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## Giving thanks

Thanksgiving is perhaps one of Canada's nicest holidays—it is a day we spend with our friends and family, enjoying good food and camaraderie, at one of the most beautiful and colorful times of the year.

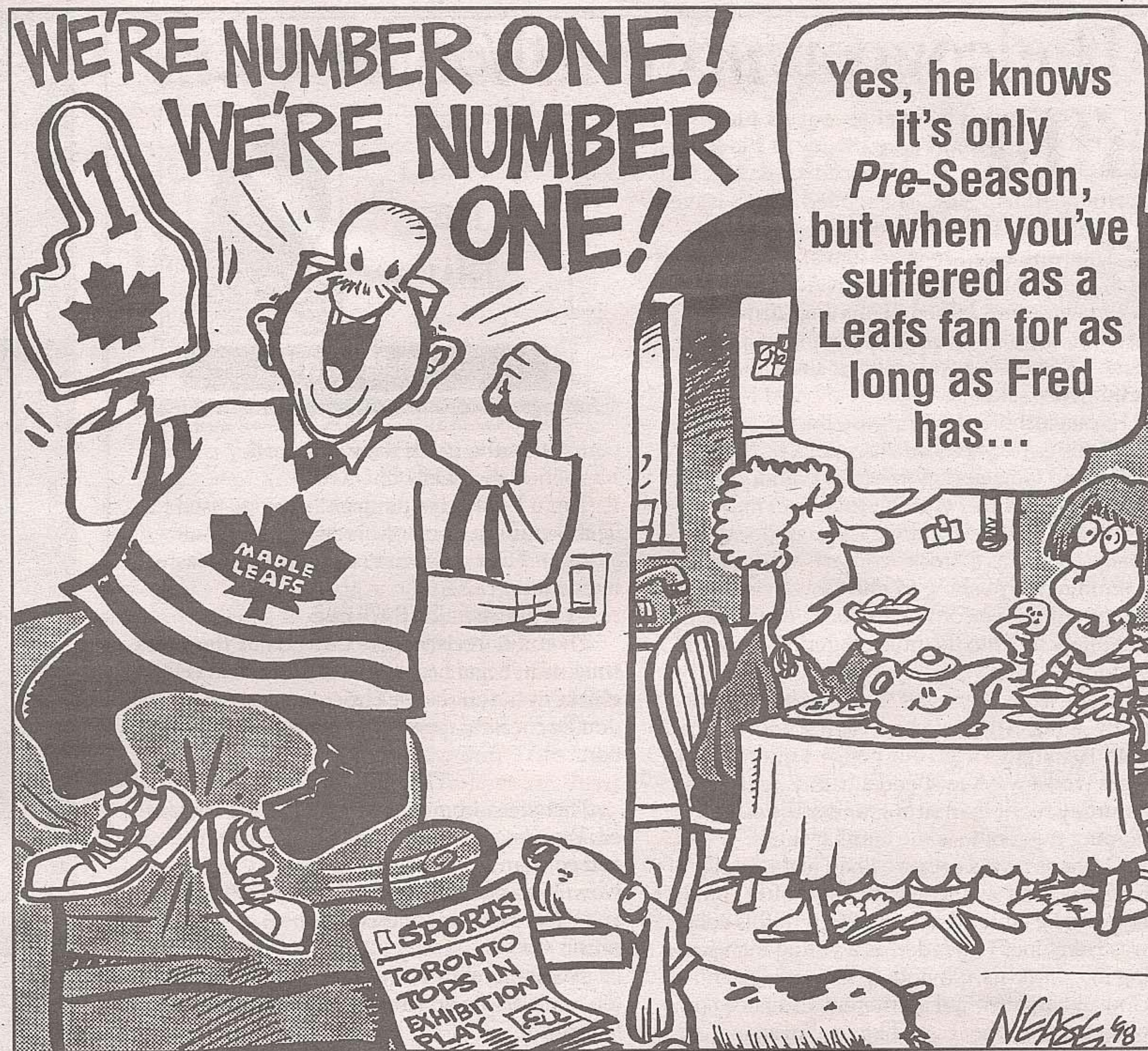
The stress of returning to the regular work and school routines is lessening, and the pressures of winter and Christmas are just a hint away. This is the one day, or weekend, in the year when we just enjoy being, and we can reflect on the good things in life.

As we sit down to our Thanksgiving Dinner we can be thankful for living in a community which supports and cares for each other—think of the great support in the past year for the Cancer Society, Terry Fox Runs, the Red Cross blood donor clinics, the United Way... and the list can go on.

We can be thankful that we live in a peaceful community ably protected and served by a police service, a fire department and a hospital.

Yes, sometimes life here isn't perfect, but the positives far outweigh the negatives

Sometimes it takes one day of the year, when we can just reflect on the joys and pleasures of our life here. We can truly believe that in this small town in this corner of the world, with our family, friends and neighbors, we have it pretty good.



Yes, he knows it's only Pre-Season, but when you've suffered as a Leafs fan for as long as Fred has...

## Lottery for street names?

Dear editor,

Re: Council shoots down name suggestions (Sept. 20 Independent & Free Press). I have a suggestion. Let's have a name lottery using our very own townspeople's names.

Anyone wishing to enter their names can do so by purchasing a ballot for a small fee. After the draw, the lottery money can be put towards the making and placing of the signs, saving the town a few tax dollars. How about the "What's in a name?" lottery? **Angel Russell**  
Georgetown

## Food drive nears

Dear editor,

On Nov. 14, the Scouts, Guides and other youth groups of our community will be going door to door picking up your food donations. This food drive is the largest of the year and allows the Georgetown Breadbasket food bank to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. We also need volunteers to help sort food at the Georgetown Terminal Warehouse that day, and drivers to help get our youth out to pick up food that is being donated. If you would like to help out please contact us at 873-3368. **Mike Foley**  
Georgetown Breadbasket

## Letter of the day

### Citizen tries to save dog

Dear editor,

I am really hoping that you will be able to help me out. I have been trying for the last month to rescue a stray dog in the Dairy Drive/Danville Avenue/Hwy. 25 area.

He or she is a shepherd/lab cross, he is beige with black tips on the ears and nose and approximately 60lbs and is wearing a blue collar.

The dog hangs around the railway tracks, a lot of the day and all throughout the night. During the course of the evening it frequents the construction site on Dairy Drive, seeking food left by the construction workers.

Every night I have been trying to feed the dog in hopes that it will come close enough for me to capture it. Yesterday, Halton Hills Animal Control came out and was allowed to set a trap, on someone's private property, to capture the dog humanely, unfortunately, to no avail.

This morning he was hit by a car, just north of the tracks on Hwy. 25, and no one, not even the woman that hit him, stopped to see if he was all right, luckily I was in the area to see if the dog was hurt. It was able to run away so I have to assume that it was minor. This particular area of Hwy. 25 and 7 is extremely busy and it is just a matter of time before something tragic goes wrong. I am concerned that this dog's life is in jeopardy.

I am hoping that you can help me by printing an ad in your paper with regards to my concern. If someone has lost the dog in the area, they may be able to come forward.

Anything that you are able to do would be greatly appreciated. The nights are getting very cold and I hope that we can rescue the dog before it's too late.

**D. Dunsire**  
Acton

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