

ACROSS THE FENCE

With Joanne Stevenson



Do you know a Junior Citizen?

As Ontario's ambassadors of good news, the community newspaper industry seeks to acknowledge and encourage youth by bringing to light the many positive contributions which young people make to their communities.

Every week, the pages of this community newspaper and hundreds like it throughout Ontario contain articles about people who are the heartbeat of their communities.

Especially uplifting are those stories which recognize the bravery, acts of kindness and compassion or determination of the young people who set an example of service and leadership for the entire community.

Since 1981, the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards program has recognized the achievements of these outstanding young people.

Once again, this newspaper (and all other community papers across Ontario) are looking for nominations of individuals who might deserve this award.

Exactly who qualifies for such an honour? Well, the possibilities are endless. Past recipients have included young people who contributed to community life while coping with a physical or psychological limitation. Other recipients have volunteered their time and energy in community service work, or have responded unselfishly in a moment of crisis or emergency. Others might combine many of these characteristics and are honoured because they truly exemplify the characteristics of a "good kid." They are the helpful and courteous kind of young people you will find in each community within Ontario.

Each spring, award recipients and their families are honoured at the annual Ontario Community Newspapers Association convention, where the awards are presented by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor.

But the search for Junior Citizens begins with you.

The Junior Citizens program depends upon members of the community to nominate deserving candidates who should be considered for such an award.

Acton's Sara Murphy was recognized last year with a Junior Citizen certificate. Sara is an active young person who has volunteered her time to FoodShare, the Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and her church.

You are invited to contact The Acton Tanner for a nomination form if you or your organization has a nominee in mind. Call us at 853-5100 or drop by our 12 Church St. E. office.

Information and nomination forms are also available from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association at 905-844-0184.

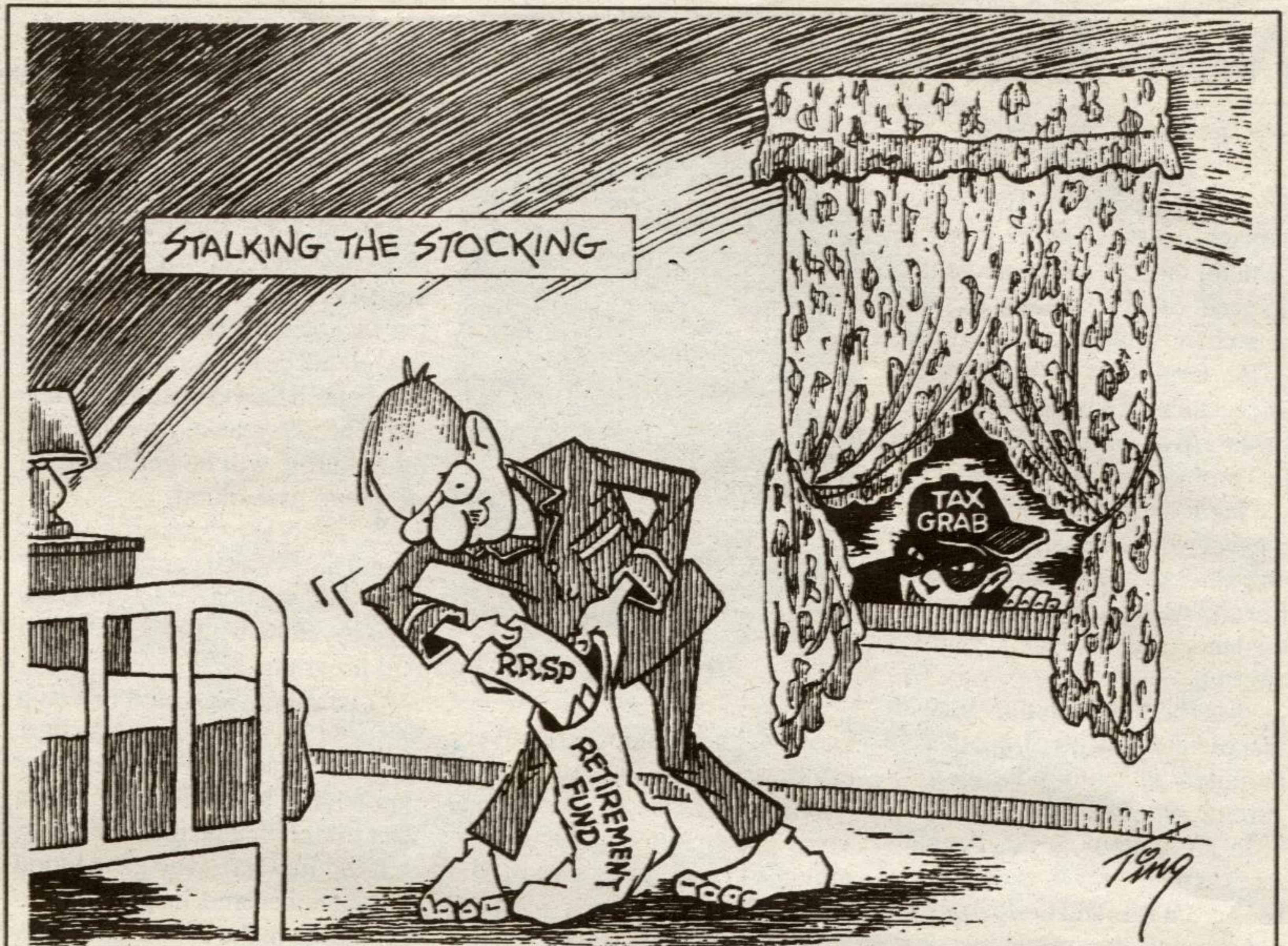
Today's Junior Citizen is tomorrow's community leader. Do you know one?

