

Editorial

# GTSB: R.I.P.

With the death of the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB), announced by Premier Mike Harris as part of a GO Transit funding package at a Brampton Board of Trade luncheon Thursday, we believe municipal officials can breathe a little easier.

There's no way now the province will look to eliminate either the municipal or regional level of government, as was done to create the megacities of Toronto and Hamilton.

If either level of government was going to be eliminated, some form of the GTSB would have been retained. It would have been necessary to pick up any slack that couldn't be handled by either the municipalities that make up Halton or the region itself.

The spectre of a City of Halton has now been, or should be, laid to rest.

This decision also means some of the in-fighting that has gone on between some regional officials can be put in the past.

Now we can get back to the issues that should be front and centre on the municipal agenda, things like: development of the Hwy. 401 corridor; finding an adequate water supply for Georgetown; revitalizing a worn-down infrastructure; downsizing town council to a more manageable level; and finding the money to pay for more town and regional services.



## Letters to the editor...

# Terrorists' actions tightens community bond

Dear editor,

On Sept. 22 we, at the Bennett Health Care Center, held a charity car wash to raise funds for the

U.S.A. tragedy. The support we received from volunteers, local businesses and the people of Georgetown was wonderful. Everyone was so generous with their time, their donations, and their kind words.

These terrorists tried to rip people apart but it has only brought us closer together and the people of Georgetown should be proud to belong to such a caring and giving

community.

Thank you to Loduca Custom Tile, Boston Pizza, Premier Copy, Tim Hortons and Georgetown Chrysler. But a special thank you to my co-workers at the Bennett Center, your support and your help has made me realize what a special group of people I work with.

Marlene Hardcastle,  
Bennett Health Care Center

## JA offers a great opportunity for students

Dear editor,

Your paper kindly recognized my achieving an award from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and the Halton Region Business Development Centre to establish a business under the Summer Company Program. I wish to take this opportunity to recognize Junior Achievement (JA) of Halton.

As a Grade 9 student, I joined this afterschool program at Acton High School. It was the skills and guidance from Junior Achievement

that developed into entrepreneurial interests. I would especially like to thank Sue Suess, President of JA of Halton who personally encouraged and supported my decisions to apply for this award to create a small business.

I have gained so much from these experiences and want to encourage other students to join JA as well as members of the Halton business community to become involved and become JA advisors.

Sarah Kobsa,  
Acton

## Religion lament misses mark

Dear editor,

This is in response to Byron Thomas' Sept. 21 letter, Religion missing from day of mourning.

It would seem that Mr. Thomas has confused the Canadian Constitution with the American Pledge of Allegiance. Nowhere in the Canadian Constitution does it say that Canada recognizes the supremacy of God. (Check out Constitution Act # 42.)

As well, the vast majority of Canadians are anything but Christian. Canada has more Protestants, Sikhs, Muslims, Arabs, Jews, atheists, and non-denominationalists than Christians.

People crying foul over religion makes me just as sick as people getting in an uproar over President Bush forgetting to mention Canada in his speech. Do you think he sat over dinner and thought to himself, "Hmmm. Lets see if I can make Canada upset?"

It's no wonder other nations might look down on us. Even when our prime minister is trying to keep the peace in regards to religion there always seems to be some faction screaming and crying. Islamic extremists are being blamed for the attacks on the World Trade Centre and Washington? Well, lets just beat on all Islamics. Don't blame them for somebody else's actions.

Remember, Catholics crucified their own beloved saviour. Who are anybody to be casting stones at other people?

Mike Weil, Georgetown

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