

Editorial

Nominate a good kid

We have all heard stories about troublesome youths. However, it's important to remember that this community—like every other one across Ontario—has its fair share of extraordinary young people—those who through a variety of initiatives are committed to making Halton Hills a better place in which to live.

With that in mind, *The Independent & Free Press* is proud to once again support the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards.

Co-ordinated through the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) and sponsored by the Tembec Paper Group, the annual awards shine a spotlight upon some of the province's most exceptional young people.

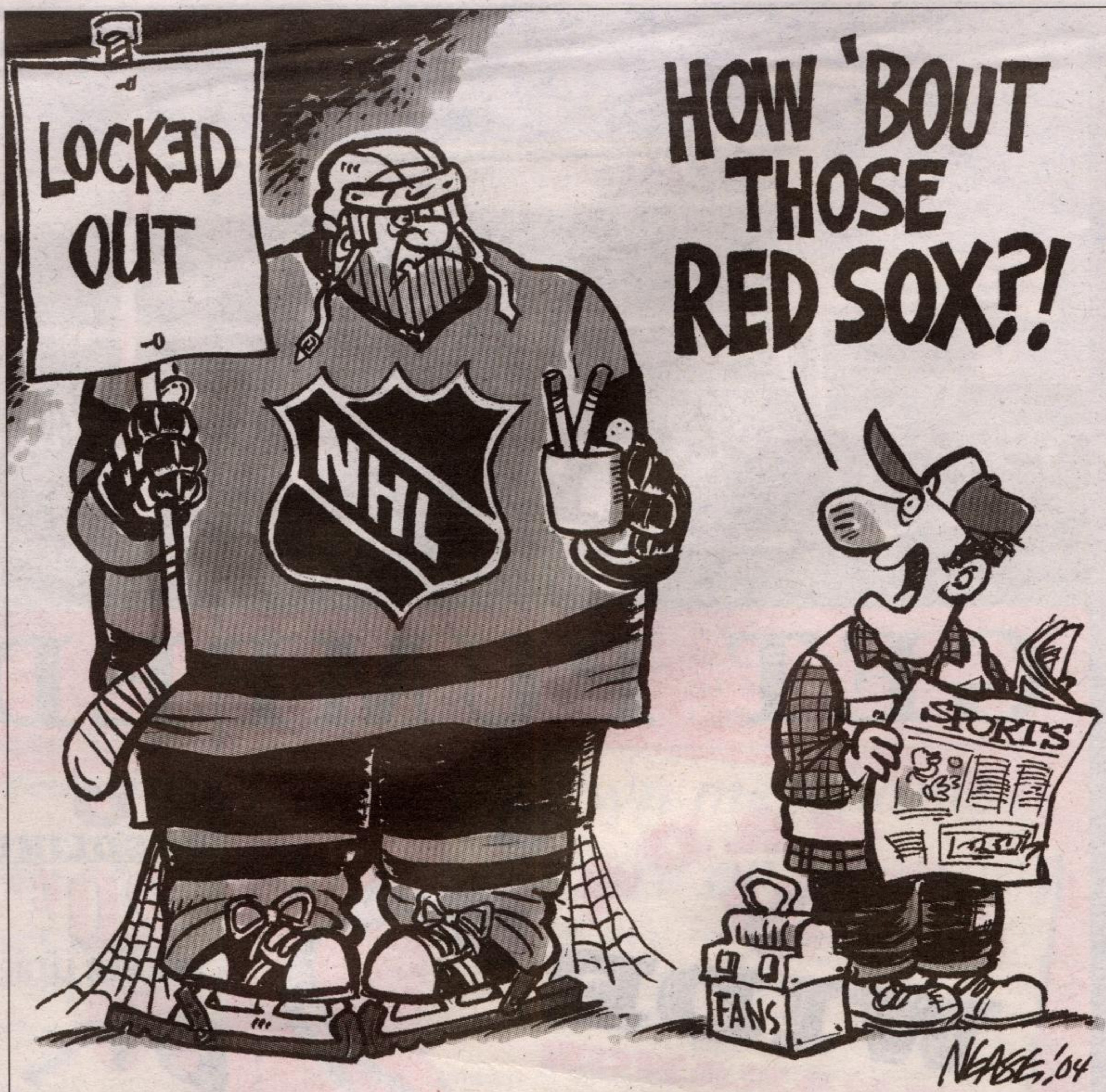
In conjunction with OCNA member newspapers across the province, we are looking to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of these outstanding youngsters, to showcase them and encourage others to follow their good example.

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

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Nov. 30, which should provide plenty of time to adequately illustrate just why a local boy or girl is worthy of distinction.

Nomination forms and further information can be obtained by calling the OCNA at 905-639-8720 or by going to community newspaper association's Web site at www.OCNA.org.

We know this town has many young people deserving of this honour. With the help of their parents, teachers and peers, perhaps we can spread a little good news about their accomplishments.



Letters to the editor....

Volunteer training program postponed

Dear editor,

Over the past several weeks, Literacy North Halton has received excellent coverage from *The*

Independent & Free Press.

Our special events around the community have been highlighted with photos and articles to get the word out about our adult literacy programs. Recently, LNH, with support from the Remington Group and Unilock, inaugurated the new Old Seed House Gardens for the first Garden Harmony (Concert and Art Show). Proceeds from this wonderful event will go directly to support Literacy North Halton students and programing.

Thank you to *The Independent*, Remington Group, Unilock, and the many artists, musicians and volunteers who made it happen.

With all of the attention, we expected to be inundated with calls from potential volunteers for our fall volunteer training program. Unfortunately we have had to postpone our training to November, because of low numbers. The support we provide to students can only be done with the

dedicated commitment of volunteers in the community.

Volunteering to work with an adult who needs to improve their literacy skills is an opportunity to see your skills help someone achieve success. Our students are members of the community who touch our lives: they are our neighbours, friends, family and colleagues.

By assisting someone to upgrade their skills, you are opening doors to better employment opportunities, further training, increased independence and improved family literacy. You are opening a door to a better community.

If you are interested in tutoring with Literacy North Halton, please call 905-873-2200 for more information.

Amelia Steinbring,
Adult Literacy
Training Co-ordinator,
Literacy North Halton

Italian campaign vets sought

Dear editor,

I am taking part in a program in conjunction with Veterans Affairs Canada and the South Common Mall in Mississauga. There will be a Candlelight Tribute by the schoolchildren of the area and will be held Nov. 5 at the Mall.

The emphasis is on the Italian campaign and tribute is being paid to veterans of that campaign. Each veteran will receive a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Representatives of the RCMP will be on hand and will introduce their new horse called Juno Beach.

I am searching for veterans who served in Italy so that they can attend this event. They can call me at 905-877-4991 and let me know if they will attend so that we will have adequate plaques available.

Bob McNeilly, Georgetown

Local merchants thanks for generosity

Dear editor,

The Holy Cross Parish Catholic Women's League wish to extend a special thank you to Georgetown merchants for their generous donations that made our recent bazaar a great success.

The funds received will be distributed to many charities in our community. Winners of the draw were Pat Clark (\$500), Martin Hughes (\$200) and Joe Mlacak (\$100). We thank all who attended and hope to see you next year.

Linda Smith, president
Holy Cross Parish Catholic Women's League

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