



# COMMENT

## Money well spent on new Under 12 Project

Halton Regional Police and the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre are starting a new program that aims to keep pre-teen boys from graduating to higher levels of crime before it's too late to correct their behaviour.

The Under 12 Project (see page 8) is another in a series of pro-active policing methods that see police trying to head off trouble rather than react to incidents. And for that, we should all be grateful.

From our point of view, the \$185,000 in federal funding that's permitting the program to begin, is taxpayers' money well spent.

Many people aren't great fans of the current Young Offenders Act, but the proposed Young Criminal Justice Act, which is expected to become law next year, should do much to deal with leniency and other issues. It will encourage more 'diversion' programs to keep kids out of our legal system and get them back on track before the die is cast for a life of criminal acts.

In the Under 12 Project, police hope to reach boys in 90 families a year.

We wish all involved in the Under 12 Project great success — especially the boys.

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## OUR READERS WRITE

### Milton's Santa Claus Parade was another tremendous hit with everyone, says reader

Dear Editor:

The 2001 Milton Santa Claus Parade — held November 25 — was thoroughly enjoyed by many Miltonians as well as others.

A great big thank you should go out to the event convener, and all the other volunteers who made the event a really big show.

There was lots of planning, as well as hard and exacting work involved by the participants to make the floats and entries to a high standard of imagination and decoration.

The large crowds of enthusiastic children and parents gave the parade an added touch and — according to many comments — was by far the best and longest in a long while.

Participants in the parade gave their all in various bands, choral, dance and aerobics.

Thank you for making Santa's arrival to town a special and wonderful occasion.

**Freda Best-Strain  
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### Reader offers thoughts on location for proposed new Town facilities

Dear Editor:

At a public meeting November 6 at Hugh Foster Hall, the consultants described the options available with respect to the possible locations of each of the proposed Town Hall additions, the central library and in particular a performing arts centre.

Conspicuously missing from this discussion was the acknowledgement of the historical value of our existing downtown core.

Given the substantial investment in renovation costs by residents and business owners over the past 20 — and the fact that communities such as Kitchener/Waterloo, Guelph and Oakville locate their cultural centres in the historical area of town — it seemed unusual they would consider a location at Main Street and Thompson Road.

There's only one appropriate site for our arts and cultural centre and that's the east parking lot of the Town Hall.

The Town Hall should continue to operate with additional office space being built on the site of the old police station, with the

women's residence moved to the Allendale area. There's still room for the arts and cultural centre and the remaining area would still provide selected parking for Town staff. The Town would argue there's insufficient parking. However, when you consider performances at the centre take place in the evening, after business hours and many shoppers have left the area, there would be ample parking available.

On November 8, I wrote the Toronto Consultants EDA Collaborative, expressing my concerns and offering this approach to the location of the arts and cultural centre for their consideration.

We have an opportunity to support our historical community and our downtown business, which we must not overlook.

It's time to come together on this important issue by writing, phoning and faxing our town councillors to encourage them to support us in our efforts to maintain the cultural continuity and prosperity of this unique community.

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