



# COMMENT

## The turning point

Wednesday's Rolling Stones and friends rock and roll showcase at Downsview Park could prove to be the turning point for the post-SARS economic fallout in Toronto.

With an estimated 40,000 U.S. tourists among the 400,000 plus crowd there was an infusion of much-needed dollars to the hospitality industry.

More importantly, the marathon concert sent a positive marketing message to the rest of the world about Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (including Halton) being open for business, recreation and tourism.

No doubt the star-studded concert line-up helped replace spring's SARS fears with images of a world-class city putting on an event of a world-class calibre.

And now that people from other parts of the world have seen media coverage of such famous faces as Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, members of AC/DC and homegrown Canadian talent like Rush and the Guess Who, it should begin to sink in that Toronto is a safe and exciting place to visit.

Mick and the boys had it right all along.

You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes, you just might find, you get what you need.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### There's no good reason why local water supply needs to be flouridated: reader

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to Halton Region's consideration to fluoridate our local water supply.

In my opinion, fluoride is just a waste product of aluminum processing. It's a toxin and as Gordon Sinclair states is "rate poison."

Most countries don't use it in their drinking water, since it can cause porous bone growth and hip fractures.

It also transports aluminum to the brain.

This past spring a report came out from

the North American Dental Association indicating that oral ingestion of fluoride was harmful.

I believe dental decay is associated with low levels of trace minerals — like strontium, phosphorus and molybdenum — as well as a diet of processed foods. In my opinion, it's not caused by a deficiency of toxic fluoride.

Even Zenon's membrane filter doesn't remove fluoride.

**Eleanor Bousfield  
Milton**

### Remorseful youth has message for his peers so they won't endangering lives like he did

(Earlier this year two area youths were involved in an incident of mischief that endangered lives in Milton. The youths put some items on a CP Rail track to see what would happen. Fortunately the youths were caught and the items were removed before any damage was done. As part of an agreement with Halton Regional Police and CP Rail Police, the youths were asked to write about the dangers of the situation in order to help minimize the same type of behaviour among their peers. The following letter is from one of the two youths. His identity is protected due to his age.)

Dear Editor:

Recently I learned a valuable lesson in railway safety and I'm glad that the consequences I've been dealt are not the worst thing that could have happened.

Playing on the train tracks isn't a smart choice to make when you think you have nothing better to do. My friend and I put a bunch of stuff on the tracks that could have caused a derailment or could have severely hurt some innocent person just walking by.

If the train were carrying chemicals and had come off the tracks after hitting the stuff we put there, it could have been a disaster to the entire town of Milton.

The water supply could have been contaminated and people could have lost their lives or the lives of their families. Trains are the hardest machines to stop when they're in motion.

Not only did we not think of the outcome or our actions, we didn't think of the danger we put the officer in when he had to take the items off the tracks.

He had to call headquarters and CP Rail to make sure all trains in the area were informed of the situation and to tell them not to come through Milton until they were given the 'all clear'.

I'm thankful that nothing bad happened to the officer or to the people who operate the trains.

I hope that this letter and the following rules will help keep you safe:

- Please stay off the tracks. Don't walk along the tracks or play around the tracks.
- When crossing train tracks, look both ways before you continue.
- If the train track barriers are down, don't walk, run or drive across the tracks.
- Only cross the tracks at a proper crossing area.

**Remorseful youth**

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