

OPINION

Plan not the best

DEAR KATHLEEN WYNNE:

With a provincial election just around the corner we're sure you're quite busy. However, we'd like to discuss recent developments regarding the GTA West Corridor option 4-3.

As Ontario transportation minister, you no doubt know this is the proposed new east-west highway corridor your government is considering that would stretch from York Region in the east to the future Tremaine Road/Hwy. 401 interchange in west Milton.

Option 4-3 would require building this new road between No. 5 and No. 10 sideroads in Halton Hills — in essence cutting a swath through prime agricultural land. In case you haven't noticed, in recent years development in Halton has significantly impacted the amount of farmland to the point there's precious little left. Paving over this portion in south Georgetown would be a grave injustice.

Halton Hills council has also indicated 4-3 is a mistake. Even Halton regional council has voted against option 4-3. While it came down to a tie vote, Milton council also didn't endorse 4-3.

Three local councils have said option 4-3 isn't the best plan. That should tell you something.

SINCERELY, THE EDITOR

Not worth the risk

This weekend thousands of Halton residents will either go camping, fire up a barbecue, hit the open road or host/attend a party. After all, isn't that what long weekends are all about?

However, we hope that wherever and however you choose to celebrate you do so by not drinking and driving.

The unfortunate reality of this holiday weekend is that several people won't be going back to work or school on Tuesday and their loved ones will be planning funerals all because someone chose to drink and drive.

While drunk driving has certainly become much more of a public taboo in the past couple of decades as education programs have helped decrease the number of people willing to drive while intoxicated, it seems there's still a significant percentage of the population willing to take that risk.

It's to those people we issue this regular reminder. If you chose to drink and drive you may as well play Russian roulette — there's no difference between the two.



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UpFront

Your Champion sports scribe's now in Tweeting mode

It's Twitter time.

That's right. Your local sports scribe has finally taken the plunge and ventured into the world of succinct cyberspace news disbursement.

See, already I've made a classic Twitter blunder, as news delivery would have saved me a whopping four letters — a huge amount of space in this whole 140 character count limit realm. My abbreviation skills are already getting a major workout and it's only been a week.

I'll admit that up until fairly recently my interest and knowledge of this informational vehicle was practically non-existent. Mention the word Twitter and images of

mindless everyday chit-chat — cue any number of mocking anecdotes from modern-day sitcoms — being shared immediately came to mind.

Of course that was a pretty narrow-minded view, as I've come to realize through following Twitter postings by a couple of colleagues, who've been good enough to throw some of my sports onto their accounts on occasion.

But now it's time I did this myself, and in essence complete the whole *Champion* sports coverage menu.

Yes I'd love for you to choose the tradi-

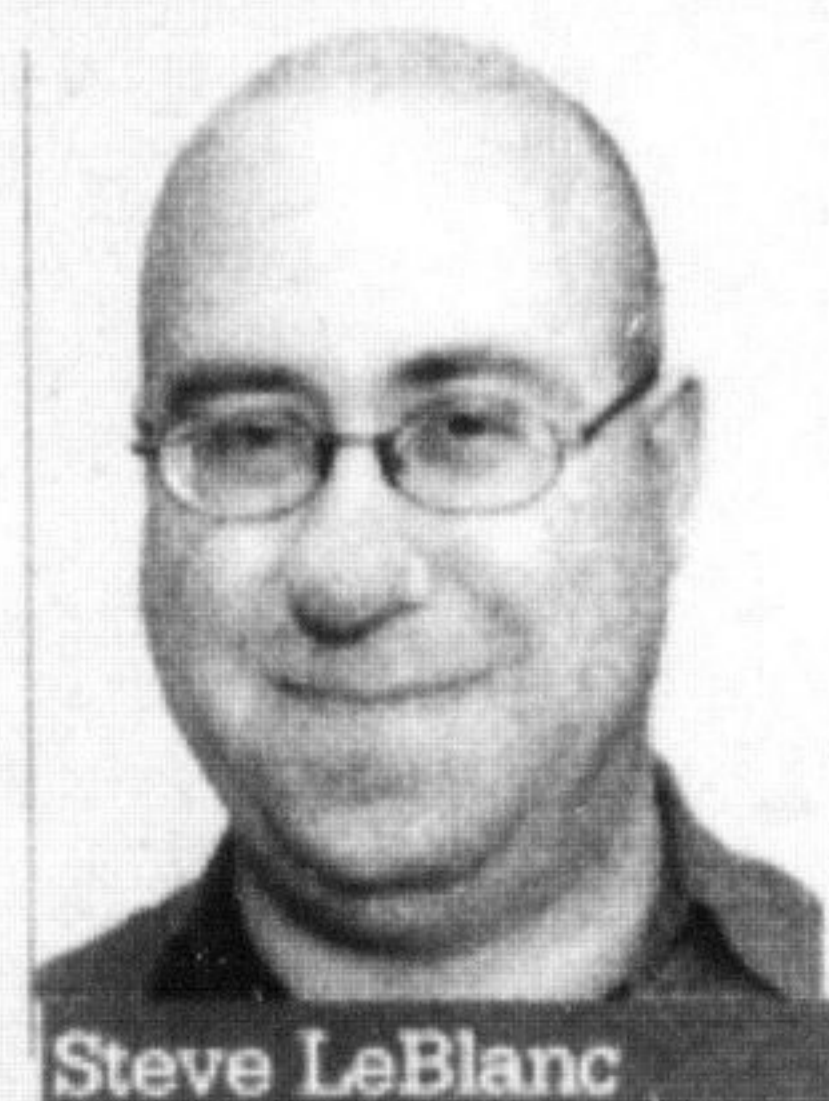
tional entrée (a.k.a. reading an entire story in the actual paper Tuesdays and Thursdays) but I'm not naïve enough to think that's the most appealing option for everyone anymore.

For many, news appetizers are quite sufficient.

At the risk of stating the obvious, more and more people are getting their news online, which they'll still be able to do through links on my Tweets.

And while the Tweets themselves offer the briefest of

overviews of a given story, that's all some • see COME on page A7



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