

OPP warn about publications

Guelph OPP have issued a warning to area businesses who may receive telephone calls from representatives from magazines selling advertising. The ads purport to be assisting the police in locating lost children and child safety in-

formation. Some of the publications include:

- Ontario Provincial Police News
- Our Provincial Police News
- Our Provincial Police Today

- OPP News
- Ontario Police Magazine.

The OPP is not associated with any of these publications. Police advise residents to be cautious before subscribing to any magazines over the phone. Ask the caller for the business address, phone number and a copy of the publication first.

If they claim to be a charity, obtain their registration number with Revenue Canada, which can be verified by calling 1-800-267-2384.

Good news, bad news for gas prices: Reed

Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed has suggested it might be useful to seriously look at other options when it comes to fueling our cars.

Consumers were concerned prior to the recent federal budget that an extra surtax was going to be added to the price of gasoline.

"The Minister of Finance, however, listens to Canadians and as a result no taxes were added. That was the good news," said Reed.

"Now for the bad. Gasoline prices are very likely to increase in any event."

In January 1994, crude oil was priced at less than \$15 U.S. per barrel, reported Reed. Recently the price of West Texas crude shot temporarily to more than \$25 per barrel before settling at \$23.

Ontario has a 90-day holding law, meaning refiners cannot pass through their costs until the 90 days has gone by.

"This last-in, last-out pricing simply delays the day for three months when that \$23 oil will find its way onto the pump prices."

Reed added if gasoline prices continue to increase, studying other fuels such as propane and natural gas will be necessary.

Petroleum consumption is on the increase particularly in Asia and India. South America is also developing very rapidly, but its energy problems are reasonably looked after with the development of a very extensive ethanol industry, said Reed.

"Perhaps we are just reaching the beginning of the switch from hydrocarbons to carbohydrates."

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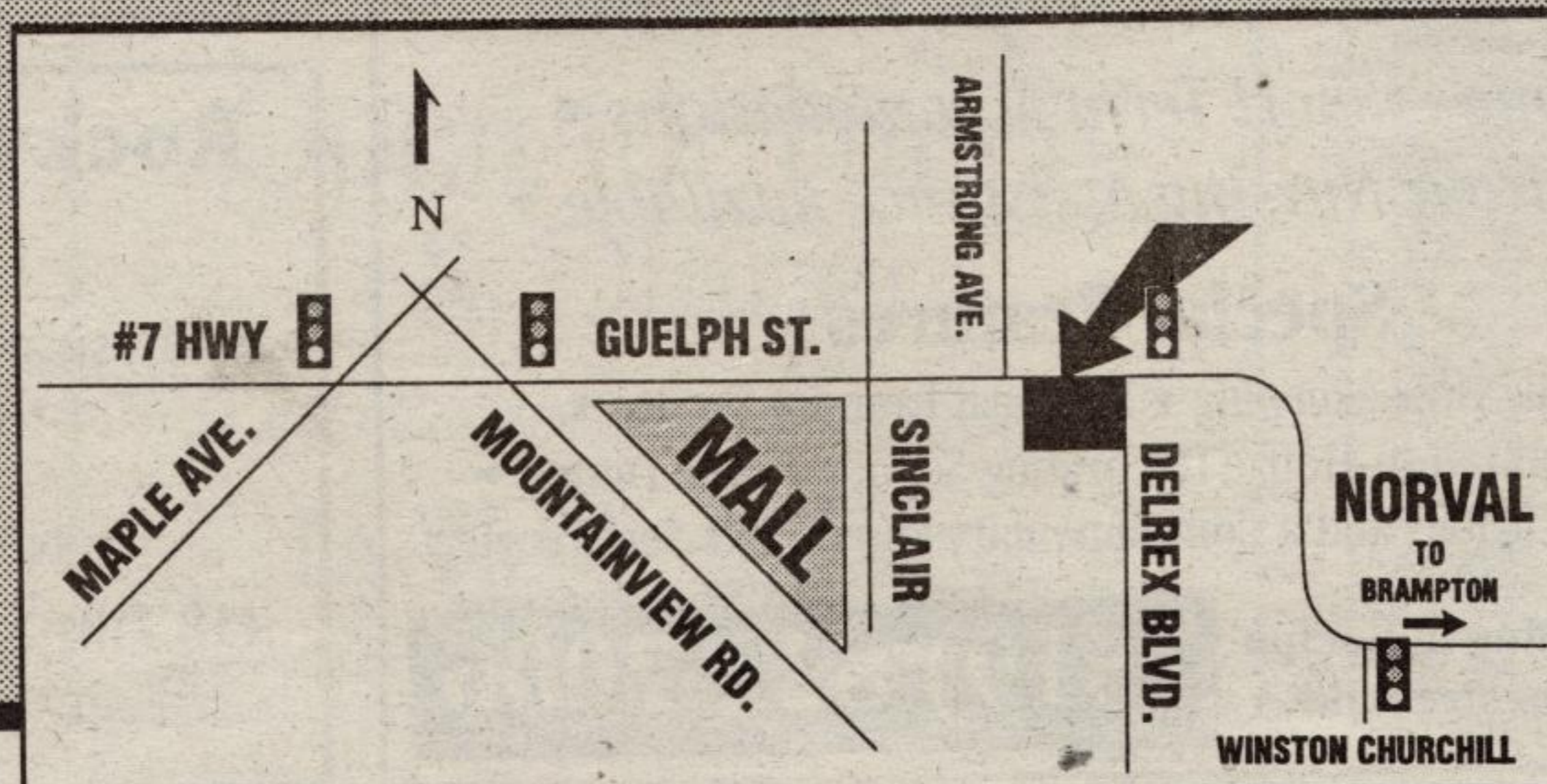
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