

Editorial

Nominate a 'good kid'

One of the pleasures of being in the newspaper business is the opportunity to meet so many individuals who are successful in their own right.

Interviewing them provides insights into who they are. They often tell us of pivotal moments in their lives that have helped define who they are.

We believe the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards provide those pivotal or defining moments. The awards help us to recognize outstanding youth in our community for their contributions in a number of areas. This pat on the back for a job well done helps these young people realize that what they are doing really is making a difference—and this recognition can help reinforce a lifetime commitment to community service.

Co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA), of which this newspaper is a member, and sponsored by the Tembec Paper Group, the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards are seeking nominations of 6-17 year-olds who are either:

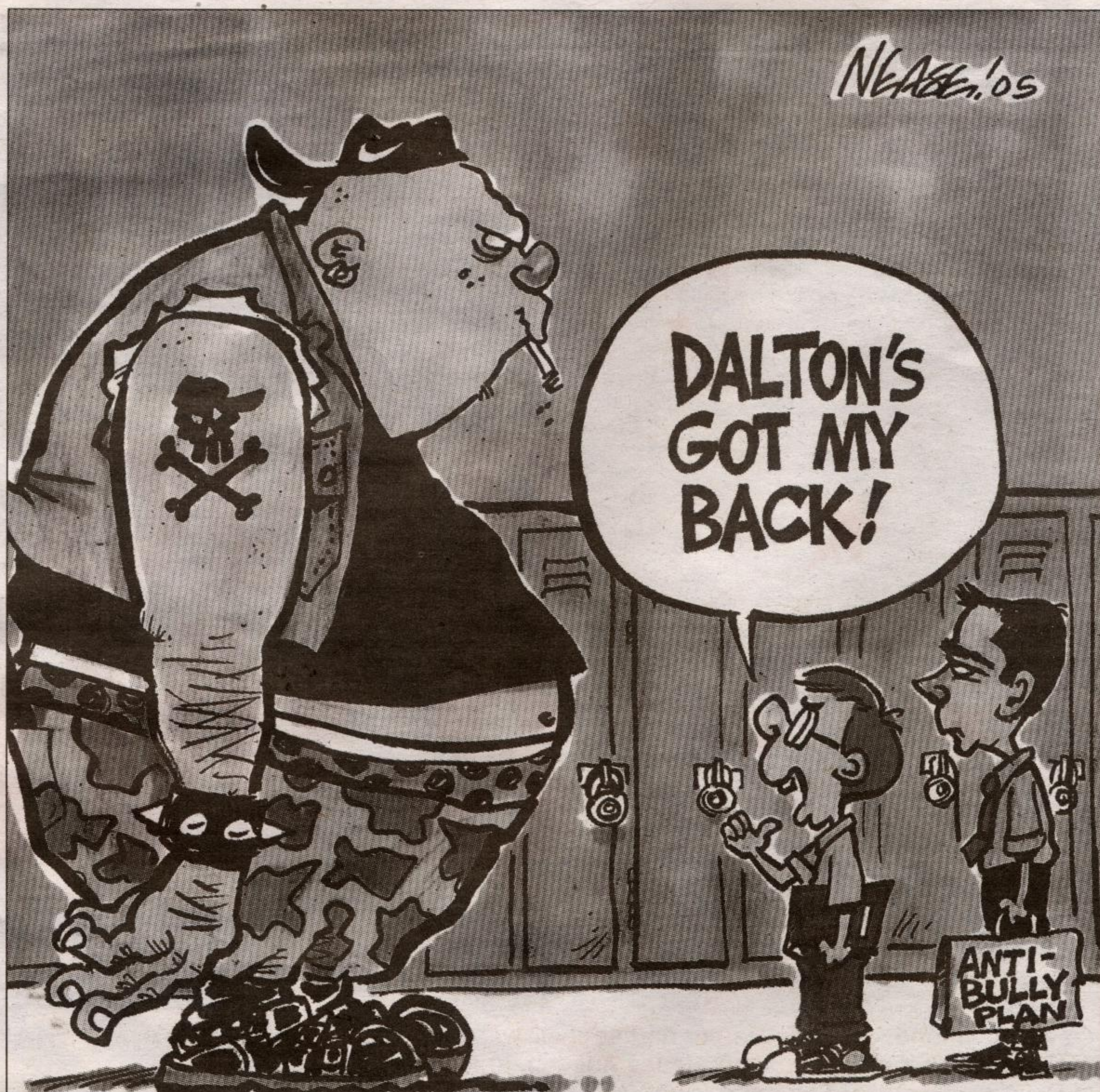
- involved in community service
- contributing to the community while living with a disability
- 'good kids' who show a commitment to making life better or do things not normally expected of someone their age
- have performed an act of heroism in the past year.

Our newspaper will proudly present a certificate of recognition and give mention in the paper to each young person nominated in our community by the November 30 deadline.

One group and up to 12 individuals from across the province will be chosen as final recipients of the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards and presented with a plaque by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor in Toronto in the Spring.

Nomination forms are available at our office, on-line at www.ocna.org, or by calling OCNA at 905-639-8720.

Help us to create a defining moment in someone's life.



Letters to the editor....

Trash service paid for by all is necessary

Dear editor,

I'm responding to the letter of Bob Beyette in the November 9 edition (New trash service another

tax grab).

Mr. Beyette might not understand what taxes are all about.

Who in their right mind would like to pay for their garbage? Nobody, I know of! This is why we need a service, supported by all, to take care of this disposal.

A pay-for-use system will not work, because too many unscrupulous people would simply 'reduce' their waste by littering. (And probably in your rural backyard, Mr. Beyette.)

I would go so far as to have tax dollars available for waste delivery. How much cleaner would Ontario be, if we got paid for garbage we dropped off at the waste disposal sites.

However, I do agree with you that our tax system is seriously flawed, by being linked to our property taxes. Take the situation of Mr. Fixit and Mr. Wasteit.

They both have the same kind of house. Mr. Fixit put towards his house his hard-earned dollars and

created the most beautiful house on the block.

Mr. Wasteit did not put a penny in his house and becomes the carrier of the title 'eyesore of the block'.

Now who is the better citizen and deserves a tax break?

Mr. Wasteit, whose property is half the value of Mr. Fixit's? Hmm, I would not think so.

Ahh, NOW I know why we can no longer afford to line our licence plates with the slogan: Ontario, Keep it beautiful!

Chris Klomp, Georgetown

Liberal hypocrisy at work

Dear editor,

When the original Free Trade talks were taking place along with the passing of the Free Trade regulations, the Liberal Party, unions and NDP were making us believe the sky was falling.

In the last few weeks, Prime Minister Paul Martin has been in South America promoting free trade, has criticized the Americans for being protectionists and is now in South Korea promoting free trade—just one of many examples of Liberal hypocrisy.

After all, the name of the game is get re-elected. Canadians still don't get it. A society of sheep will give birth to a government of wolves.

D. Sargent, Caledon

Supporters of cancer society fund-raiser thanked

Dear editor,

On November 16 an amazing woman, Judith Thompson, held a Nia Dance Jam fund-raiser at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre where she not only raised more than \$2,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society but also donated her hair for a wig to made for cancer patients.

There was a fantastic turnout and the money raised will help fund transportation, emotional support and information for local

Georgetown residents.

We would like to also thank Darcel de Sylva and all the ladies who turned out for making this event such a success. Together we can make cancer history!

Christine Allen,
fund-raising co-ordinator,
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