

# There are just some things I'll never understand

If I were to write columns about all the things I didn't understand, I'd be writing one each week. Here are some things I've been thinking about lately.

- I saw this on the highway the other day, so it may be because of the OPSEU strike, but I've seen it before as well. Somebody has a brand new vehicle that costs maybe \$40,000 and they stick their old beat up, faded licence plates on it instead of spending \$20 or \$30 for new ones.
- Why is one door always locked when there are double doors to enter a building? And how come I always pick the wrong door?
- Is it okay to refer to a cop as a cop? I grew up thinking that was a slang term you didn't call them to their face. You would call them an officer or a policeman. Would a cop be insulted if we called them a cop?
- Why do geese always seem to be flying in the wrong direction? In the fall I often see them flying north. Duh. Do the geese eventually figure out that the leader is directionally-challenged and boot him to the back of the line?
- How come there are so many handicapped parking spots? I understand their necessity, but have we gone way overboard in dishing them out? Shouldn't there be parking spots for tubby people like myself so we don't have to walk so far?
- I don't understand the findings of the smoking bylaw review committee at all. Roger Mason, who represented the town's bars and restaurants on the committee, makes more sense than all of them when he says they shouldn't ban smoking here until the same is done everywhere else. I'm going to keep track of the councillors who vote for the bylaw to drive business out of Milton and vote against them in the next election. So there.
- I read somewhere about a group concerned with the possible extinction of rattlesnakes in Ontario. This is a bad thing?



## On the loose

with MURRAY TOWNSEND

Goodbye, sayonara, au revoir, ciao. Maybe they do some good environmentally, I don't know, but I'd just as soon not have to worry about them biting me and killing me. If mosquitoes neared extinction, would somebody take up that cause as well?

- I looked at a picture of my grade 2 class recently and could remember almost all of their names, yet nowadays I can't remember the name of somebody I met 10 minutes ago.
- How come it only takes one nice day in spring for all the bugs to come out of hiding and start flying around. I hope we have a deep freeze and they all die. Hehehehe.
- Why do casinos close at all? It's like saying to a large group of people, okay, get out and don't give us your money. What other business does that? If pet food stores had a ton of people spending their money at two in the morning they wouldn't close, either.
- Why do they charge us when we take garbage to the dump, but not when they come to us and pick it up?
- How come people assume that when sportswriters go to work, it's fun? I've covered about a zillion games, professional and amateur, and currently am in the studio of Hockey Night in Canada for

the first two rounds of the playoffs. People always say to me, "Have fun," when I'm going to work. Well, it's work. If you go to work in an office or a factory, I don't tell you to have fun. Between you and me what I do is fun, but people shouldn't assume it, it's still work.

• How come we're much more interested in buying tickets for lotteries when the jackpot is high, like tonight's Super 7? How is \$17 million so much more attractive than \$1 million? "Oh, well, I won't bother going out of my way to buy a ticket for only \$1 million, but \$17 million, now I could actually do something with that kind of money."

