



In late July or early August our community will be judged on the following criteria as part of the Provincial Communities In Bloom program: tidiness, urban forestry, landscaped areas, floral displays, turf areas, environmental efforts, heritage conservation, and community involvement.

Here are a few ideas of how YOU can help...

- Organize a spring clean-up
- Participate in Good Neighbours Community Day
- Paint a fence
- Refurbish a vacant lot
- Pick weeds
- Cut your lawn
- Plant a tree or garden

If everyone does their small part it will help our community to "bloom" now, and in the future. If you are helping out be sure to let us know so that we can include your efforts in our "community log book" which will be presented to the judges. Information can be given to Joy Anderson, Town of Milton at 702-3143 or Jennifer Mirosolin, Milton Horticultural Society at 878-3597.

To encourage community participation, our local Communities In Bloom committee have designed an awards program. The Tidiness Awards, Tree Hugger Awards, and Lush Landscape Awards will be given out in Milton during late July 2000. Each of the above awards will be given out in 4 categories -

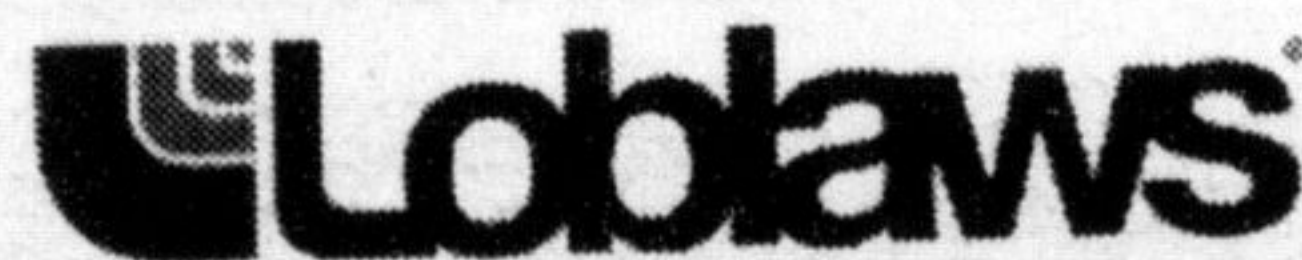
- Business - Industrial
- Business - Commercial
- Public/Institutional Property
- Residential

The committee will also present "Great Garden Awards" in 3 categories: Perennial Gardens, Annual Gardens, and Container/Balcony Gardens. In addition, an Environmental Award will be given to a community group or business, which has given considerable time and effort to participate in an environmental project.

For more information on the competition, check the following locations - Town Hall, Spice o'Life, Taylor Nurseries, Country Depot, or Loblaws starting the first week in May.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Simpleton ready to burst onto scene

By ANDREW JENKINS  
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Punk music has gained much fanfare these days. The genre slowly crept itself back into the mainstream music scene and has grown with

heavily promoted bands like Green Day, Offspring and Blink 182.

Punk fashion is dominating the teen markets.

Radio stations are catching on as well by playing more tunes of the genre on a more frequent basis rather than the traditional low dosage heard on the air waves.

Milton is home to several punk bands ready to burst onto the scene such as pop-punk quartet Simpleton.

