

You've gotta pick and choose what you're gonna care about

I don't care. I don't care if you care that I care, and I know you don't care if I care that you care.

You can't care about everything. You have to pick and choose your cares or else you'll go crazy.

I get too worked up when I have an issue I'm passionate about. Then I think about it all the time, I can't sleep, and I'm ready to go off like a cannon with anybody who disagrees with me.

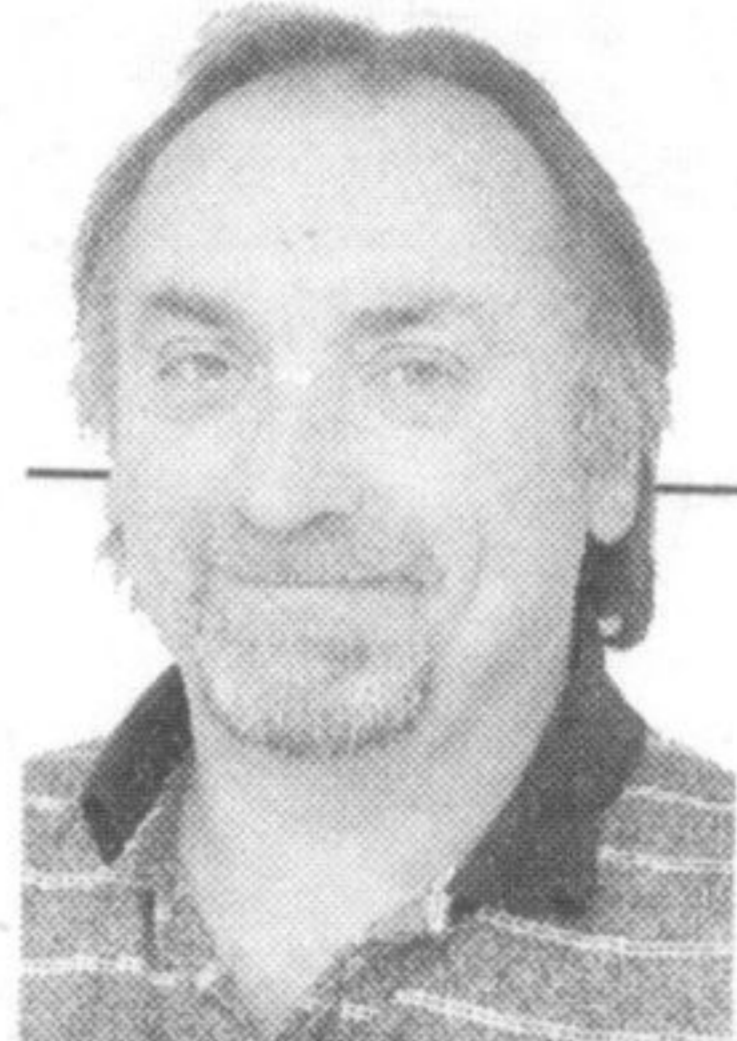
That's fairly rare though, and almost all of it within the last five months has had to do with the NHL players union.

Some things I just can't get worked up about. Like the gay marriage issue. I don't care if gay people want to get married or not.

I guess the argument against that is to protect the sanctity of marriage, but how sacred has that become anyway? If it makes gay people happy to get married then good for them and I'm not spending any more time worrying about it.

That's what I say, but people seem very passionate about this issue and I respect that. They choose to make that an issue they care about, and there's nothing wrong with that.

There are always things coming up that we worry about and talk about. It wasn't that long ago that



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we were worried about killer bees making their way north. Turns out we were worrying about nothing. If you cared about that at the time, you wasted your caring.

Another year we were concerned about purple loosestrife. It's a good thing we were because I think we've mostly controlled it. At least I don't see it anymore. Caring was good in that instance.

Last summer, on a radio show I listen to sometimes, they had respected scientists, psychics and astronomers reporting that Planet X would make itself known and crash into the earth, or come so close that it would cause massive destruction. That turned out to be another care-for-nothing event.

