

# More issue of the tissue, or, do top rollers have more fun?

Sometimes I'm really surprised at what interests people.

Recently I wrote a column concerning the virtues of unrolling toilet paper from the bottom of the roll versus over the top.

I had absolutely no idea tissue was such a hot issue with residents of Halton Hills.

But then again, I suppose everybody uses it.

Calls have come in from a multitude of people and I've been approached on the street and at the front counter of the office by total strangers who feel compelled to discuss how they unroll their toilet paper.

With so much interest, I was urged to write a follow-up.

The comments, I must admit, have been a learning experience in their own right. After they tell me, I'm tempted to reply, "Really, is that so? I would never have guessed. Well, it's okay. Your secret's safe with me."

Anyway, all people who commented shall remain nameless, for obvious reasons. It just wouldn't be professional for me to divulge my sources.

Besides, they might react violently and I could find my car wrapped in toilet tissue in the parking lot. I've heard that happens to journalists with questionable ethics.

Here are some of the comments. (A few are edited slightly by me to protect the innocent.)

One woman spoke to me about it in a restaurant. "Ted," she whispered as she passed by my table, "I found it most fascinating to learn how people roll their toilet paper. It was so interesting. I was sitting there reading the column and just looked up to see how mine was on the holder..."

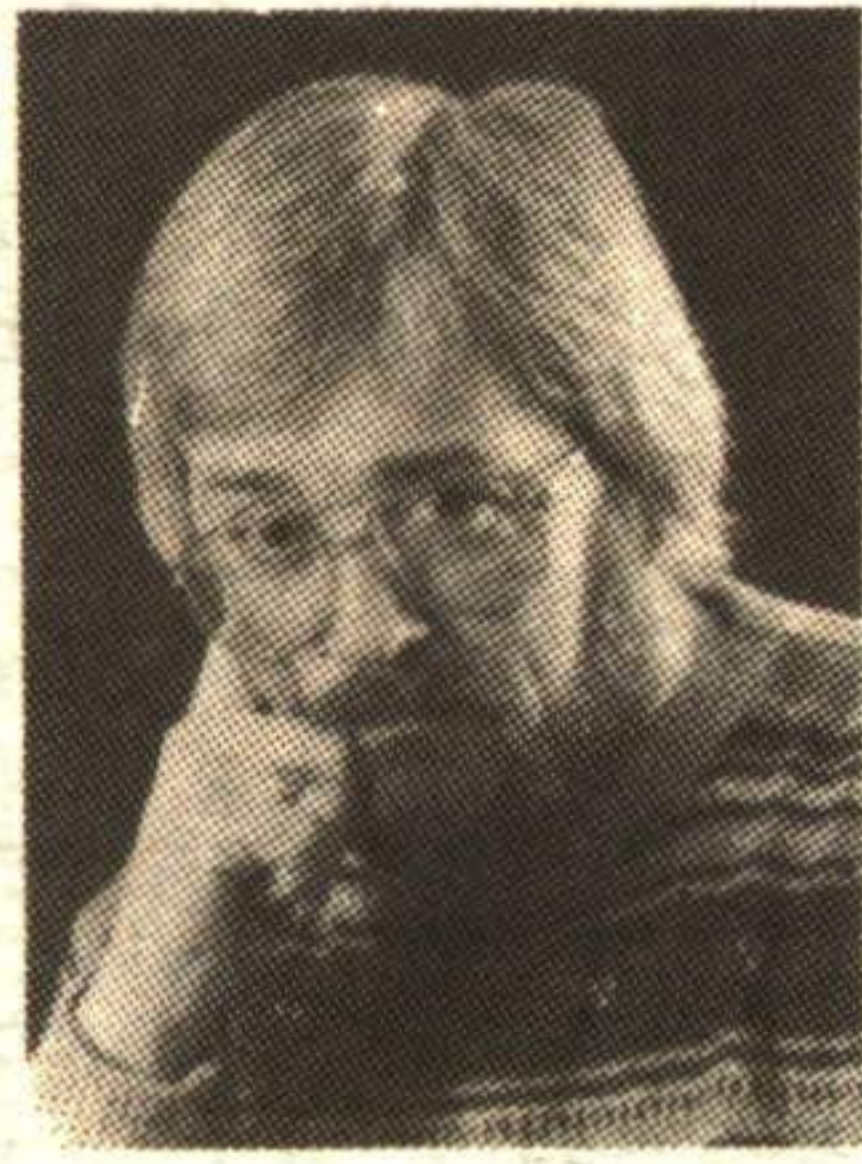
Well, it's nice to know she reads it at any rate.

Another woman met me at the office and in the course of the conversation she suddenly stopped, looked me right in the eye, and very seriously stated, "Ted, I want you to know I'm a top person. I just can't stand to see it roll off any other way."

I told her I was truly grateful for her sharing that confidential information. It made me feel special.

