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## 'Dog days' are deceiving

The 'Dog Days of Summer' are upon us and judging from the languorous mood of Halton Hills residents - not to mention local politicians - the pooches aren't the only ones basking in the rays of relaxation.

Considering the fact that only a few short months ago CBC visited our Halton Hills community and in an acerbic report virtually branded the area as a hotbed of citizen activism, the current silence on issues which affect the area - and which will affect the area in the near and distant future - is disconcerting to say the least.

Especially when one considers that municipal elections are barely three months away and the slate of elected officials returned in the upcoming municipal elections will be charting a course for Halton Hills from which there will be no turning back.

Halton Hills, as part of Halton Region, is considered to be under the umbrella of the GTA - Greater Toronto Area. No ifs, ands or buts.

The megalopolis which will be viewed as Toronto, 50 years hence, will encompass Halton Hills - and most of Southern Ontario, one suspects.

Now is the time for municipalities - and in turn, municipal politicians - to take a stand and lay down the ground rules for membership in this envisioned super-city rather than hiding in the bushes and meekly acceding to the demands - and yes, even threats - of the self-styled political poobahs playing power politics in Metropolitan Toronto.

Development, yes or no - and to what degree?

Environmentally-friendly planning or factory and commuter bedroom community where people wake up to the sounds of birds coughing?

Incineration of waste - given the proper technological know-how, is this an environmentally viable way of getting rid of garbage? According to sources, a number of European communities are using extremely high heat incineration techniques with little, if any damage to the environment. An alternative must be found for landfill sites.

These and other issues are extremely important to municipalities, including Halton Hills, but the small-town syndrome hangs on, and on, and on.

These issues - and more - don't take time off in the summer.

They must be addressed, and continuously, until solutions are found and citizens are satisfied with the solutions.

Municipal election campaigns will no doubt heat up in the waning day leading up to the trek to the polls this November.

By that time, summer will be long gone and so might perhaps the chance for the residents of Halton Hills to have a voice in the planning of the future of their community.

## Yes I Care

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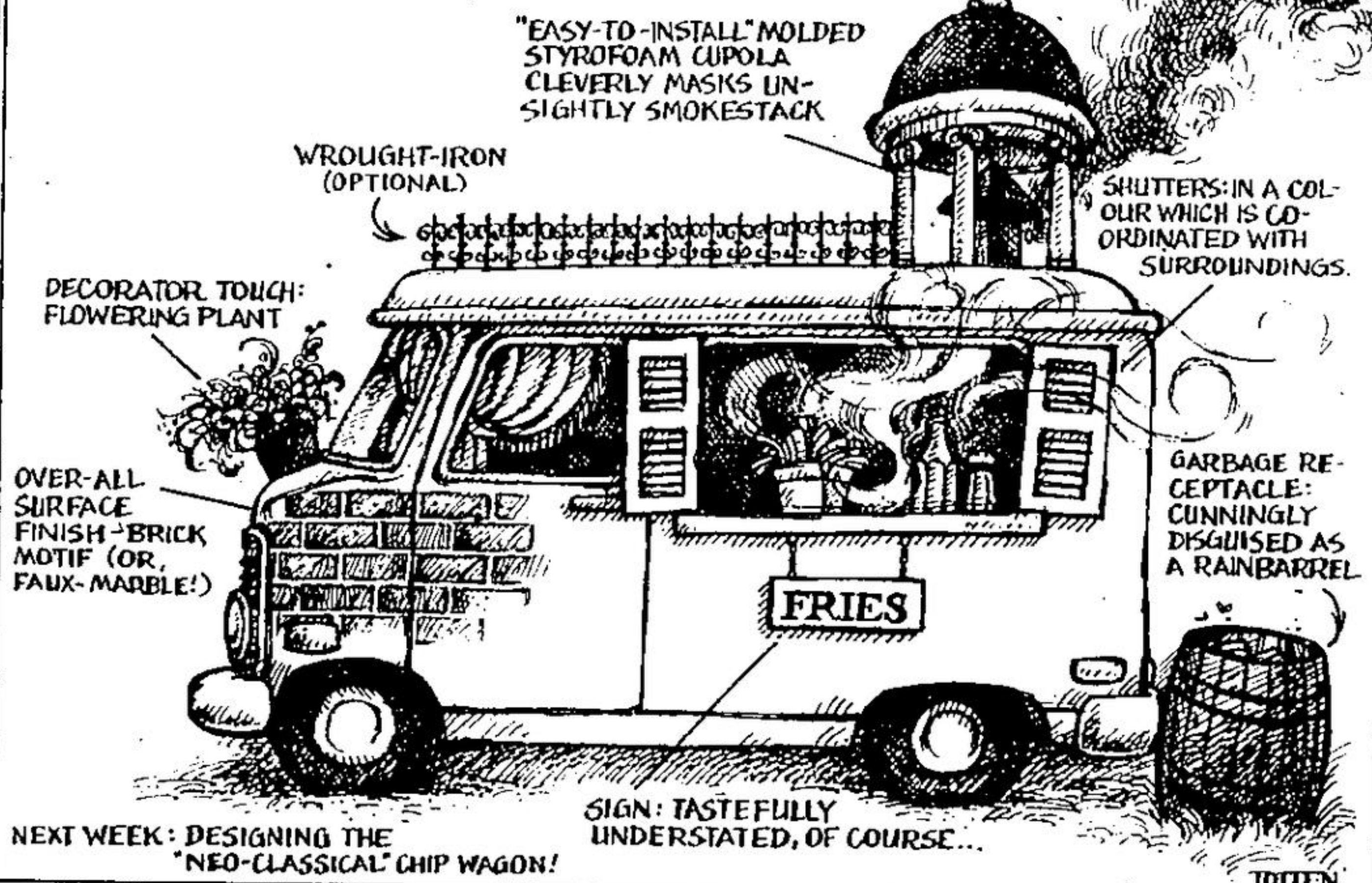
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## 'DESIGNER' SOLUTION TO "THE CHIP WAGON PROBLEM"