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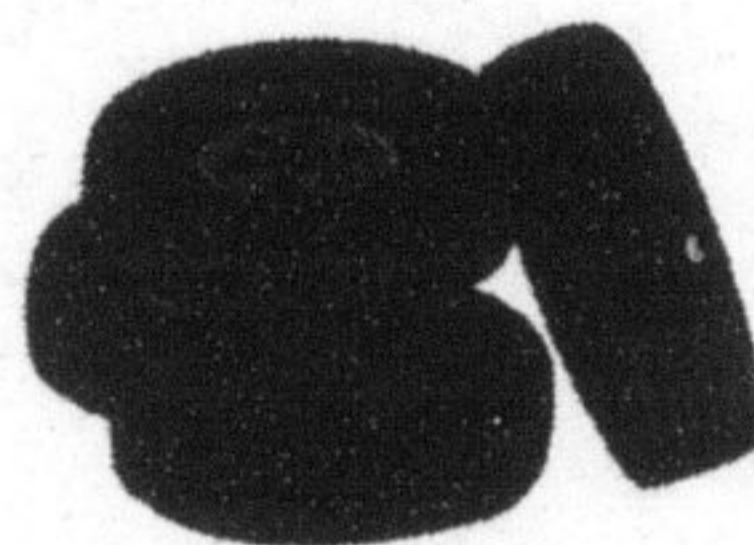
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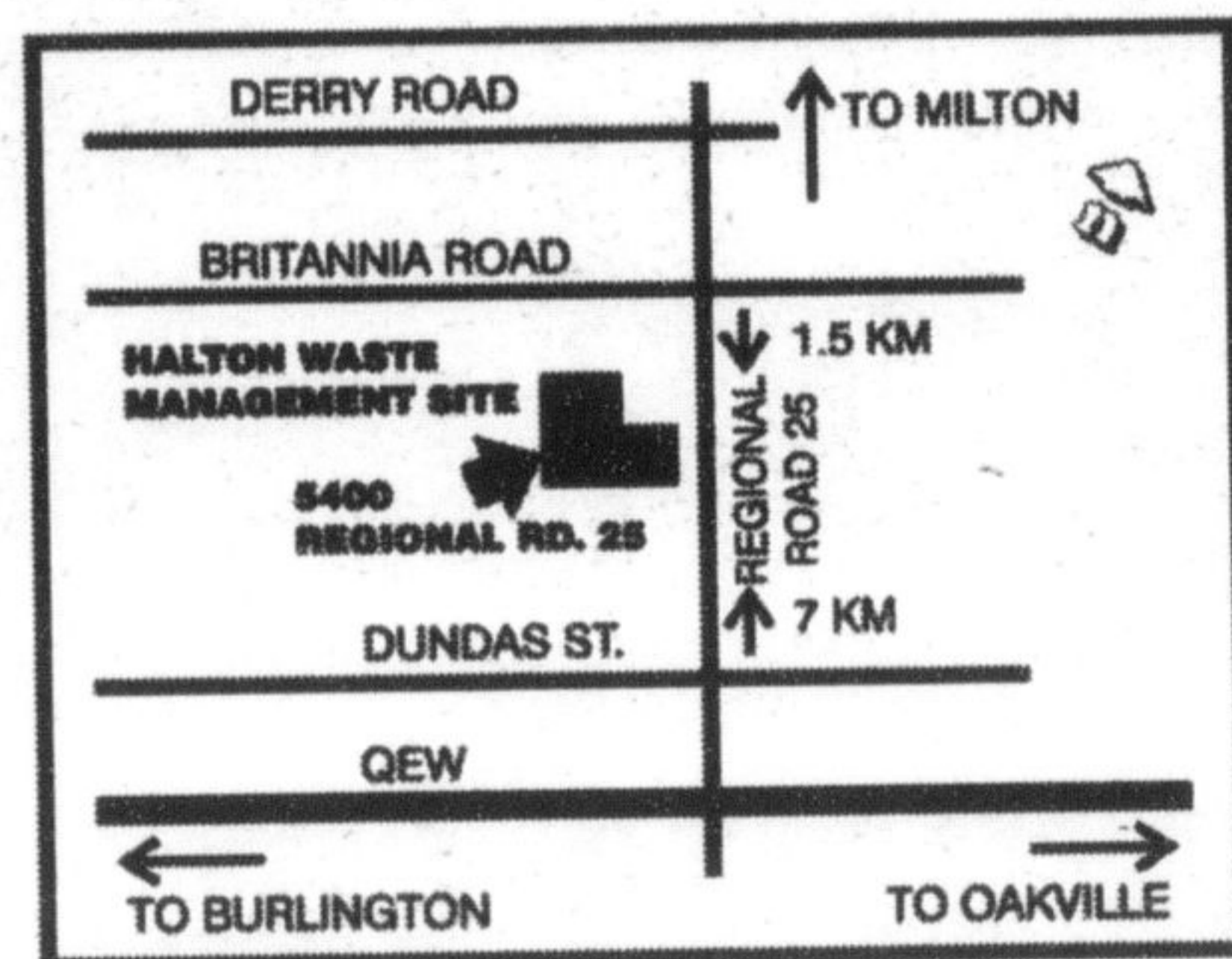


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**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



- Halton residents are welcome to drop off up to eight standard passenger vehicle tires (rims included)
- Bicycle and wheelbarrow tires will also be accepted.
- Commercial vehicle, truck and tractor tires will NOT be accepted.
- Tires are not accepted as part of Halton Region's regular or bulk waste collection programs.
- Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected on behalf of Halton area food banks (Food donations are appreciated, but are not required to drop off tires).

Halton Waste Management Site  
 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton



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**02-P-007**

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