

Newspaper earns SNA awards

February is proving to be a good month for *The Independent & Free Press*.

After earlier being named Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year for 2009, *The Independent & Free Press* last week earned two top-three finishes in the 2009 Suburban Newspapers of America editorial competition. The contest is open to community newspapers across North America and covered the period from Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2009.

The Independent & Free Press earned a second-place finish in its class for best election coverage (the

Oct. 14, 2008 federal election) and a third place for best photojournalism (freelance photographer Jon Borgstrom's photo of a photographer being trampled at the annual Egg Nog Jog run that appeared Dec. 17, 2008).

Metroland Media Group Ltd., which owns *The Independent & Free Press*, led all companies with 93 wins, followed by the U.S.-based Journal Register Company with 71 wins.

The newspaper contest entries were judged by the journalism department faculty of Loyola University Chicago, school of communication.



Happy 18th Birthday Sarah

Love: Mom, Dad, Emily, Justin, Zoe & Oscar



My little "FORD"y
Is turning 40!
Happy Birthday!!
love Trish xx

Nominate now for Acton's top citizen...

The Acton Rotary Club is presently accepting nominations for the 2010 Acton Citizen of the Year.

Nominations can be sent to The Acton Rotary Club, P.O. Box 22, Acton, Ontario L7J 2M2 or via email to dbrob-

ert@sympatico.ca.

Nominations will close February 28.

Details regarding recognition of the Citizen of the Year will be available at a later date.

...and for Georgetown Citizen of the Year

Nominations are still being accepted for the Georgetown Citizen of the Year Award.

This is the 38th year for the award presented by the Georgetown Lions Club.

The award can be given to an individual, couple, group or organization that has served our community as an outstanding volunteer, in sports, culture, health or social services.

To nominate an outstanding volunteer send a letter or use an Citizen of the Year application form and return it to Lions Club Citizen of the Year,

P.O. Box 73, Georgetown L7G 4T1, fax 905-873-4487 or email dpenrice@sympatico.ca by Monday, Feb. 22. Past nominations are carried forward for two years and will be reconsidered. Forms are available by calling or emailing Lion Club member Doug Penrice at 905-873-8469 or the above email.

The awards dinner will be held March 30 at the Lions Hall with presentations from the Lions Club and all levels of government.

For more information contact Penrice.

Ski-Doo stolen from front lawn of home

Halton Police report a 1997 Ski-Doo Mach 1 was stolen from the front lawn of a Main St. N., Acton home sometime

late Sunday or early Monday. The black and yellow snowmobile, with the plate 799724, is valued at about \$2,000.

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