## People's Forum

### Oh brother, a literary rivalry

Dear Editor:  
Greetings from Churchill, Manitoba.

My mother sent me the clipping from the Georgetown Herald with the article that my brother (the Zaire correspondent) filed. Since I don't want to be outdone by my younger brother, I have decided to file an article from where I am based this summer.

This summer I was lucky enough to receive a Northern Studies Training Program Grant from the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs. These are grants which cover the transportation and room and board for university students doing research in the North. I was privileged to have a professor (Dr. Paul Watts) at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay who is the Director of research at the Institute of Arctic Ecophysiology in Churchill. It is a small non-profit facility which does research in determining habitat requirements and other environmental factors which describe the productivity and survival of arctic species. I am doing research with Dr. Paul Watts in the ecology of Beluga whales.

These whales are gray to white in colour and are up to 4.3 m in length. The young are a bluish gray colour. Beluga whales or white whales exist throughout the Arctic on both sides of the North Pole. They are not considered endangered anywhere except the St. Lawrence River population. In the summers they congregate in rivers along the coasts of the continents. The reasons suggested why they do this are many and varied. Some say it is because they use the rivers because they are warmer than oceans and they then save energy living here for a while. Others say it is the fish in the river that they eat. They are not easy whales to distinguish from one another and this makes it difficult to understand their individual behaviour. My work over the summer is to see if they use one part of the estuary in the Churchill River more than others. This means long 13 hour days (due to the tidal cycle) sitting outside watching

whales. It is boring sometimes but the watching time is essential in field ecology work and to gain a better understanding of ecology of this species.

My experiences in Churchill have been exciting and varied. With a population of 500 people it has an atmosphere in many ways like Georgetown. The town people are friendly and very easy to get to know. Myself and a few other students are already on the volunteer list for lifeguarding at the local pool. Myself and two other students were also judges in the Canada Day parade floats and participated in the popular Hudson Bay dip relay race (the water must be as cold as the Credit River Crazy Boat race). We also have experienced the higher food prices which come from living in an isolated place. The weather has also been quite different from southern Ontario. The second week in June we had snow on our front porch and as I write I can still see the Hudson Bay ice pack drifting by on "The Bay." Once this pack ice breaks

up Churchill becomes very lively with town pests that weigh up to half a ton - Polar Bears.

We have already been lucky enough to see one polar bear and her two cubs run by our house about 1 mile away. We were on top of the roof of our lab in order to get a better and safer view. All of the students who are involved in research up here are trained in gun use and carry a rifle while in the field. Polar bears are the largest carnivore in North America and are unpredictable, especially once their home (the ice pack) disappears and they must co-exist with men.

Another one of the northern things to get used to is the extended daylight hours. The sun now rises at 4:15 a.m. and sets at 11:30 p.m. This is great for lots of observing time for whales but does get annoying when you try to sleep in once in a while. Of course the mosquitos are twice the size of the southern variety or I'm sure there are ten times as many. Well, I must get back to work.

Thanks,  
Doug Isaak.

### Mailman will be missed

Editor's note: The following letter was forwarded to the Herald for publication.

Mr. M. Falco  
Mr. P. Pearsons  
Transportation  
Contracting Services  
Canada Post  
20 Bay Street, 5th Floor,  
Toronto, Ontario M5J 1A1  
Gentlemen:

This is an awkward letter to write since I'm not sure the kind of results it will bring.

The subject is Mr. Morris Puckering, our mailman, whose services are scheduled to be terminated the end of this month.

Since moving to Terra Cotta 22 years ago, we have been serviced in fine and dependable fashion by Mr. Puckering. Not knowing who his successor will be, it will still be a big loss for us not to have his fine, friendly and courteous service.

Is there no way to reverse the decision to make the change?

Will you kindly advise me as to the elements of the decision making process which severs Morris' 29 years of service? It will be appreciated. Hopefully, it is not too late to correct the situation and return Morris Puckering to his dedicated profession.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard E. Willis,  
Terra Cotta.

### Write us a letter!

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