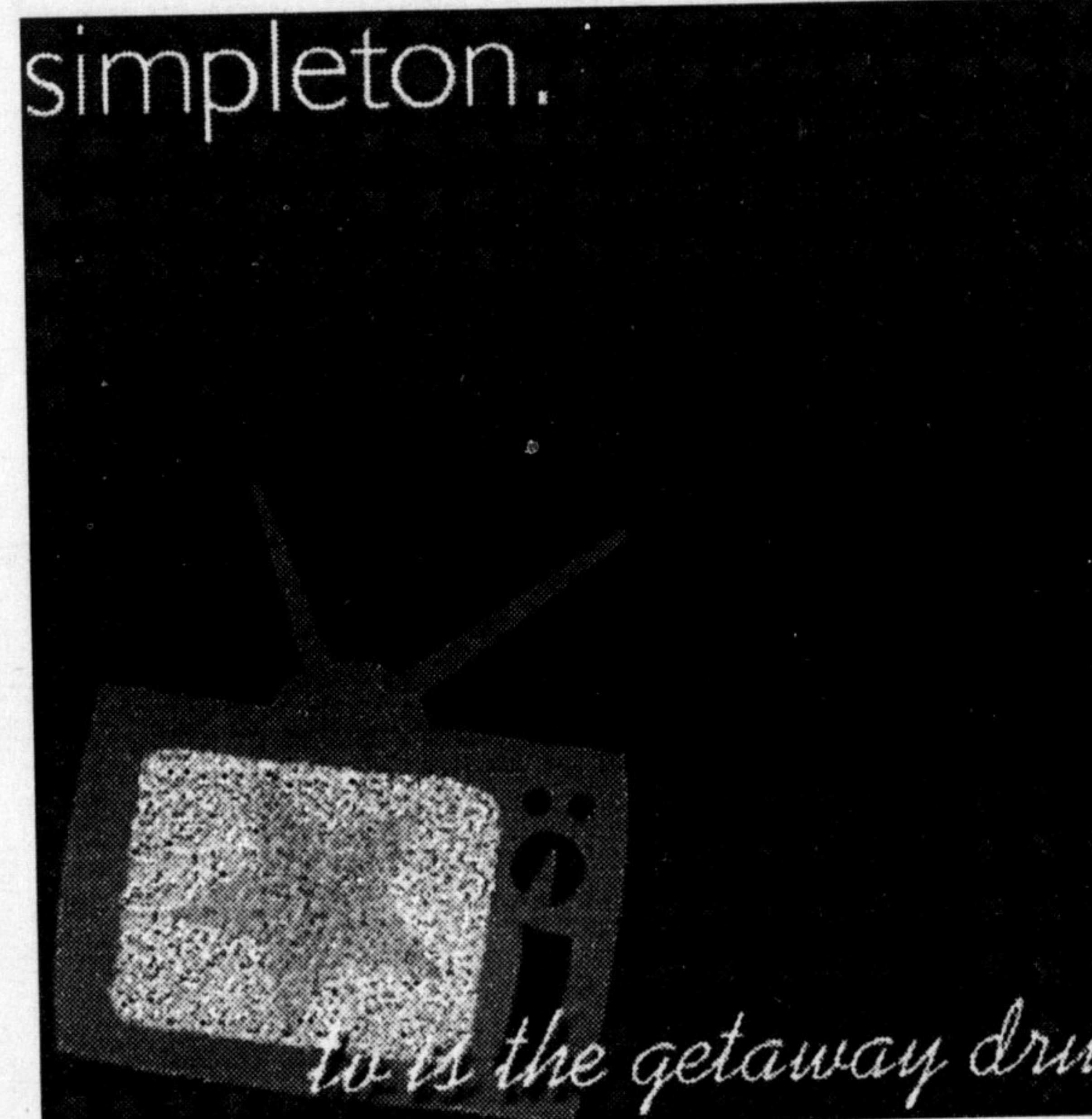
A carbon copy of hugely successful California band Blink 182, and influenced by groups such as The Ataris and fellow Canadians Gob and The NoTalents, the band is currently in the studio recording their first CD entitled 'Between You and Me' and have seen favourable reactions from kids attending their shows.

Simpleton also recently took honour in winning M.M. Robinson High School's Battle of the Bands.

Members of the talented quartet range in ages from 16 to 17 and have been playing for a year or so.

"It all started out as a joke," said lead guitarist and back-up vocalist Kevin Kennaley.

"Well not as a joke, but none of us took  
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Simpleton's first compact disc is expected to be available in stores in August.

## Renaissance Festival will hold auditions

The Ontario Renaissance Festival will hold auditions for various positions next month.

Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the festival site.

Actors must be 18 years of age or older. All performers must prepare a Shakespearean monologue no longer than one-and-a-half minutes.

A picture and resume is required. All positions are paid. Auditions are by appointment only and can be arranged by calling 1-800-734-3779.

Performance dates are weekends from July 29 to September 10.

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