Sometimes it's difficult to decide when to care or not. I helped out The Champion one night when they were short-staffed by attending a hearing on fluoride in our drinking water. I spoke to both

sides. The anti-fluoride group was more passionate in their stance so I, personally, was leaning more toward their viewpoint, although I'm not sure it wasn't just because they were more passionate.

Mind you, sometimes when somebody is so passionate about an issue we look for reasons to take the opposite view. It's like when somebody's preaching, preaching preaching, we might try to think of something just to shut them up.

Often we're more passionate about an issue only because we believe it to be right. It may not be an earth-shattering issue, but because we know we're right we make it a passionate issue.

Mostly, we're passionate about an issue if it affects us. We may have never cared about all the stories about toxic waste dumps being protested around the world, but when they announce one will be built next door to us, all of a sudden we care a lot.

You want an issue and something to worry about? I'll give you one. Another ice-age is coming our way. An American geology professor says continental glaciers could form in northern Canada in less than 100,000 years.

That hardly gives us any time. Better care about that one if you know what's good for you.



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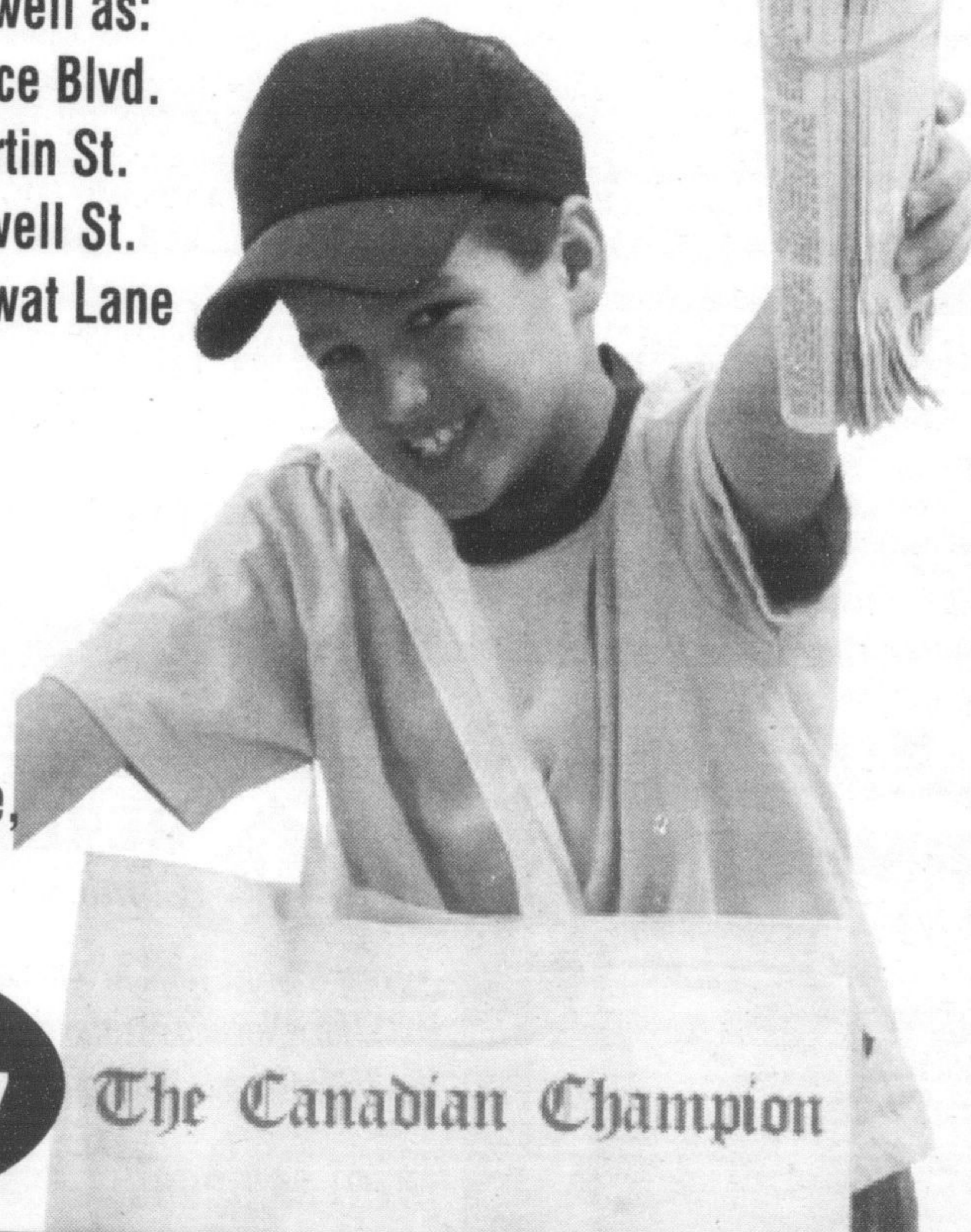
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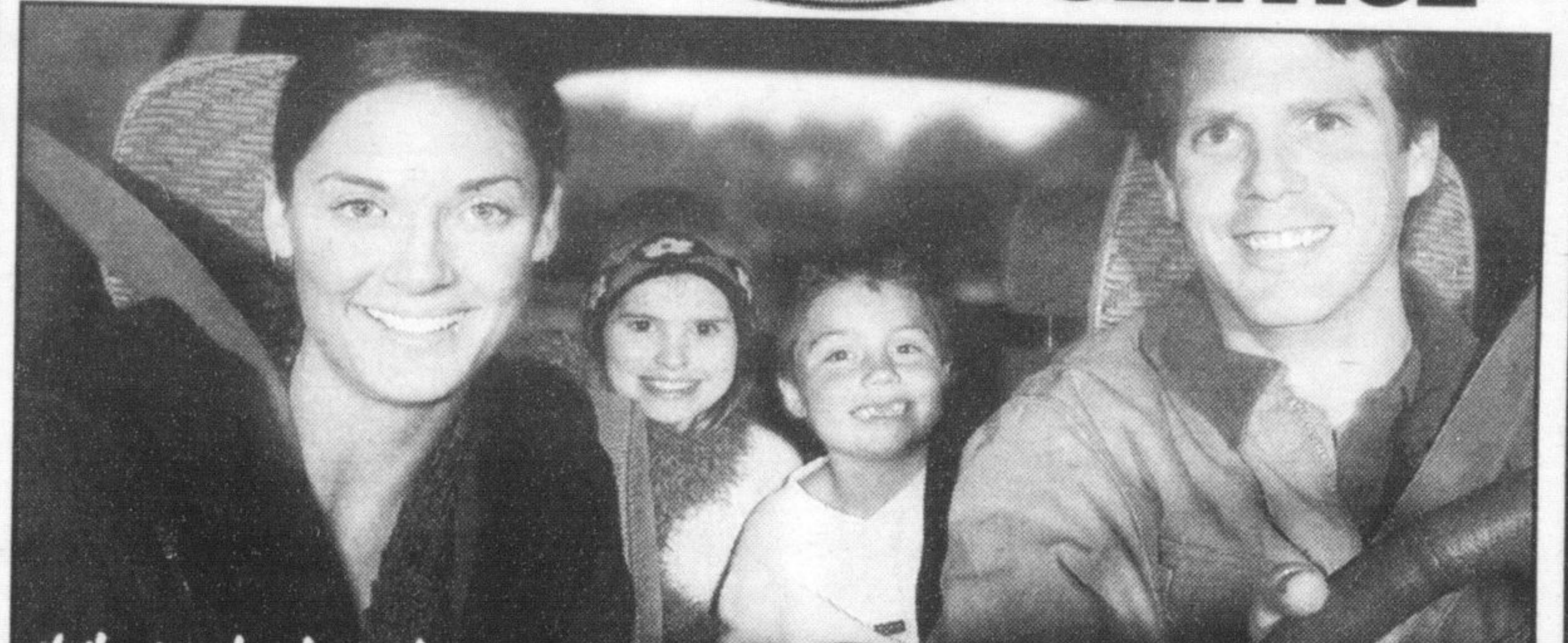
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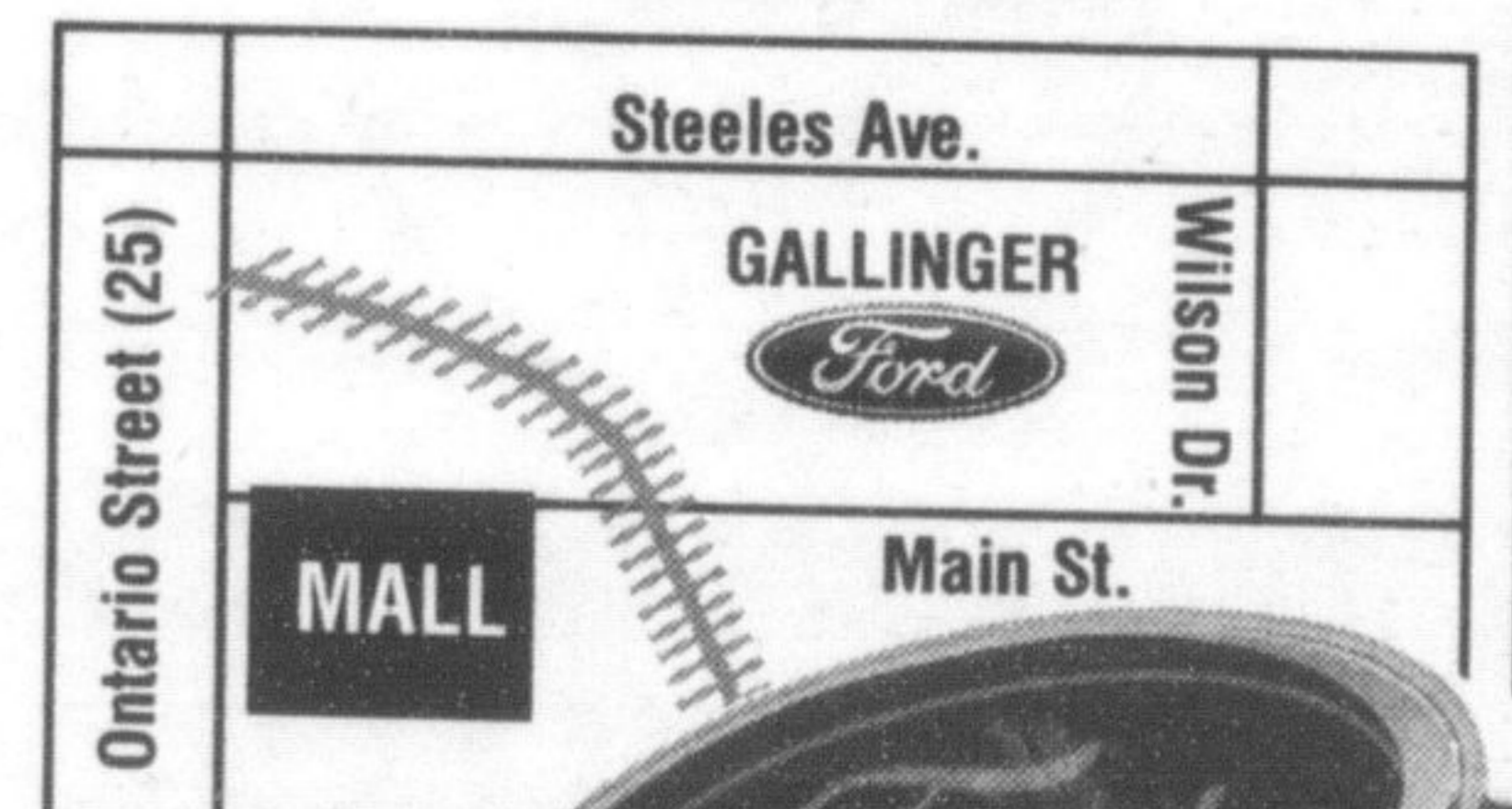
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