

Price gouging and radar love

It's about time this column lived up to its name. So without further ado, your humble servant offers up the following:

It's only a price adjustment

Could someone please explain to me why the price of gas at my regular service station Monday morning was 51.2 cents a litre, Tuesday morning was 56.3 cents and Wednesday was 54.8.

The oil companies call it a "price adjustment"; I call it highway robbery. The price of hamburger didn't go up five cents a pound yesterday and I didn't pay an extra nine per cent when I got a haircut last week.

I know this is not a new complaint, but despite the provincial Tories' outrage at the roller-coaster pricing practice this gouging still goes on. What I want to know is, why?

Mega-Mel on patrol

Toronto has been bathed in sunshine and warm weather for the past several days. I wonder when Mega-Mayor Mel is going to call in the armed forces.

Radar love

One of the surest signs that spring has arrived is the fact that police radar traps are out in full force. In a 500-yard stretch of Mountainview Road Monday morning three Halton police cruisers were spotted by yours truly—two of them having pulled over drivers. No, I was not one of them.

Dog-gone it!

A reader called to complain earlier this week that she spotted a dog being fed through the drive-in window of a local eatery. She rightly complained to the manager about the less-than-sanitary aspect of this practice. What I want to know is, was the dog driving?

Mother Nature's a slob

THIS
'N
THAT



John McGhie

Last fall I spent many hours raking up leaves on my property. Last weekend I did the same thing (Okay, wifey did. But, I held open the bags). So, the question remains, if I got rid of all the dead leaves last fall, where did they come from during the winter?

Life's little wonders

Some things I just don't understand: rock climbing... Jerry Springer and the witless saps who both appear on his TV show and watch it... The fuss over one U.S. pilot being shot down in Kosovo (Hello, there's a war going on. Where was it in the rules the Serbs couldn't shoot back?)... Dalton McGuinty... Warren Beatty's latest movie Bulworth. It was two hours of garbage and gives Tin Cup a run for the worst movie ever made... Why did International Olympic Committee members give their little president/dictator Juan Antonio Samaranch a vote of confidence recently? All he's done is preside over the IOC's darkest moment and turned a blind eye to years of graft-taking by greedy individuals... Not that I'm complaining, but Wednesday night I turned on the tube and Shania Twain was on three different stations. Too much navel-gazing can be a bad thing.

Just wondering....

Why does a cowboy need spurs on both feet? If one side of the horse moves so does the other.

