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## Plenty of Miltonians relying on food bank

A story on page 3 today reminds us about the importance of donating to our local food bank.

The news that so many Halton residents, including Miltonians, are having trouble finding the money to eat healthy, or even eat at all, is disturbing.

It's not surprising however, when you consider several factors — inadequate affordable housing, rising rents and the overall higher cost of living in Halton.

As a result, some people are forced to turn to food banks for help.

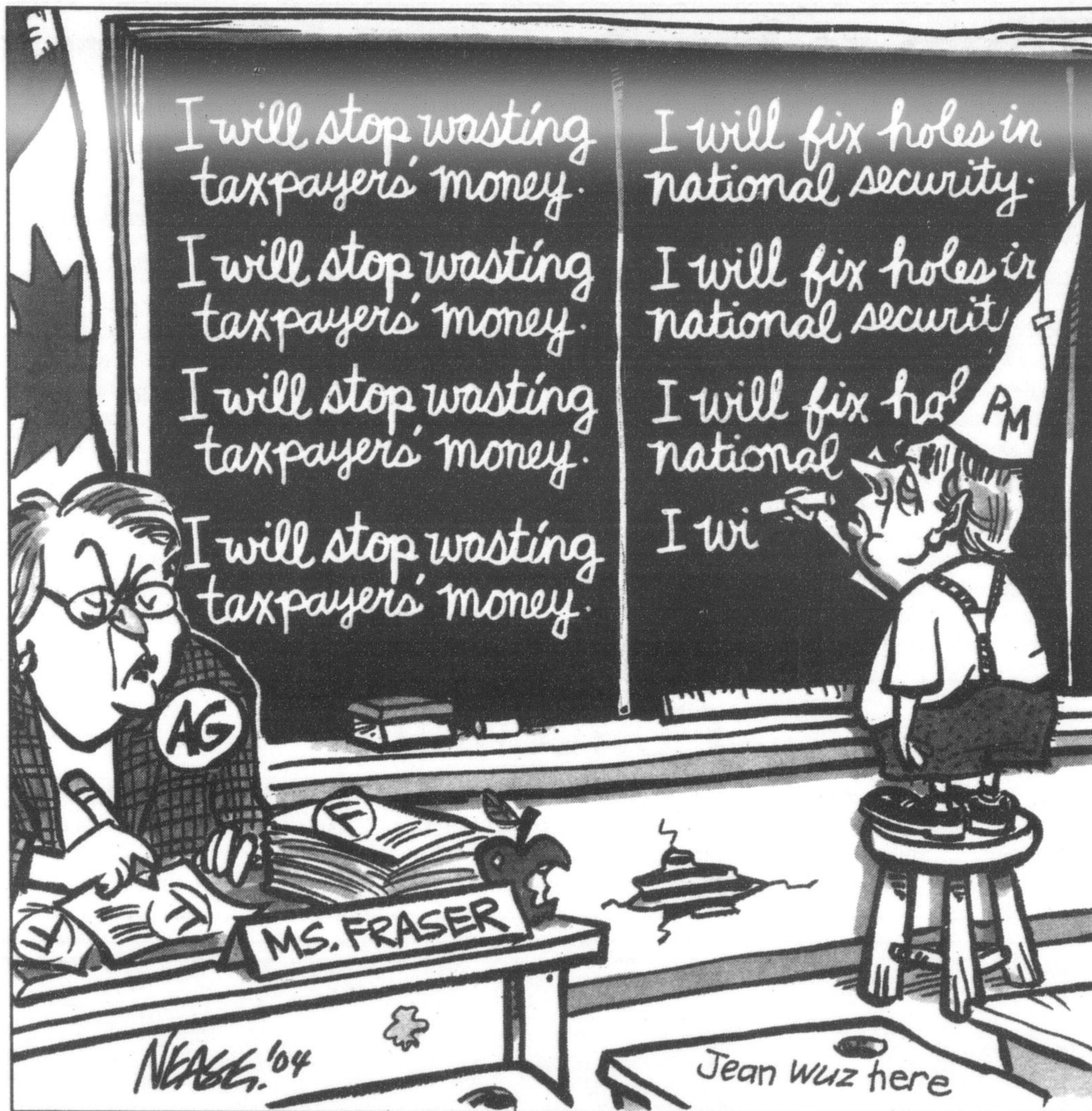
So those of us who have plenty of food in our refrigerators need to help keep our local food bank — operated by the Salvation Army — well stocked.

With Easter coming this weekend, the timing couldn't be more perfect to contribute.

And it's easy. Local grocery stores have bins available right on the premises.

All you have to do is pick up a few extra items while you're shopping and drop them in.

And you'll feel good doing it.



## Our Readers Write

### Downtown bakery great idea, says reader

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read Jackie Gallant's March 19 letter about the possibility of her opening up a downtown bakery.

I agree with her about how much we need a bakery on our Main Street.

I have a further suggestion. What about a little tea room being included with just a few small tables?

There are more than 1,000 people liv-

ing on Millside Drive alone — many of whom are elderly, like myself.

I know a nearby bakery would be welcome. I can just taste a fresh currant bun — and what about scones, jam and cream on a nice summer's day?

Plain, well-cooked food is what we would enjoy. Good luck Ms Gallant. Hope you succeed.

Joy Rawlings  
Millside Drive

Have your say with a letter to the editor. Fax letters to (905) 878-4943, or e-mail them to [miltoned@haltonsearch.com](mailto:miltoned@haltonsearch.com).

### Please keep sidewalks clear of litter, asks man

Dear Editor:

I'm one of the unfortunate ones who depend on an electric scooter to get around. I ride my scooter to work daily.

This winter was tough. With the amount of snow causing an inability to keep the sidewalks clear enough to make them passable, I along with others on scooters, those pushing strollers or pulling wagons and even some walkers were forced to travel on the roadway.

Finally mother nature pitched in and helped remove the snow. But now a new culprit has wreaked havoc and forced me to the curb.

Perhaps it was your son or daugh-

ter — on their way to school — who felt that taking bottles or jars from blue boxes and smashing them on the sidewalk and along the curb was fun.

But did they ever stop to think of potential damage they may cause? I know it's school kids, because I've seen them.

It has already cost me three tires and tubes at \$51 a piece.

I know you're saying, "Why ride over it?" But with some long stretches between road access and an inability to just get off the sidewalk when I do notice broken glass, I try to brush it away.

However, the sharp bits of glass

sometimes get in the divides of the sidewalk and only get picked up by unsuspecting things like scooter tires, dog paws, bicycle tires and perhaps the knee of a skateboarder who may fall on them.

So people, please address this matter with your children. It may be their bike tire, their knee or someone else on a scooter with no ability to get off independently to remove it, and they would be in trouble if they get a flat tire.

It's not every child doing this. There are far more good kids than there are bad ones.

Don Fendley  
Milton

### Trustee's letter off the mark, says parent of gifted student

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Milton Trustee Paul Tate's recent letter about his views on proposed changes to educating gifted students.

As a parent of an identified gifted student, I don't agree with Mr. Tate's assessment. I was very pleased with the programming offered my daughter from grade 5 through grade 8.

Upon entering grade 9, however, it has been as if she was never identified as gifted.

So for one more family in the Halton board, the system isn't working. So I say to anyone who'll do anything to improve the current system — which seems to be one on paper only — go for it.

Maureen Boland  
Briar Crescent

### Pud

by Steve Nease



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