

Keeping the world on track

Today is Epiphany and I recently had my own epiphany. I realized I'm predictable. And it occurred to me how big an impact that has on the world around me.

Let me explain. First of all, weekday mornings, you can set your watch by me.

As The Sidekick heads out the door, flying down the road at 7 a.m., I'm listening to the news on the clock radio.

Fueled with the knowledge of 'who did what to whom', I head to the barn, ready to feed the sheep.

Back to the house, I shower, get dressed, make some breakfast, then off to work.

Out on the road— same route every day, except when my imagination kicks into gear, and I take a slightly different route, to throw off those 'spies' and 'assassins' laying in wait for me to pass by. (I usually have these active imagination attacks the morning after the spy series *Burn Notice* airs.)

Once in the office, I dust off my coffee cup as co-worker Kevin and I head to McD's for our morning caffeine injection.

At McD's, we're served by Kelly— one double sugar, one black, a fruit and fibre muffin for the old

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guy; a blueberry for me.

At McD's I'll say good morning to 'Please Mum Francine', sometimes 'Bergsma's Yvonne', and occasionally CIBC Stacey, as well as a handful of nameless regulars in line for their morning jolt.

On the way back to the office, I wave to Georgetown Photo and Coles staffers, then take my place in my cubicle, change my voice mail greeting and start my day.

I used to worry that I might be obsessive-compulsive. But after my epiphany— you DO remember my epiphany— it occurred to me how much influence I have on the world around me, giving them a baseline to start their day.

What might happen, should I deviate from my well-trodden, comfortable path, and do something daring?

You know, like drive to work by

way of Norval. Geez all those 'hit men' would be totally lost.

Say I stopped somewhere for a double espresso cappuccino with French vanilla foam milk, lightly dusted with chocolate and cinnamon, instead of going to McD's.

Geez, Kelly would have two extra muffins to deal with, Please Mum wouldn't open on time, and Georgetown Photo would be waiting all day for the signal to fire up their photo machines.

And Kevin?

Well, suffice to say, he'd be a mess. Not only would he be sitting around waiting to go for his coffee, well, by missing that fruit and fibre muffin, he might even have irregularity problems. (Old folks get that way, ya know.)

At home, The Sidekick would have me assessed by a psychiatrist if I willingly brought home skim milk or some food with the words 'light, lite, or low fat' on the label.

So, back to that epiphany thingy.

I just realized— it's not that I'm an obsessive-compulsive-driven-by-habit-heels-dug-in-non-changing-stuck-in-my-ways sort of guy.

It's just that I have a responsibility to keep the rest of the world around me on track.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Halton Region 2011 Budget and Business Plan

The proposed 2011 Budget and Business Plan for Halton Region including the Regional property tax levy, water and wastewater rates and user fees and charges will be considered at the following meetings:

Tuesday, January 11 – 9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
Wednesday, January 12 – 9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
Thursday, January 13 – 9:30 a.m.	Administration & Finance Committee
Monday, January 24 – 9:30 a.m.	Budget Review Committee
Wednesday, January 26 – 9:30 a.m.	Regional Council

All of the above meetings will be held at the Halton Regional Centre located at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville.

Copies of the 2011 Budget and Business Plan binders will be available for viewing on Halton's website at www.halton.ca and can be obtained free of charge from or viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk at the Halton Regional Centre between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Halton residents are invited to provide input on the proposed 2011 Budget and Business Plan. If you wish to register as a delegate for the purpose of addressing one of the Committees, please contact the Office of the Regional Clerk and Council Services at 905-825-6000 ext. 7254. You may also provide input or comments on Halton's website at www.halton.ca/budget.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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