

Complaints — where would we be without them?

I'm sorry, but I don't have much to complain about. I wish I did because people like that.

Okay, so maybe that stupid backwards sign at the Milton Sports Centre makes me crazy, but I'm getting therapy for it.

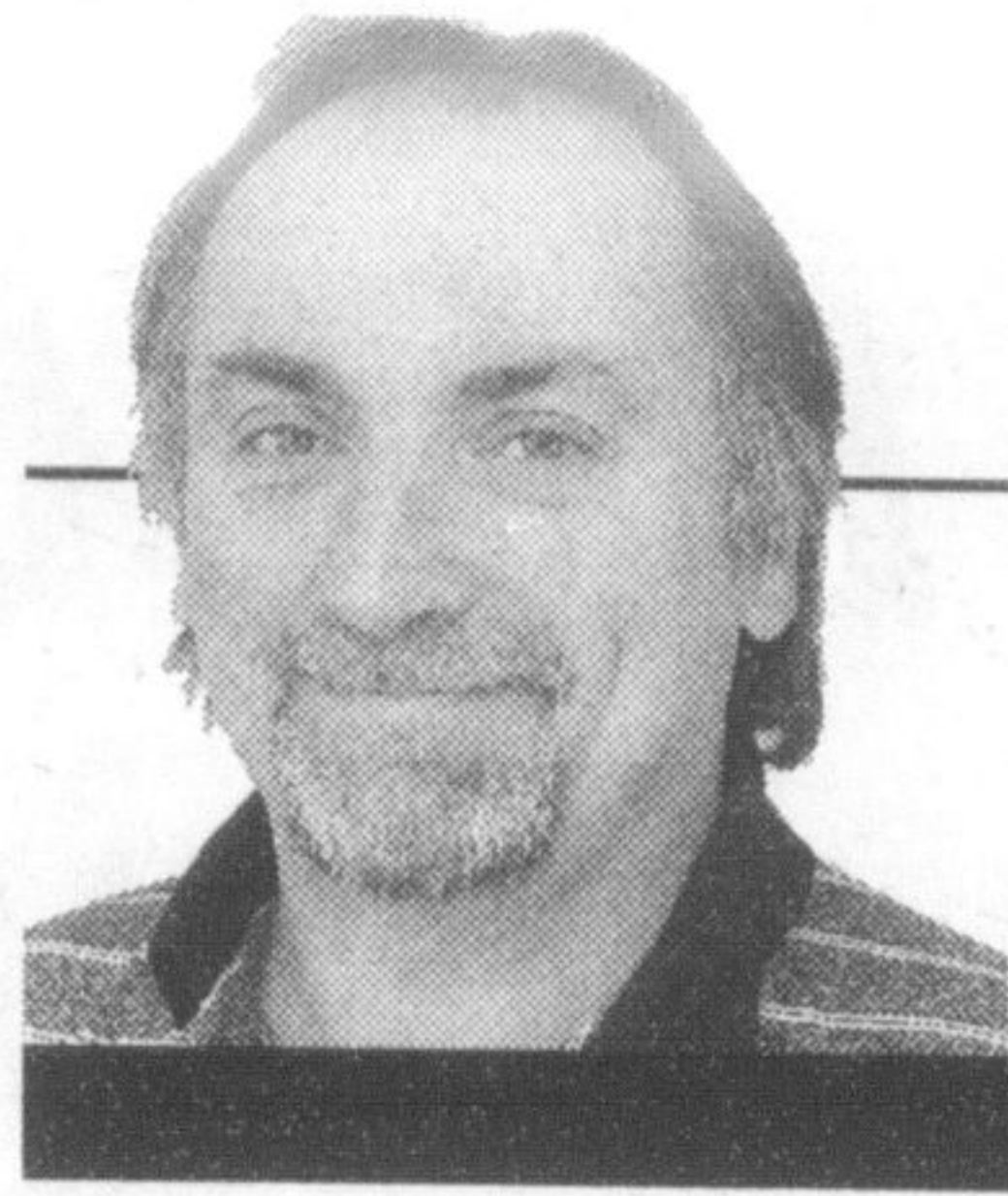
I like complaints, which is why the first place I turn to when I get this newspaper is the letters section. Occasionally, a thank you will slip in there, usually from a fundraising event, but I skip right over those because they're no fun.

Maybe it has something to do with enjoying other people's misery. I'm hoping that's not all it is and that it's not just me who likes that kind of thing because then I'd have to wonder more about myself, and the sign therapy is already too expensive.

Somebody in Tuesday's Champion complained about the lack of opinion coming from the newspaper on issues affecting Milton — a complaint about the lack of complaining, in other words.

I know from experience that when I complain about something serious in this column, people tend to complain about me.

So do it yourself. Write a letter. It seems to me you're doing a fine job. Few issues go unchallenged. And if there's anything more



On the loose

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to that red wagon story, keep it coming.

People are unlikely to make the effort to write a letter to the newspaper unless it's something that's bothering them quite a bit, or if something goes bad that was good in the first place.

