

Residents voice traffic concerns

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be pulled over and inspected.

The forum played host to varying concerns about cyclists on Halton roads. Local triathlete Charlie Barnes pointed out how difficult it is for anyone to ride safely on some of the winding roads and that bicyclists are at an increased risk from auto traffic. The Region is looking at the possibility of bicycle lanes on some of the regional roads and has also set up a Cycling Committee to further study the issues. For other residents though, the concern voiced was regarding the bicyclists themselves, and the danger they can pose by riding in an unsafe manner. Long chains of cyclists can tie up traffic, as can cyclists riding two or three across, forcing other vehicles to slow to their speed or risk passing them on winding country roads.

"The law requires them to ride single file and as far right as possible," said Chief Algar. "The secret of this is getting them to obey the law rather than expecting us to be everywhere, all the time." Anyone spotting unsafe activity on the roads, whether caused by truck, bicycle or motorcycle traffic, is encouraged to contact the

Halton Region Police Department at 905-878-5511, and ask for the communications department. Chief Algar pointed out that he was pleased that so many residents had taken the time to come to the forum and voice their concerns. "We have some areas here that have been brought to our attention, and that's good." He also pointed to the importance of residents being aware of and involved with their local Community Consultation Committees (CCC), which act as a direct liaison with the police department. "We've had the lowest crime rate in 30 years in Halton," said Chief Algar. "It puts Halton as one of the safest communities anywhere. It's a great community, folks and part of that is working with our CCCs and our volunteers."



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Halton Region Police Chief Ean Algar and Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline recently hosted their second community forum on rural issues. The well attended forum saw the two officials field questions and concerns about traffic, garbage pick up and other rural concerns from residents.

