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### **Body**

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Regarding "County mulls solutions as guns spike in schools" (News, Sept. 29), where children are getting guns was never asked or addressed. My educated guess is these underage children are getting them from their homes. Responsible gun ownership, especially if children are in the home, is part of the solution to gun violence including unintentional shootings and suicides. There is a program, "Be SMART For Children," which teaches adults to secure all guns; model responsible behavior; ask about the presence of guns in other homes; recognize the role of guns in suicide; and tell peers to be smart. You can contact the Moms Demand Action-Georgia chapter to get more information and even a Be SMART presentation for your organization. Responsible gun ownership is not a political issue. It is common sense and can save lives.

JULIE KIMBALL, SUWANEE

Letters shouldn't be edged out by editorials

So AJC, you are now using the letters section to publish editorials. If you want to editorialize, you have plenty of space. You constantly print self-adoration throughout the paper, occasionally full-page. **Readers** don't need your "Look how great we are" comments. The "Our View" of Oct. 11, "Heartbreak aside, Braves, fans should look to future," took the cake. Who cares if a baseball team wins or loses? How does that have any lasting meaning to our lives? If you want to do away with the letters to the editor, just say so and do it! Overall, you are edging closer and closer to becoming just another supermarket checkout-counter rag. Please, go back to what you should be -- a real newspaper. That's what you were when I became a damn Yankee in 1991 and started reading your paper.

DAN SIEGEL, DACULA

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