We're right in the middle of United Way fundraising for the '94 campaign, so please watch for those canvassers in your neighbourhood.

The local United way raised more than \$194,000 last year (the target was \$180,000) and this year's goal is \$210,000, so we're talking serious numbers here.

And remember: all the money raised in Halton stays in Halton, and one person in three benefits directly from the United Way's funding of social services (Big Brothers and Big Sisters, parent-child centres, etc.).

For more info call Acton chair Robin Elliott (853-1635) or the Halton Hills United Way office at 877-3066.



LETTERS

Loss of police office concerns committee

To the Editor,

The Acton Community Consultation Committee — which is a group of citizens working with the police (village constables) on issues that are of concern in Acton — wants the citizens of Acton to be aware that the Acton Police Station on Mill Street East is going to be closed at the end of October as part of the cutbacks that are being made.

This downtown office provides a drop-in where citizens can discuss face-to-face their fears or concerns with the village constables and therefore develop a positive relationship between the police and the community.

With the closing of this office the citizens of Acton will have to travel to Georgetown for any interviewing that has to be done.

Addressing small issues at the local level greatly reduces the chances of these becoming big issues. This committee is deeply concerned that the removal of this very important link between the police and the people of Acton will mean a decrease in the security of our town.

Bev Jones, chair
A.C.C.C.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

Oct. 15, 16, Saturday, Sunday — 9 am to 4 pm (Saturday), 1 pm to 5 pm (Sunday): Learn how to save a life! St. John Ambulance is offering a CPR course at St. John's church, Stewarttown. For info call Yvon at 853-4889.

Oct. 17, 19, 24, 26 (Mondays and Wednesdays) — 6:30 to 9 pm: Learn how to save a life! St. John Ambulance offers its First Aid course at St. John's church, Stewarttown. Info: Yvon at 853-4889.

Oct. 17, Monday — 9 to 11:30 am: Alex McKee, chairman of Network International and author of two business tips books, is hosting a seminar: Strategies for Success in the Information Age. Location: 310 Main St. E., Milton in the Career Development Centre. Call Ray Skelton 905-875-4058 for information.

Oct. 17, Monday and 24 — 6:30 to 9:30 pm: CPR classes for the Nassagaweya community at Ebenezer Church hall, Guelph Line north of 20 Sideroad. The two-session course covers adult, child and infant CPR, choking victims, and heart attacks. The \$50 fee includes manual, testing materials, etc. Call 519-823-1559 after 6 for info.

Oct. 18, Tuesday — 7:30 pm: *Slap!*, the story of Elizabeth Arden and her career, is presented by Toronto's Smile Theatre troupe at the Acton High cafetorium. Sponsored by ASSIC, tickets to the musical are \$6 each. Call 853-3310 for details.

Oct. 19, Wednesday: Unplug-Your-TV Day, sponsored by the Public Library. The library is inviting families to participate in this activity and phone 873-2681 to register your involvement. Turn off the TV and turn on the books! Call 853-0301 for info.

Oct. 19, Wednesday — 7:30 pm: All-candidates meeting at Brookville School. Hosted by the Nassagaweya Community School Association, the evening will focus on issues relating to education, both in the public and separate school systems.

Oct. 25, Tuesday — 3 to 8 pm: Seniors' Wellness Fair at the Acton Legion. Sponsored by ASSIC's Seniors Activity and Planning/Education committees, the event features info on leisure activities and personal health. Call 853-3310 for info.

Oct. 29, Saturday — 2 to 4 pm: Come to the Indoor Pool for a Spooky Splash. There will be a prize for the best Halloween bathing suit, but be sure to decorate with items that will not pollute the pool.

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