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## The winged rat

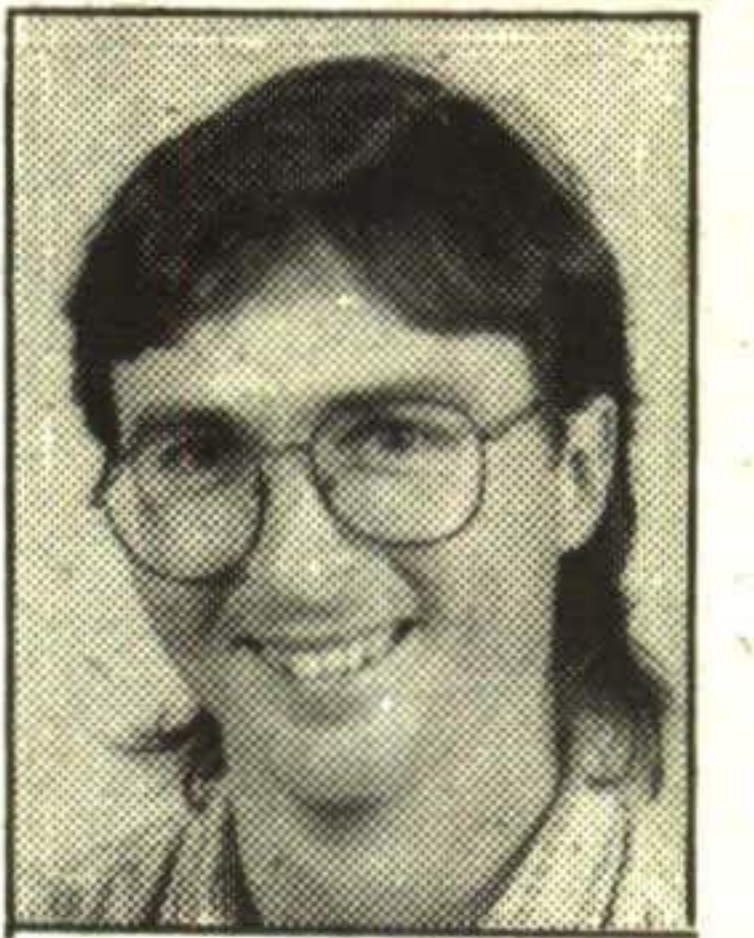
The correct name for that plump pigeon perched on your window sill is actually the rock dove. Before there were such things as city buildings and modern homes the rock dove nested on high cliffs far away in the Middle East. Now, 4,000 years later, this multi-colored bird has made our homes their home.

Some people enjoy having the pigeon living within our cities, where others think they are just pests - winged rats that spread disease and make a mess of roof tops. Good or bad these semi-tame birds have been with us throughout history.

The Romans in 44 B.C. used pigeons to carry messages. Olympic sport scores were sent

## Nature's Way

By KEVIN CALLAN



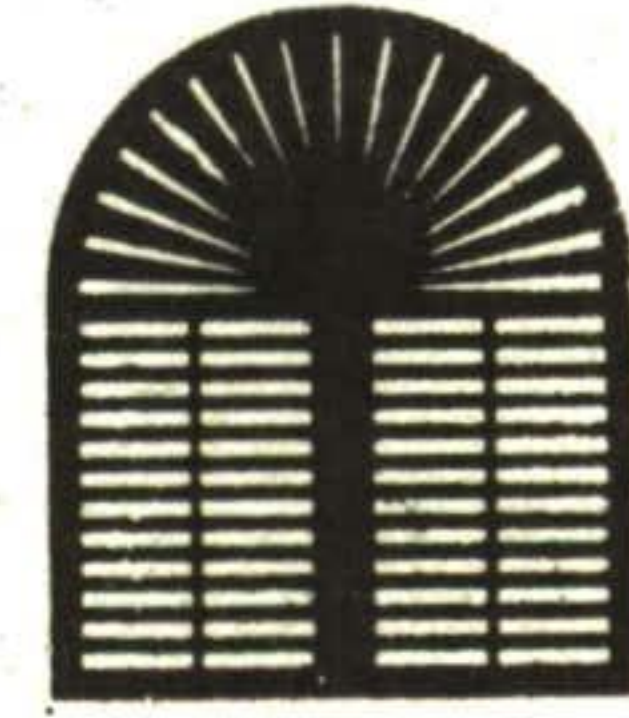
to far away lands from regular pigeon posts - perhaps the world's first air-mail service.

