

# OUR READERS WRITE

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## Teenagers have taken over

Dear Editor:

I would like to address all Milton teenagers. It has not been so long since I was your age, but so much has changed.

Teenagers of today have lost all respect and consideration for their fellow man.

I no longer feel safe taking my three children for a walk along a residential street without having to worry about what we will see, hear, or have thrown at them.

I have sat long enough and watched the children of this town take over.

I do not know whether to blame parents for allowing their children to act in this manner, and believe me I know that you will all say, "I didn't realize my child did these things" well wake up, it's time to take control of your child instead of vice-versa.

What do you think your 15-year-old is doing at 11 at night?

The teenagers of Milton get away with a lot of criminal acts and this parent and citizen is sick and tired of watching it.

I can not take my family for a walk, or even into a public restaurant without having to worry about what the teenager two tables over will try to do.

For those few teenagers left in town that have respect and consideration for other citizens, this parent thanks you from the bottom of her heart, you give hope for your generation. I pray for you, that whatever has a hold on your peers, never manages to take hold of your morals and respect for your fellow man.

A note to the young "gentlemen" and I use that term loosely, who threw a liquid substance at my three children and myself on Tuesday, June 15, at 3:40 p.m. I wish that someday you both know the terror I felt in my soul when I saw that liquid coming toward my innocent children. I had no way of knowing if it was water, bleach, acid or some other kind of chemical. Your hearts need to warm a few degrees to realize that harming and scaring young children is not the way young adults or hopeful adults should conduct themselves.

Tress MacGregor  
Commercial St., Milton

## Shameful treatment of pregnant teen

Dear Editor:

It seems that teenage sexuality is, despite the desperate need for its discussion, a shameful subject in Milton. The recent, and typical, head-in-the-sand antics of authorities could not be more misguided.

Condoms are not readily available to teens in schools, because, administrators theorize, the mere accessibility of birth control to teens would encourage a perpetual juvenile bacchanalia.

Unfortunately, teens will continue to have sex despite the best repressive administrative techniques and intentions, and sadly, without proper education will become pregnant.

When a young female finds herself pregnant, Milton appears a hostile place. The intimidating cemetery in front of Holy Rosary lets her know the expected moral treatment, should she choose an abortion.

The decision is to go through with the pregnancy, then. But not only does she have to deal with all the

problems of teen pregnancy, she must also face social stigmatization and public humiliation by a school administration who would, in a Victorian fashion, rather hide a problem in another classroom than deal with it.

All at once, she is not only pregnant, but appears a contagious threat to the moral and psychological well-being of her peers.

She is permitted a short period of time to socialize with her friends at school, but then she is ostracized to do her math homework somewhere else, lest one of her unsuspecting friends pass her a pencil in class and catch a pregnancy.

This is degrading and inhuman treatment for a girl trying to deal with a difficult situation.

I wonder whether the male who played his part in the pregnancy is being similarly treated. I seriously doubt it.

Wake up, Milton. Your teens are sending out a message, but with your heads inserted firmly in the

sand, you refuse to listen until it's too late.

Krista Scott  
Campbellville

## Action for Acton in wake of blow

Dear Editor:

The great community of Acton has suffered a blow with the closing of the olde Hide House and its related stores. While work goes on behind the scenes to see if the doors can be reopened, the closure has underscored for many the fact that Acton is not getting its fair share of the economic recovery.

How can we change that? What can we do to stimulate growth and development in the town? And at the same time, how do we address the concerns people have for the environment, and the process of warding off the quarry dump?

A townhall meeting tonight — Wednesday, June 23 — could provide a forum to discuss these issues.

I invite everyone concerned about Acton's future to join me for that discussion.

The meeting tonight will begin at 7:30 p.m. and take place in the Cafeterium in Acton High School. I hope to see you there.

Garth Turner, MP Halton-Peel

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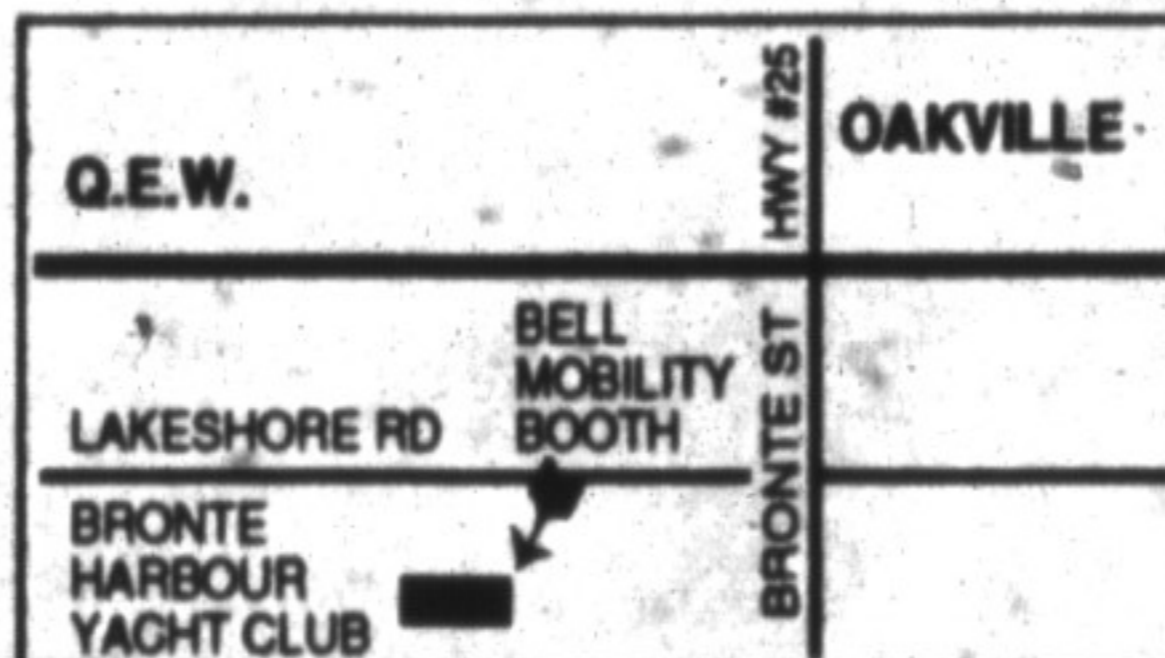
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