## A TED BIT

By TED BROWN



One young lady claims she rolls it off the top because she has a tile wall in her bathroom. After a shower, the paper clings to the wall, damp with condensation, if it rolls off the back of the roll.

Now that one makes sense.

Late one night at home the phone rang. The call was from a person I haven't heard from in years.

"Ted, I just wanted you to know I've taken my own little survey," the voice said, "In our home, there are three top rollers and one bottom. We all thought you might like to know."

I slept ever so soundly that night with those facts floating around in my dreams.

A gentleman phoned anonymously, at the office, telling me he had it "on very good authority, that one tends to use less tissue, if it rolls from the bottom of the roll, thus making a considerable saving for the consumer."

He also told me of a recent discussion with a homemaker, who, after reading the column, told him it should roll off the bottom because kittens and little kids like to roll it off in a pile on the floor by spinning

it. If the roll comes off the top, it's much easier for them to create a pile on the floor.

That was never the type of pile on the floor I was concerned about when we had a cat in the house.

And on top of that, if the kids didn't wreck the roll of toilet paper, what would be left to yell at them about?

Another woman sent her husband in to talk to me. (I guess she felt toilet paper was just too intimate for her to discuss with me personally.)

She wanted to know if the same rules for toilet tissue apply to paper towels. Are we more outgoing if we roll them from the top?

This opens up a whole new can of worms, and I feel compelled to take a definite stand on this one.

Paper towels can't be grouped with toilet tissue, because they are up on the counter of the kitchen cupboards, and in no way similar to the roll in "the little room."

Besides, if one places the roll so the paper comes off the back, one must reach further across the counter to reach the loose end. So I'm disallowing paper towels in this argument. And the two products have totally different applications.

So those are a few of the comments I've received over the last little while. I hope they are representative of the general populace of Halton Hills.

For those who contributed to the comments, I thank you. You know who you are. You've had your say, and your brief moment to shine, albeit anonymously.

And now, after being on a roll, I hope this about wipes up the issue of toilet tissue in Halton Hills.

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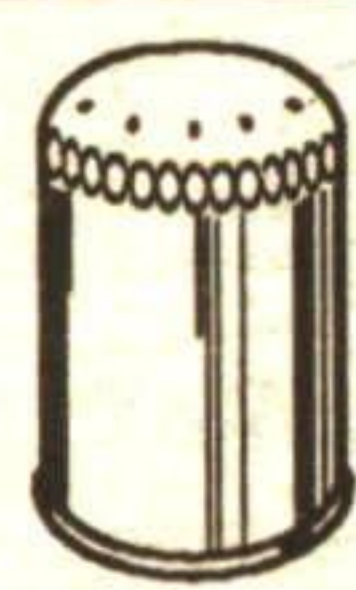
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### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Domestic responsibilities weigh you down. A special outing with just your spouse will be just the thing to lift your spirits. Do not allow yourself to become inundated with trivial matters.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20

Revenge is not the answer to your present dilemma. Expect more from others and they will respond. Keep your guard up.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20

The time to lay the old aside has come; respond to change positively and the rewards will be greater. Be appreciative.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22

Your attitude influences others. A decision involving money needs to be made; act conservatively. Listen to your conscience.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Avoid extended time away from home. Work around the house consumes most of your attention. Act responsibly. Romance could take on greater importance.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Accept invitation for social event. It will lift your spirits and they could use a diversion. Depression will not last indefinitely.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your creative juices flow rapidly. Channel them into your business ventures. Take time to prepare well before important meeting.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Do not allow yourself to be swept up in useless arguments. Remain calm under pressure and your efforts will be noticed.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Give way to your impulses and make that special phone call. Your ego will not suffer and you will make someone's day.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

New development in romance stymies your natural impulses. Accept graciously the backseat and console yourself in knowing that good fortune awaits you.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Unusual obligations force you to come to terms with family enigma. Your natural curiosity disturbs others but will put to rest any remaining doubts about your ancestry.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

