

Letters to the editor

Resident overreacted to students' actions

Dear editor,
 I would like to respond to the letter from Alan Cole you published in your paper on Wednesday, July 5, "School project not funny".

I am the mother of one of these students and was well aware of what they were doing. Before they set off they were given advice on safely parking their car and being discreet

P.O.W.E.R. thanks project supporters

Dear editor,
 On behalf of Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.), we would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make the 2006 Future Forests Spring planting season such a success— not to mention a great time!

With the help of Discount Car and Truck Rentals, the Town of Halton Hills, Ontario Trillium Foundation, local media, Allison's Farm Market, Bob Baker Forestry Centre, Credit Valley Conservation, Adams Rent All, Transform Signs and the 650+ students, teachers and volunteers from Robert Little Public School, St Francis of Assisi, the Georgetown Homeschool Association, Georgetown District Christian School, Christ the King Secondary School, and members of the community, we planted 1,640 native trees and shrubs on Town property in the Hungry Hollow (Eighth Line and 15 Sideroad).

Over the course of three weeks in

about what they were doing (tossing a dummy from a bridge) so that they would not alarm any motorist. This school project was a short film/documentary on anti-smoking that they have decided to put together on their own.

These three students were not doing this for a lark— they are creative individuals who have found the late May and early June, we had eight field days. P.O.W.E.R. volunteers donated almost 750 hours (with countless other hours given by staff and volunteers from the schools) to enable the Halton Hills students to participate in an environmental program that included more than 1,500 student-hours of outdoor curriculum.

In addition, P.O.W.E.R.'s first annual Future Forests Community Day saw the participation of 34 community-minded folks. We even set up a community monitoring plot— more on this to come.

Thank you to everyone in Halton Hills (and beyond) who supported and participated in our vision for a community acting to restore and understand our environment. Partnerships were formed and will only get stronger. See you in the fall for our next field season. This great success belongs to all of you.

Leslie Adams, president
 P.O.W.E.R.

enjoyment of filmmaking. In fact they are so good at it they won the high school film festival for 2006.

Are we supposed to suppress their creativity? Mr. Cole felt the need to contact the police, the mayor's office, the school principal and even wrote a letter to our local newspaper.

I do not know what form of punishment he expected to happen to these boys but I think he overreacted. Does he believe he lives in such a violent society that this sort of crime would happen in Georgetown? Did he not at least once think that he did not see what he thought he saw.

We should encourage creativity in our sons/daughters and not censure them to the point that we end up with a generation that is afraid to show their creative side.

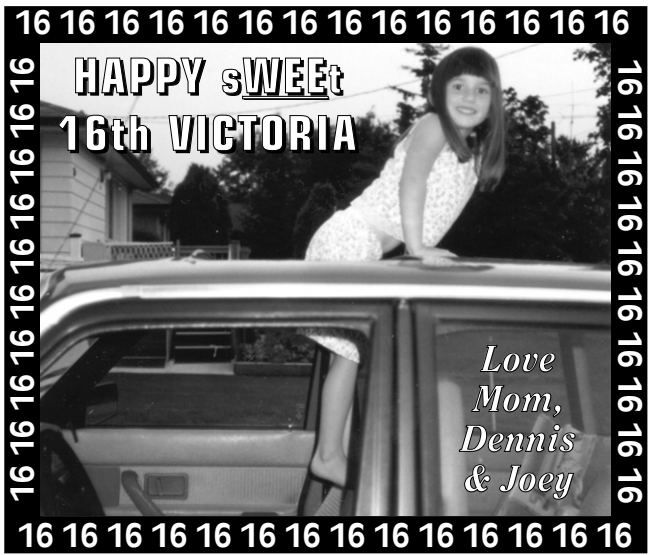
You never know where the next independent film director may hail from.

Diane Marchent,
 Georgetown

Ted Brown



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