Let me think of an example. Okay, every time I hear Father Mark Curtis sing, which has been at the opening of various events this summer, or at the Marauders football games, I'm thinking, gee he can really belt it out.

Do I write a letter to the Champion saying that Father Mark Curtis is a great singer?

I don't think so. But if he went rapper on us, changed his name to Father Ice Cube Curtis and started adding swear words to the national anthem, The Champion would have to put out a special edition to handle the complaints.

I started out this column thinking I'd make a list of things not to complain about in Milton, but I'm already more than half way through, so it's too late for that.

We all know this is a pretty good place to live for the most part, or else we wouldn't live here. I bet people living in Hawaii have complaints about things, too, but they're not moving either.

When we do have something to complain about, we don't want somebody diminishing the value of our complaint, even though we could do that virtually every time.

Fourth Line is closed? At least Fifth Line isn't.

Got a ticket for parking on the street? At least they didn't tow you.

A backwards sign driving you nuts? Look at it through a mirror. Lose every cent you ever owned on a bad investment? Okay, maybe not that one, but you get the idea.

We all have complaints. Whenever that particular situation is rectified, we just move on to something else. You might have complaints about finances until you win the lottery. You think rich people are less whiny than the rest of us?

I wouldn't mind finding out, but the ones I know complain as much or more.

As for me, I hope they don't fix the backwards sign, because then all that therapy would be for nothing and I'd have to find something else to complain about.

Golfers, sponsors sought for tourney

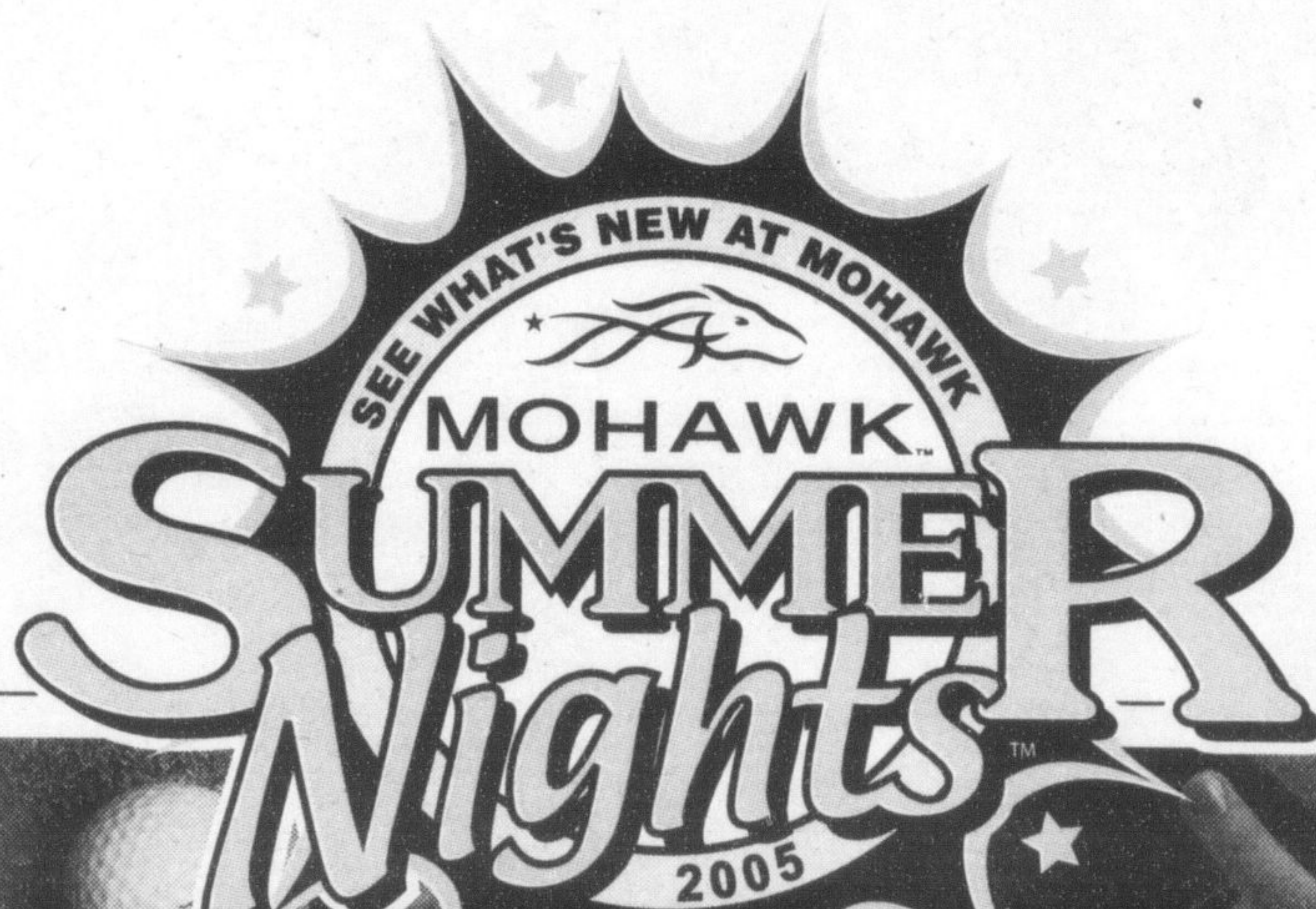
The Prosperity One Charitable Foundation will hold its 21st annual golf tournament in support of local registered charities.

