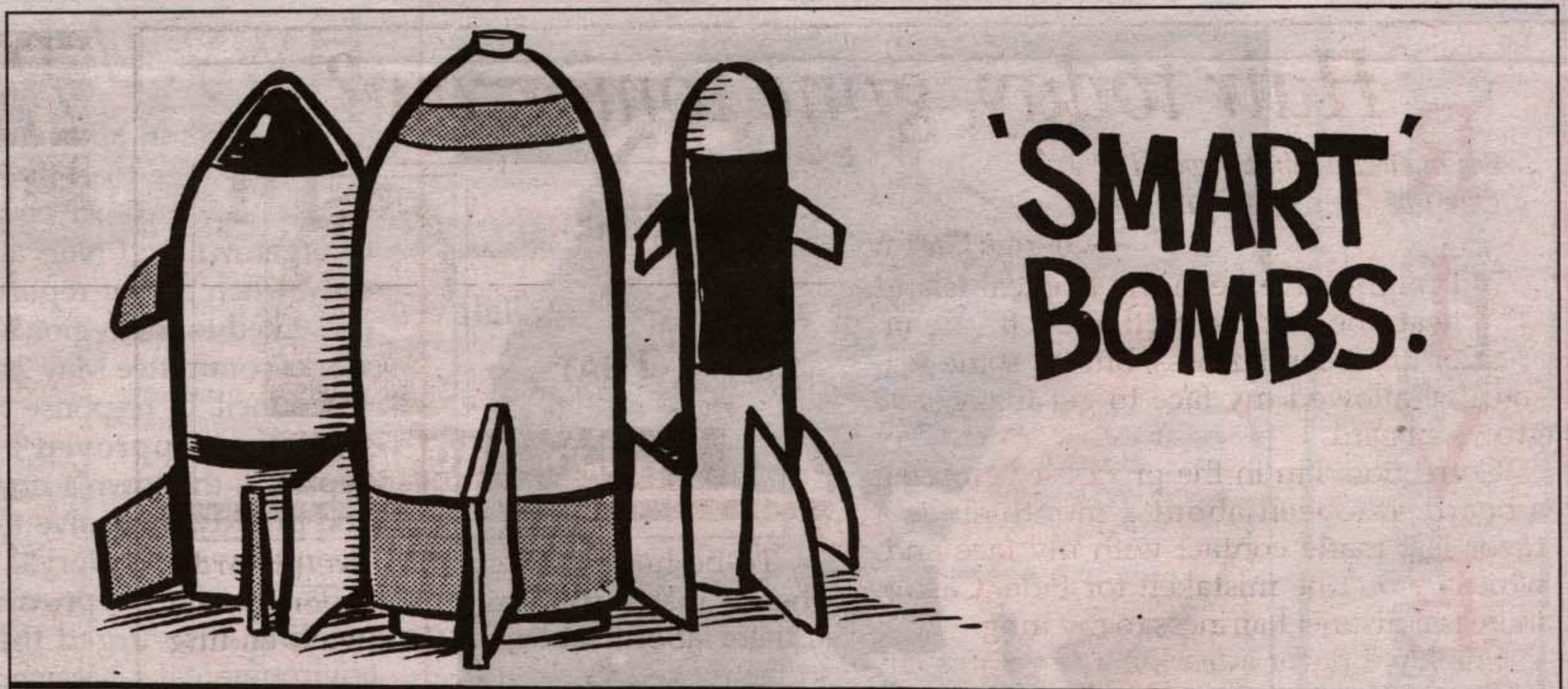
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## 'SMART' BOMBS.



## STUPID BOMBERS.

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## The time is now

Halton regional staff will present to its planning and public works committee next Wednesday their recommendations on the North Halton Transportation Study—a study that outlines the transportation needs and spending in our area for the next 16 years. The study, while recognizing the need for a Hwy. 7 bypass around Georgetown and Norval, suggests it should not be built until 2016.

While we don't know yet what regional staff will recommend to its committee next week, we hope they have listened to what our council and our citizens are saying—a bypass is needed now, not in 2016.

For many in this town, a bypass is essential to getting a good night's sleep, opening a window, feeling safe when walking down a road or even being able to drive across town in less than 20 minutes. Traffic congestion and noise are here now, and residents cannot wait another 16 years.

At a recent council meeting, town engineer Bob Austin, a member of the roads study Technical Advisory Committee, warned that the need for a bypass does not meet vehicle warrants—in other words there's still not enough cars and trucks on the roads yet to trigger funding. Austin told Halton Hills council moving a bypass ahead of schedule will have to be a political decision.

It may be a political decision, but it is the right decision. Halton Hills council made the first step in that direction when it recommended to Halton staff a bypass is this town's number one priority.

Now it's up to regional staff and council to make the right decision, and to convince the provincial government and Peel and Brampton councils to come on side.

The sooner this bypass is built, the sooner the quality of life for our residents will improve.

## Community urged to fight for local school

Dear editor,

For the past eight months, the Halton District School Board has been trying to find ways to deal with both under-utilized and over-crowded schools. The Halton board has too many available spaces in some elementary schools and as such is not eligible for provincial funding to build new schools.

Georgetown is on the recommended list for a new school, but being recommended does not guarantee that we will get one. We need a new school in Georgetown desperately by the year 2001 or over 30 per cent of our student population will be housed in portables.

Over the past several months, a small group of very dedicated school council volunteers have been working hard to try to secure a new school for the children in Georgetown. However, now is the time we need you to step forward and make your voices heard.

We urge parents, grandparents, business people, indeed all taxpayers, to contact your local trustee, Ethel Gardiner; our MPP Ted Chudleigh, or your local school council chair to pledge your support and help in this struggle.

The other communities to the south of us seem to have more success in getting parents and other concerned

### Letter of the day

*Perhaps a change is in order*

Dear editor,

I happened to notice that you have added an extra detail to your "What You Said" feature. You now indicate a "totals to date" box, ostensibly indicating that this is reflective of the wishes of Halton Hills' voters.

Given that you have editorial control over this feature and given your pro-Tory bias, this would seem to be, at the very least, misleading, if not dishonest. Are we to assume that this is a random sample of citizens, maybe the first five willing to participate? Or perhaps some other, more scientific method was used? Maybe you can let us know.

Your PC supporters, interestingly, seemed impressed by Harris "keeping his promises". So, I have another question for them. If a government keeps its promises, but this results in chaos in the health and education fields, a continued battering of the poor in favor of the wealthy and an increasingly polluted environment, should we keep them for another term?

There is no doubt in my mind that the majority of people in this province would be better served by a different governing party.

Ian Wilson, Glen Williams

*(Editor's note: The What You Said feature is exactly as you have stated; a random sampling of citizens with the first five respondents (who agree to be photographed) being published. The same question will be posed for the next three editions, therefore the total box was added.)*

citizens to back this issue. Don't wait for someone else to do it, we need you now or the school bell won't be ringing in in the north when

we need it the most. Susan Cox, member, Limehouse and Stewarttown School Councils

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