



# COMMENT

## Water not something we expect to fret over

Don't worry, we're safe.

Following media reports Wednesday that MDS Laboratory Services — which tests water for 60 Ontario municipalities — hadn't met Ministry of Environment guidelines, Halton Region officials are reassuring the public that the area's water is safe.

Halton Region operates its own accredited laboratory with qualified testing staff and doesn't use MDS Laboratory Services. Water results are also tested at Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care laboratories in Hamilton.

It seems lately there's just been one water scare after another. It's something we don't expect to have to worry about in this rich, industrialized country of ours.

It's good to know that, according to Regional Chair Joyce Savoline, Halton Region is taking its responsibility to provide clean, safe water "very seriously." She says the Region "has and continues to make significant investments in water treatment and distribution systems."

That may be so, but it sure seemed like a long time before the Region got to the bottom of Milton's brown water problem.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Mr. Ganton is right to be concerned about adult video store: reader

Dear Editor:

I totally agree with Richard Ganton's recent letter concerning Exxxotica. I lived above this shop and I believe it should be placed elsewhere because of the detrimental effect it will have on our young people.

This business has upset a great deal of people, the existing businesses that cater only to ladies, and to the area, which is residential and has a number of older people.

One councillor had no problem with the explicit signage but I'm sure a big noise would be made if this business were below where his family lived.

I understand the owner hasn't been charged, the Town is in an awkward position and in legal terms, the taxpayers will

have to pay to fight this if it ends up in the courts.

Summer is almost here and already some people have been causing mischief. I'm sure the police know this. Small businesses are plagued with vandalism. Last Saturday's newspapers were destroyed and tampered with.

Over the years this has been upsetting to the companies, the delivery people and the stores themselves.

People here are afraid of a curfew because of the individual freedom of our young people, who are on the whole good students.

However, group mentality often sets in and things get out of hand.

Most parents know where their children are, but we come once again to a problem in this town that there's no safe environment where our children can play pool, watch movies and just hang out with their friends.

All we have to do is ask the police. They know and the people who operate shops until the early morning see the problems.

M. Taha  
Court Street

### Teen livid over Mr. Ganton's Exxxotica letter

Dear Editor:

Richard Ganton's recent letter about the evils of Exxxotica made me furious, and as I read on I became absolutely livid.

I'm a 16-year-old female and while I don't agree with pornography, I don't disagree with it either. I feel that if someone wants to watch it, it really will do no harm. If you don't wish to partake in this activity, you aren't forced to.

Mr. Ganton made numerous references to types of individuals such as single mothers, step parents and teenage girls and boys. Being a teenager whose mother is single and whose father is remarried, I can tell you that his idea of what occurs with these types of people are incorrect. My mother doesn't live in poverty, she doesn't suffer violence from a boyfriend and she doesn't engage in criminal activity.

Drugs, alcohol and sex were around long before pornography came into play. Do you really think that this is the reason for all young people having sex? A teenager chooses to have sex because of who they are and what they believe. I myself am still a virgin and although I don't believe that anyone my age should engage in sex I don't look down upon them and judge as to why they may have done so.

I've read and re-read Mr. Ganton's letter and find it insulting and ignorant. You can not find one person, stick them into a group and then stereotype everyone else. Paul Bernardo is a sick individual — but he's an individual. Not everyone who watches or engages in sexual acts will become twisted murderous beings.

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