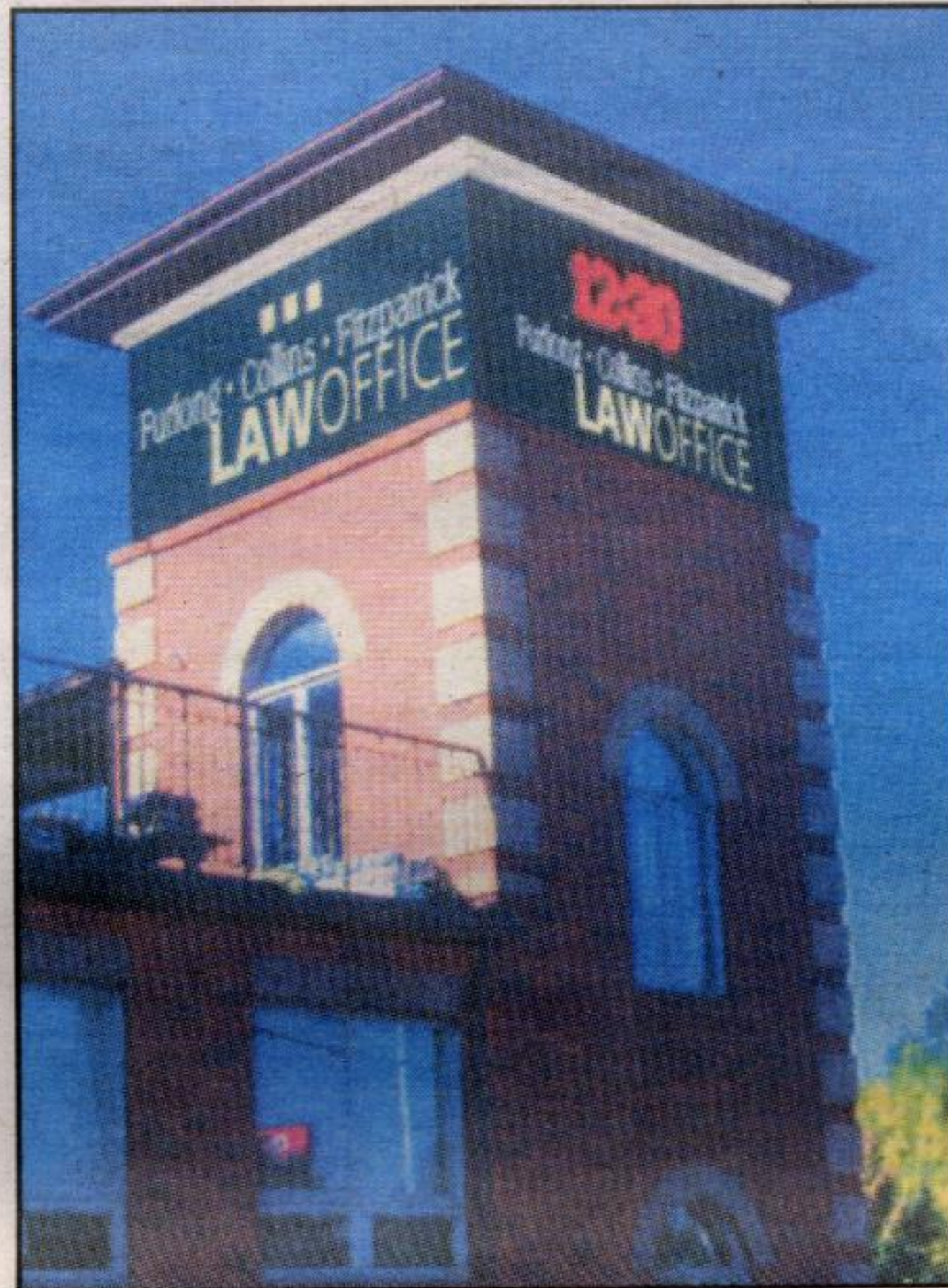
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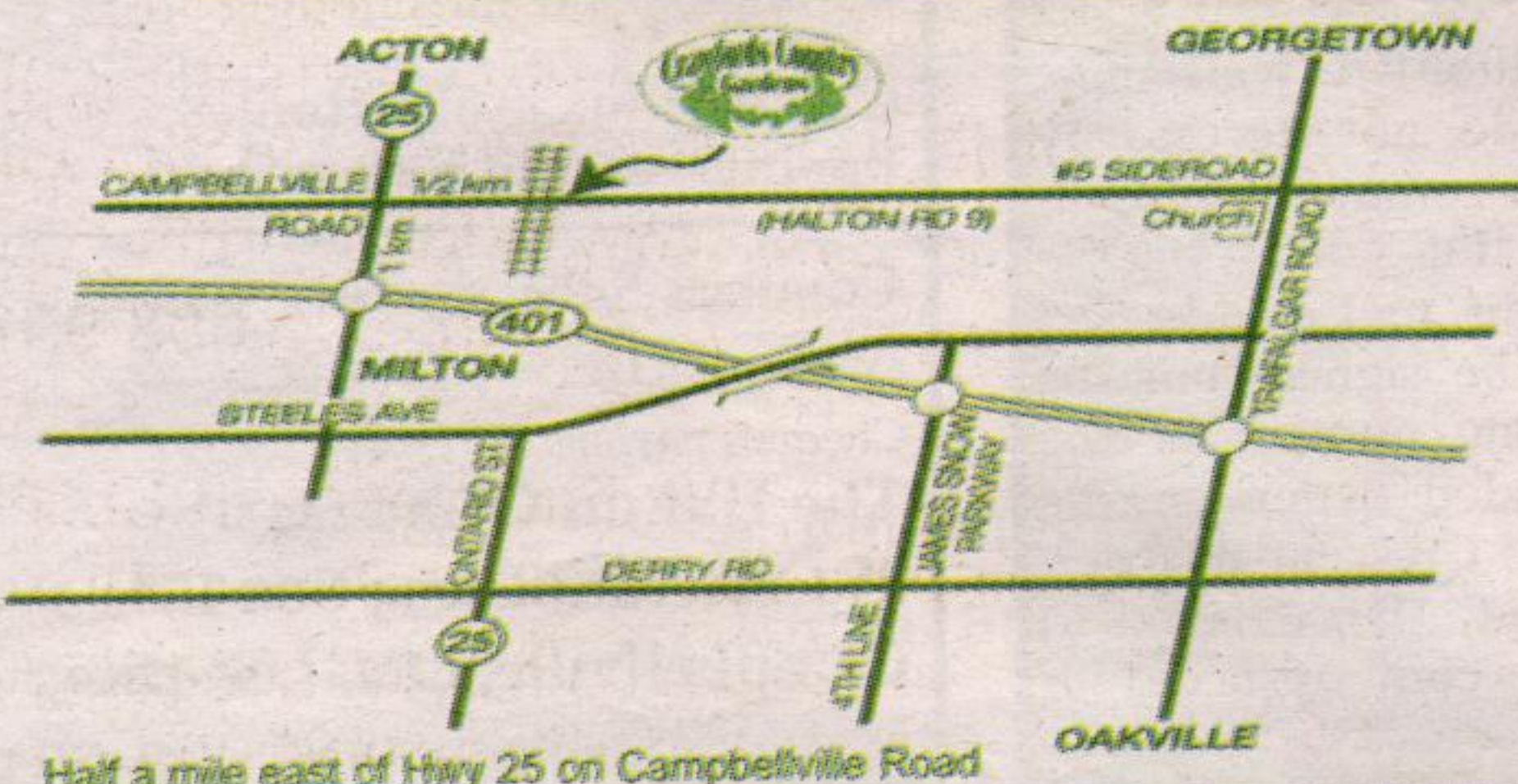


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