One breed of pigeon, the Racing Homer, is able to fly distances of 600 miles and reach speeds up to 100 miles per hour. It was also used during both world wars. In World War I a homer called Cher Ami became a hero for saving an entire American battalion. Flying over enemy lines, with one leg shot off and bullets striking its eye and breastbone, Cher Ami successfully delivered its message. The famous pigeon's leg was later replaced by a wooden one.

The pigeon's ability to return to its original perch has biologists baffled.

Pigeons are a little different than most birds because of two things. The first thing is they can drink with their head down. Other birds have to tilt their heads back to swallow. The pigeon merely sucks up the water. The second thing is their ability to produce pigeon's milk. Surprisingly enough, the milk is produced in both the male and female pigeon. That's "udderly" amazing!

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- Also will create needed jobs for our area.
- He wants to freeze development south of Tenth Side Road in order to ensure a green buffer between our community and the advancing growth of Mississauga.
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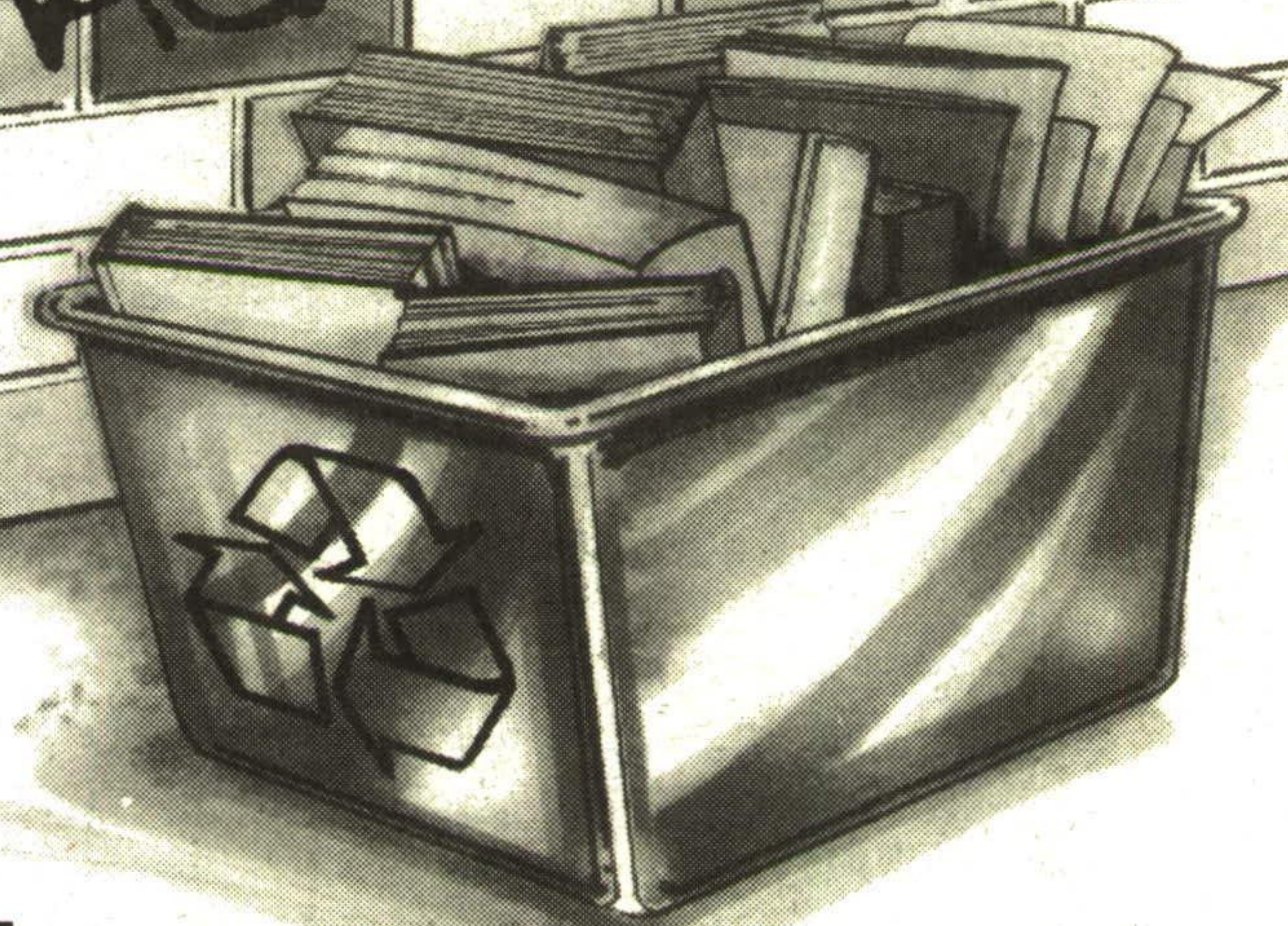
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