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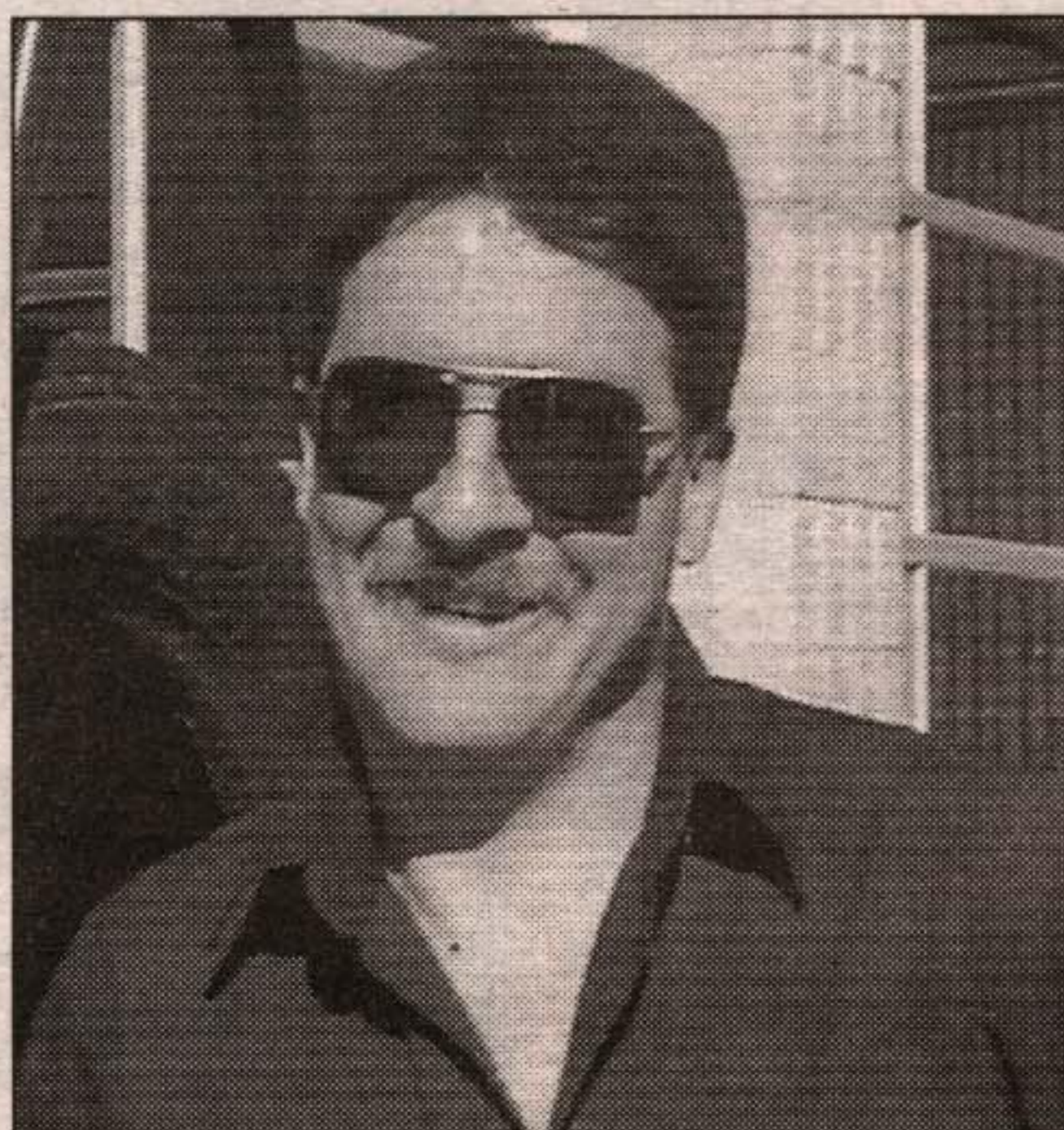
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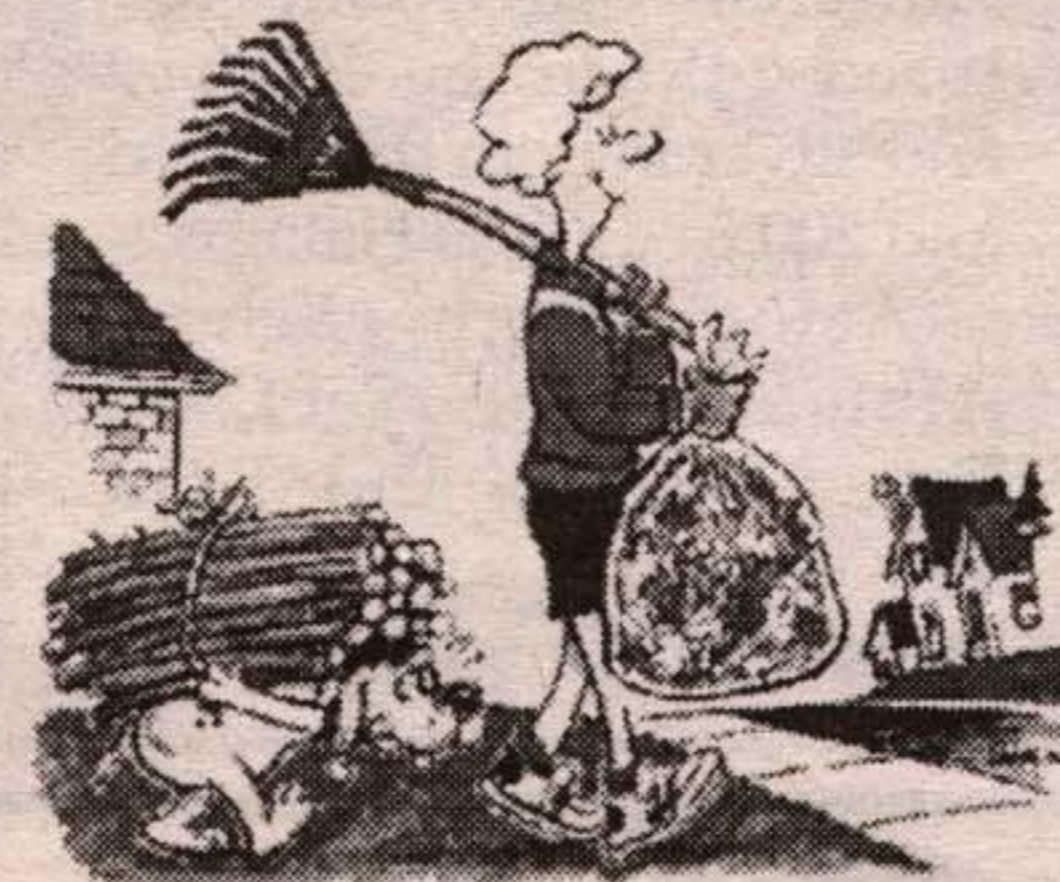
Remember, hold on to your Yard Waste until separate collection begins.

It starts the week of April 12th and continues every other week on
your Blue Box day until the week of November 22nd 1999.
Place materials curbside by 7:00 a.m.

- Please keep Yard Waste separate from your garbage and blue box. This avoids confusion during collection.
- Yard Waste must be placed in clear plastic bags (dark bags will not be collected), large paper yard waste bags or open containers (no garbage cans).
- Brush must be bundled and tied, not bagged, no larger than 4 feet long by 2 feet diameter with branches a maximum of 3 inches diameter.
- Yard Waste bags or containers must be no heavier than 23 kg (50 pounds).

WILL COLLECT

- plants
- leaves
- grass
- small branches
- hedge clippings
- small bundles of brush



WILL NOT COLLECT

- tree stumps
- large branches
- untied bundles of brush
- rocks
- soil
- wood building materials

- GRASSCYCLE BY LEAVING GRASS CLIPPINGS ON YOUR LAWN AS MULCH!
- Composting (backyard or vermicomposting) can divert up to 20% of waste going to landfill.

Please refer to your **WASTE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR** for more information.
If you do not have a calendar please call:

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