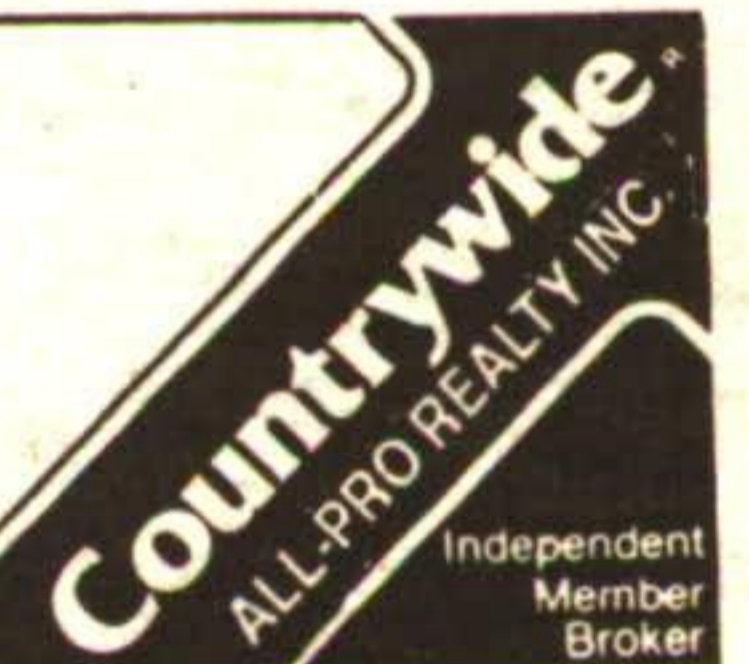
You may have overlooked your health due to a busy lifestyle. You would be wise to slow down and possibly contact health professional for a quick check-up.



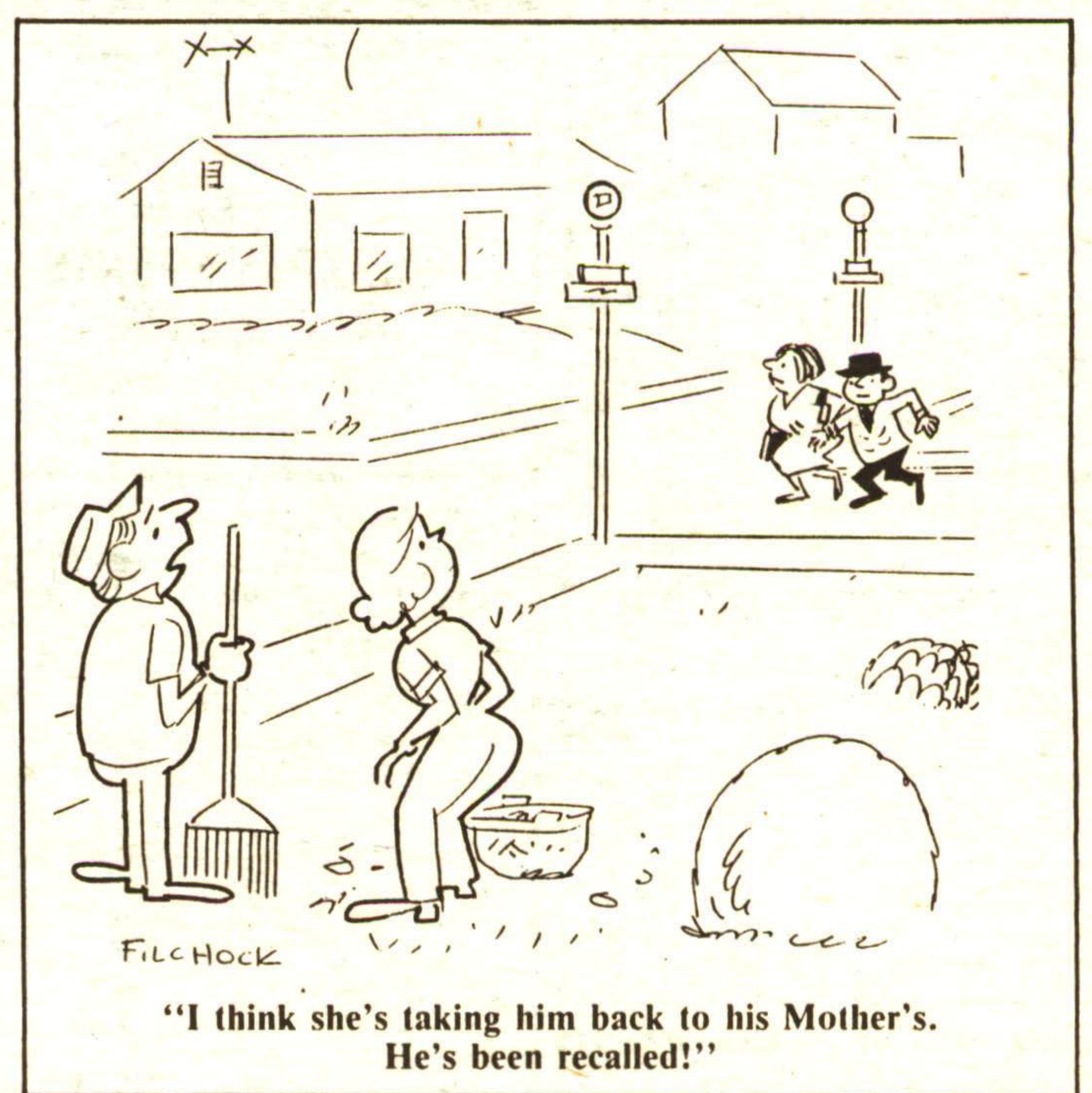
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