



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Most teens not irresponsible vandals, so is curfew really necessary, questions E.C. Drury High student

Dear Editor;

I am writing in response to the letter of September 29, which suggested having a curfew for the teenagers of Milton.

I agree that these teenagers should not have vandalized your car and stolen your property, but I do not agree with your solution that "something should be taken from them."

It is not fair to hold every teenager responsible for their peers' actions. There are a small minority of idiots that take pleasure in robbing and smashing other people's property.

The majority of teenagers are responsible in the sense that they know not to do stupid, immature things.

I myself, a teenager in Milton, understand that young people living here right now have no entertainment facilities. There is no theatre, bowling alley and no comfortable place to just "hang out" with a big group of friends.

This is why so many teenagers are always out on the streets. Adults complain and complain, but they are doing

nothing to stop it except to propose a curfew that I'm sure won't be that effective.

It's a hassle for people my age and to our parents that have to drive us out of town when we want to do something like see a movie. With all the new homes coming in, young people will be moving in expecting to go someplace on Friday nights. I also don't understand how you can make these teenagers' actions the responsibility of their parents. It's not their fault.

You're saying that these people's parents have bad parenting skills; these adults, I'm sure would not be happy if they found that their children did this, and I don't think they would tolerate it.

I think that most of the people that do these type of things wouldn't even listen to their parents, or to a curfew. That's not their parents fault.

And how do you know that a nine to 12 year-old broke into your car? What would a young boy or girl want with a pair of man's boots. If you have proof

— fine. If not, then I don't think you should point fingers.

Rebecca Croll

E.C. Drury High School student

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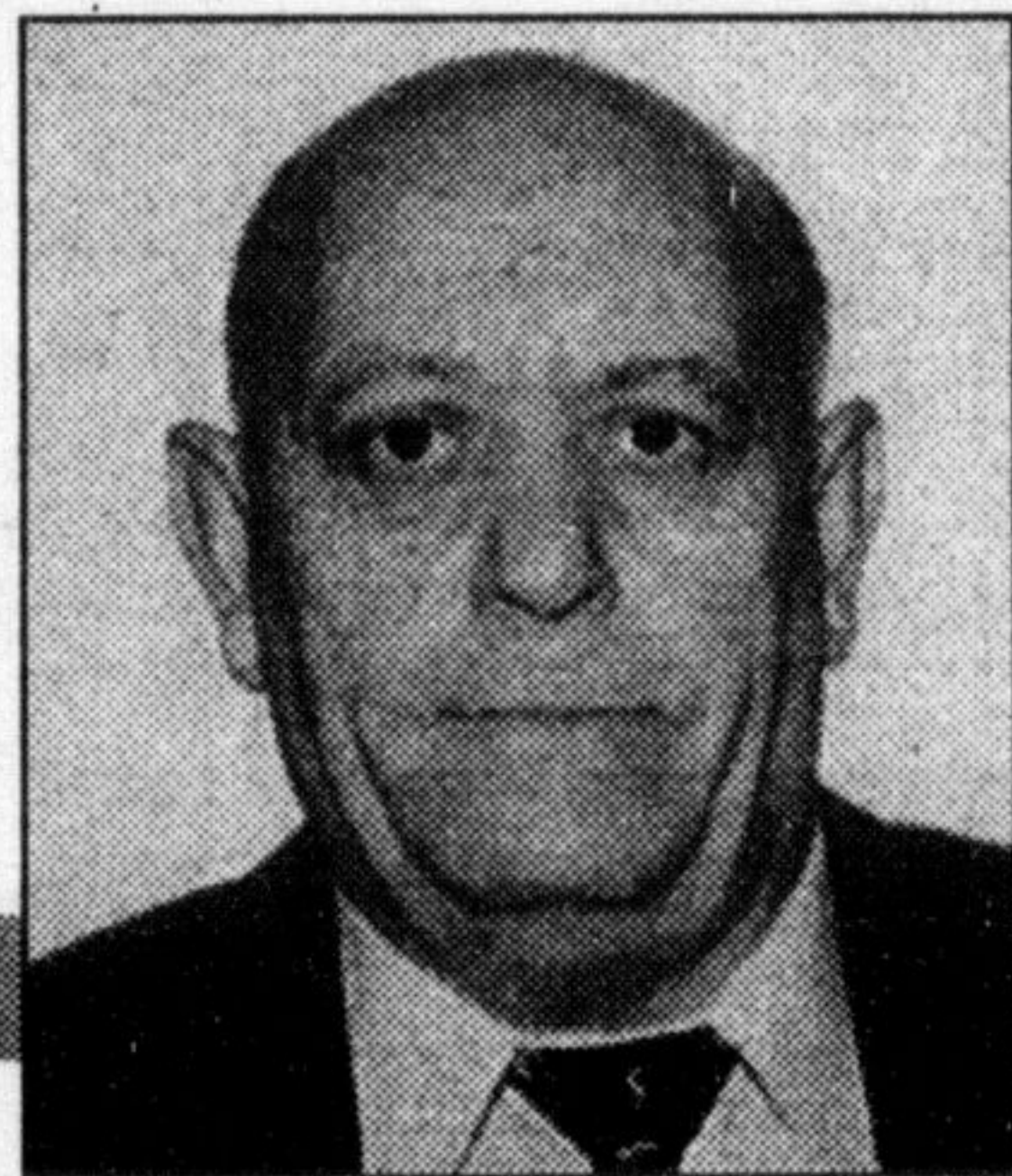
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