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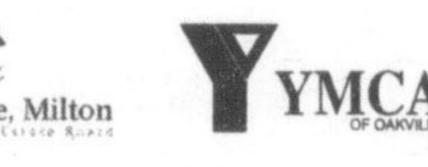




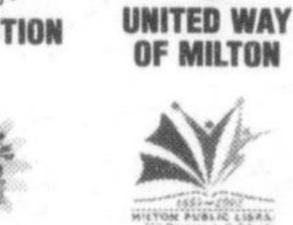














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### Canada could be next

gerous for Canadians to delude themselves that what happened two weeks ago in London could never happen in Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver.

If anything, the London attack illustrates that almost four years after 9/11, worldclass city centres are still vulnerable to acts of terror.

Statements like those made recently by TTC Chair Howard Moscoe demonstrate exactly the kind of bravado and ignorance that may land Canada on the short list for a similar attack."We don't have any troops to pull out of Iraq and I wonder if the terrorists first would have to find where Toronto and wounding hundreds.

We're not sure exactly what point the Canada's proximity to and relationship ist groups is, well, regrettable.

the people of Toronto are wondering if suicide bombings are quite capable of askwe're prepared to cope, we are as prepared

It would be naive and, quite frankly, dan- as any transit system in the world," he crowed hours after the U.K. suicide attacks.

> Being as prepared as London was on July 7 doesn't exactly instill confidence in the safety of our system. Toronto's transit system came under fire last week for not having a modern enough surveillance system to help identify perpetrators of crime. The TTC apparently lacks the same network of cameras that have helped identify the four suicide bombers in London.

Perhaps Moscoe's message was that Canada hasn't been a willing participant in the U.S.-led military mission in Iraq and therefore would be far less likely to be targeted by extremists. We can only hope he's is before they attacked it," he said during a right about that. We suspect officials in press conference the day after terrorists New York and Washington, D.C went to bombed London's rail system, killing 55 bed on September 10, 2001 feeling they were under no immediate threat.

Toronto councillor was trying to make with with the U.S. could provide all the motive his words, but to suggest a world-class city terrorists need to turn their attention our like Toronto isn't easily located by extrem- way one day. While Moscoe may have simply been attempting to allay public fears, However, Moscoe didn't stop there. "If we respectfully submit that those who plot ing for directions.



# Our Readers Write

#### Milton on its way to becoming choked in own traffic, just like city of Brampton

Dear Editor:

Where does Halton get off putting in traffic stand poles at Lower Base Line and Regional Road 25 and not at Derry Road and Fifth Line? Where is the logic in that?

In my opinion, we're soon going to have to rename Derry Road advance green arrows at most major Death Road, with all the carnage that's going to happen — and has already started to.

A recent head-on collision resulting in a fatality at Derry Road and

Fifth Line could be just the beginning of accidents caused because of the poor planning in this area.

And that's not all.

Milton's carriage-sized roads are trying to support city traffic, with the absence of left turn lanes or intersections, not to mention a lack past on Derry Road next week. of right turn lanes into the new subdivisions.

I'm not adverse to prosperity and growth, so long as it's tempered

with common sense and good plan-

However, in my opinion Milton is on its way to becoming choked in own traffic, much like Brampton.

If not, it may be your car and injured family the police wave me

Can we not learn from other communities' mistakes?

> Tim Szumlanski Edwards Avenue

Do you have an opinion on a local issue? Have your say with a letter to the editor. E-mail it to miltoned@haltonsearch.com.

## Press a few buttons and you could help save a life

Normally at the height of each summer, I write a column imploring residents not to drink and drive.

stories about senseless deaths occurring because dream of getting behind the wheel impaired. someone thought he or she was just fine and probably too embarrassed to admit driving shouldn't be an option.

But this year, as I was revving up for the plea, noticed something as I looked over recent months' police blotters.

I'm talking to the wrong people.

Oh sure, there are always a couple of locals who decide to drink and drive.

week are people either visiting friends or family do you mutter a few words and keep driving, or here in town, or just passing through — they're do you take a moment to stop, pull over and Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville, report the driver to police? Burlington, you name it.

And they're endangering our residents.

So this time I'm addressing the responsible motorists like you and me - and the vast major-As a reporter, I'm asked to write way too many ity of Miltonians, I'm sure — who wouldn't

> I'm asking that the next time you're out at night driving home from a friendly get-together, you keep your eyes open for erratic or dangerous drivers you think might have had one too many.

Many of the people arrested and charged with drinking and driving each month are first spotted by average people like you and me who decide to call the police.

When someone cuts you off or swerves drasti-But it seems most of the people charged each cally and you suspect he's had too much to drink,

After all, a narrow miss with you could be a where are bringing their stupidity here. It also



deadly accident with another driver or pedestrian down the road.

If you call and you're wrong, the driver isn't drunk, nothing's been lost. If you don't call and your suspicions are right, a whole lot could be

It makes me angry to think people from else-

makes me angry that it seems the majority of those charged with drinking and driving-related offences are middle aged.

It's not the high school crowd — it's the people who should be modeling responsibility for their children and youth in the community. It seems the people who 'should know better' don't, and the young drivers often targeted unfairly might be getting it.

Good for them.

Now, to a different group of people. If you're hosting a barbecue or get-together where alcohol is served — or brought — it's up to you, legally and morally, to make sure nobody gets behind the wheel who shouldn't.

It might not be the fun thing to do, but does that really matter in light of the bigger picture?

Let's all do our part to send the message that drinking and driving isn't acceptable in Milton.