

Editorial

Nominate a Jr. Citizen

As your local community newspaper, we take pride in reporting the news, supporting our town's businesses and economic development, showcasing the people, groups and programs in our community. We believe that a strong community newspaper helps build a vibrant community.

That is why we support the 2002 Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards. Like us, other community newspapers across the province are taking the time to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of outstanding young people; to showcase them and encourage them to continue the work they do building our strong community.

Please help us by nominating a young person, aged 6-18, who is involved in community service; has performed acts of heroism; is contributing to the community while living with limitations; or is a good kid who shows commitment to make life better for others.

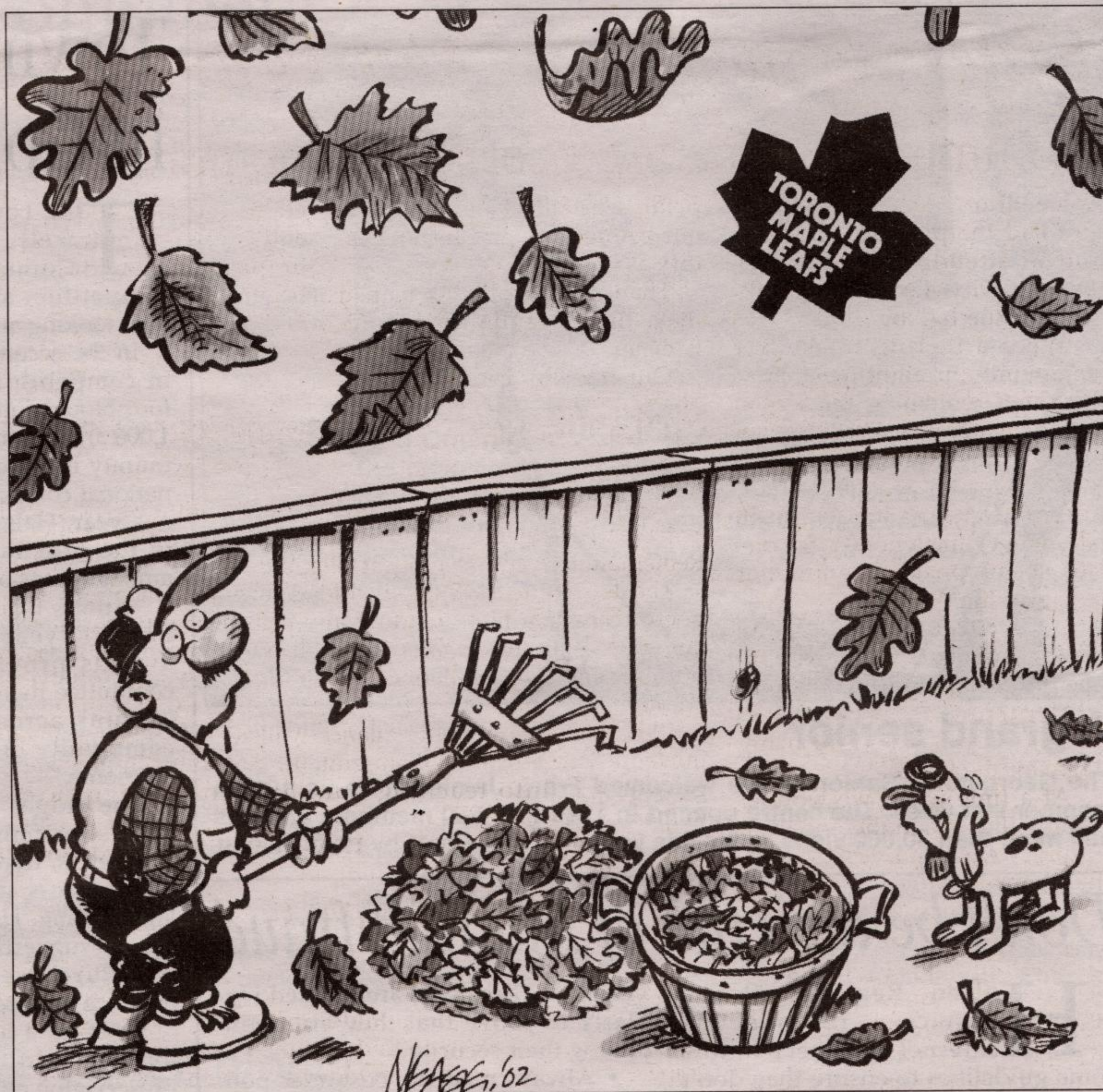
Co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) and supported financially by Tembec Paper Group, this program will recognize all young people nominated.

More than 275 fine examples of courage, leadership and community spirit have been recognized over the past 20 years and thousands have received certificates of recognition.

Up to 12 of the nominees and one group are then chosen as the final recipients to receive the award, presented by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor during a ceremony held in Toronto next April.

Nominations will be accepted until Nov. 30. Forms and further information about the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year program can be obtained from this newspaper, online at www.ocna.org-Awards, or by calling OCNA at 905-639-8720.

Nominate a young person today; they are building and shaping our community; they are our leaders of tomorrow.



Letters to the editor....

Did council research deer hunt options?

Dear editor,

The Audubon Web site states that the Humane Society of the United States has gotten into the

deer birth control business after a disastrous archery hunt left deer wandering maimed with arrows sticking out of their bodies.

The Society is involved also because hunting is dangerous and very unpopular in densely populated areas. I would think that a controlled area like the Upper Canada College grounds would be

perfect for deer contraceptive programs which are available. Wild horses on islands have been successfully managed using contraceptive agents. Did our town council thoroughly research their decision before they allow archers to maim our precious wildlife?

Sherrell Sowery,
Georgetown

Driver commended for her honesty

Dear editor,

There's honour in our community.

A couple of weeks ago I parked my vehicle—a brand new Jeep Cherokee—on Main Street. Upon returning I found a business card on my windshield with a note "Please call me at my work number re: the scrape on your front bumper". A scrape I hadn't even noticed.

It turned out that the scrape was fairly expensive to repair but the person responsible for the scrape

didn't argue—she just simply paid the bill.

Many times this would not have happened. Had the individual not been honest and forthright I would never have known who scraped the bumper and would have been left to pay myself for an accident I hadn't even been involved in.

There is honour in Halton Hills. Thank you, Leigh Whiting.
John Duncan, Georgetown

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Keep streets clear for plows

Dear editor,

I've just come inside after shoveling the proof of our first unexpected snowfall from my driveway. Then I shoveled the road at the end of my driveway where the snowplow took a wide berth around the car that was parked overnight in front of my house.

Now, I have a lot of sympathy for those packrats who have filled their garages to the rafters and have no room for, of all things, their vehicle. I also remember the days when I was a renter, and the luxury of a parking spot was not part of the deal. The reality, however, is that overnight parking is not permitted on residential streets.

One of the major reasons for this is street-cleaning after a snowfall. So, gentle reader, if you are one of those people who, for whatever reason, choose to park on the street, I have a small request of you: when you see that a few inches of snow have fallen—move your car off the street!

And if, for some reason, the snowplow hits the streets before your consideration for your neighbours kicks in, please undo the damage by shoveling the snowplow leftovers, caused by your illegally parked vehicle, out of the roadway of probably two of your neighbours' driveways.

I promise you'll feel a lot better about yourself knowing that you have contributed to the safety and cleanliness of your street.

L. Petty, Georgetown

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