

# The North Halton Compass

Reach then a soaring quill,  
that I may write  
As with a Jacob's staff  
to take a height

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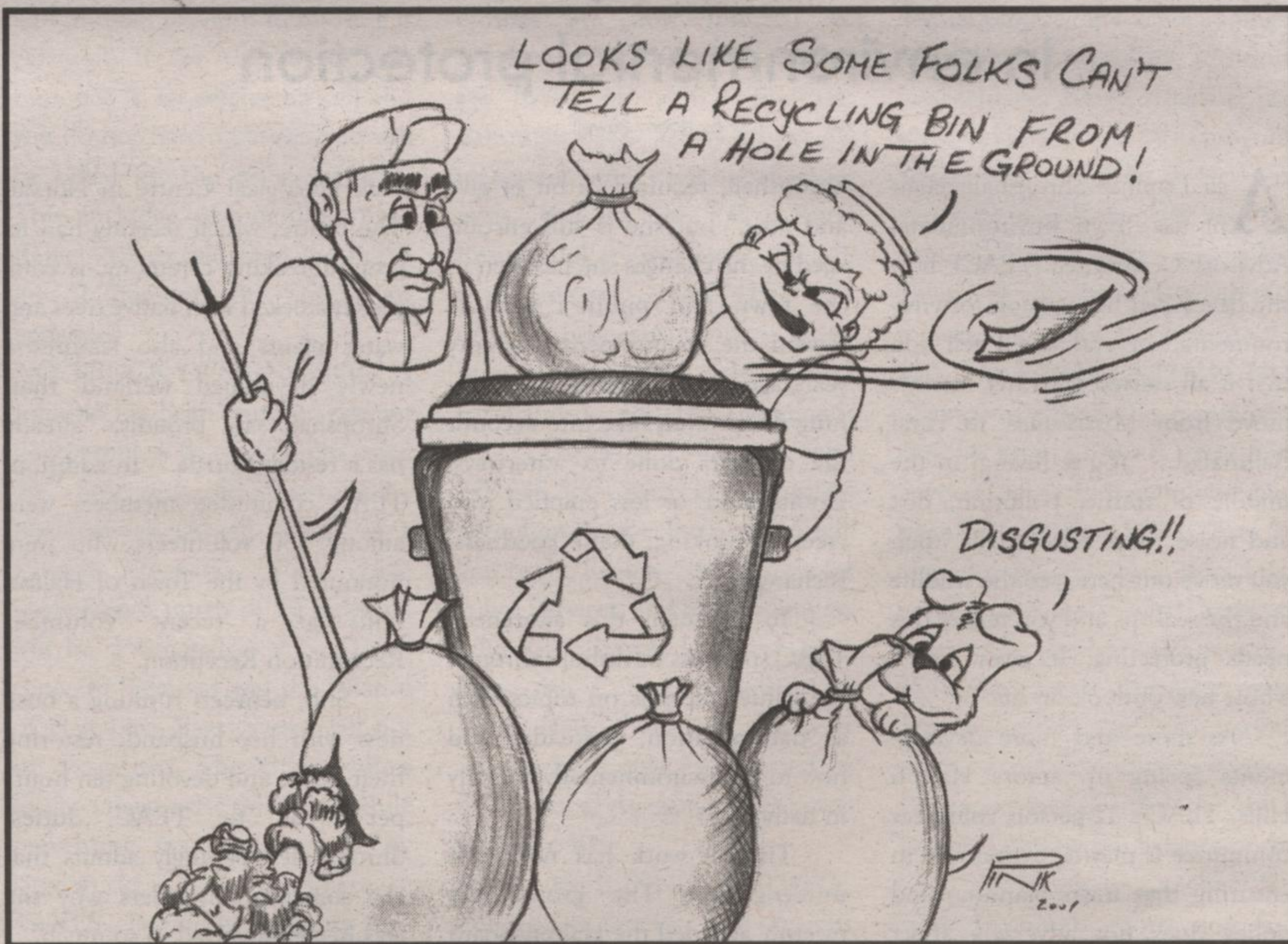
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### BRASS TACKS – Editorial

#### What a load of rubbish!

It appears that there are some very piggy people about – and I don't mean the pork producers.

Many locals and possibly non-residents are dumping loads of rubbish at the recycling bins behind the fire station at 5 Sideroad and Guelph Line. Obviously they have forgotten the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle.

The misuse of a facility strictly intended to neatly contain materials to divert back into the stream

is offensive to those with honourable intentions. Pretty soon no one will want to frequent the place, and that could place the local system in jeopardy.

Citizens were outraged by the situation at the inaugural meeting of the Campbellville Ratepayers Association, and vehemently stated that something must be done. At one last look before press time, the bins were full and the area tidier, but there is still an amount of

garbage on the ground and blowing across the nearby field.

There are bins for a wide variety of recyclable materials, from fine paper to #1 and 2 plastics, to aluminum and styrofoam, and free disposal of hazardous waste at the Halton Waste Management site. Please take advantage of them! It makes some of us that live with minimal recycling and user-pay garbage very jealous of Campbellville's opportunities.

### BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX

#### Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Along with Halton Police, OPP, Public Health and members of the public, I have been involved in child safety seat inspection clinics this past month. A lot of pretty scary things came up that need to be stressed.

Parents – don't buy your child's safety seat from a garage sale or flea market unless you know absolutely that the seat has NEVER been in a collision! A seat that has been in a collision should never be used again. If you don't know its history – don't buy it. If there is no CVSS label attached or National Safety Mark – don't buy it. Car seats from the U.S. don't have the same standards as Canada. Check the date – if older than 10 years – don't buy it. Some have expiry dates of less than 10 years. If you can't see the expiry date on the seat don't buy it.

If the seat doesn't have the

manufacturers instructions with it, don't use it. Make sure there is no recall notice against the seat. Don't use a seat if parts are missing, cracked, torn, rusted, or discoloured.

Finally, if the seat meets all these requirements or, even better, is brand new – go to the next Child Safety Seat Inspection Clinic – they are free – to make sure it is installed correctly. 85% of parents who thought they were using their seats correctly were wrong. Automakers and seat manufacturers don't make it easy for parents, so it's extremely important to get to a clinic. It could just save your child's life if you are involved in a collision.

A young child's body is extremely vulnerable. Their skeletal systems can't withstand even a slow speed crash without the proper support of the safety seat. A great many parents are not using child safety seats because they're tired, or in a rush, or they are "just going a short

distance." Most test crashes are carried out at low speeds and most crashes are close to home: take a few minutes to ensure your child is buckled up safely – hindsight is the most miserable and unforgiving sight of all. Get your child's seat inspected, and then use it. Every time. Correctly.

Jan Mowbray

Milton Road Safety Committee

Dear Editor:

When I chose Ontario for my home in 1968, I was proud of the accomplishments of the provincial and federal governments. In recent years, neither of them inspire pride, but, rather, despair.

I frequently suspect that our elected officials are scornful of the idealism that we hope will govern their actions. Instead, they pursue their own self interests. While I could provide numerous examples,

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