The event will take place September 13 at Burlington Springs Golf and Country Club, and the cost to participate is \$125 per person. Each ticket includes a golf cart, green fees, dinner and prizes. Arrival time is noon, shotgun start is at 1 p.m. sharp and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Prosperity One, which has an office in Milton, is also looking for event sponsors, and offers four levels of sponsorship. Gold sponsorship is a donation of \$1,000; silver is a donation of \$500; bronze is a donation of \$250 and donations of \$100 are Tee Sponsors.

All sponsors will be recognized in the Prosperity One program and tax receipts will be issued for cash contributions. In addition, advertising will be posted at all four branches of Prosperity One to acknowledge sponsors. Donations for a silent auction and/or prize table are also needed.

The deadline for registration and payment is August 12.



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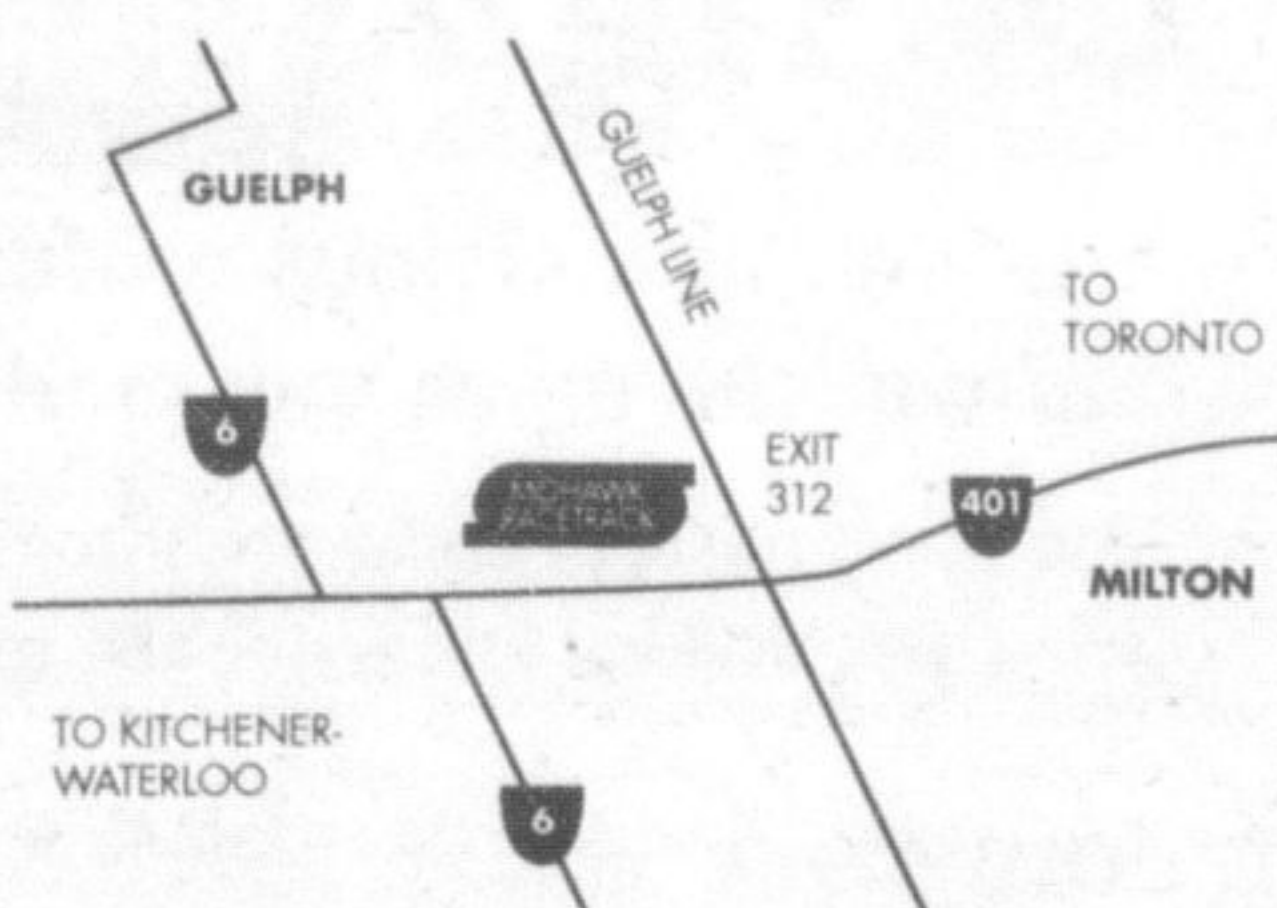
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