

# Hey Milton — let's go big with some new festivals

I think I've attended just about every event Milton has had this summer. At least every one I could walk to with my granddaughter, which I think is all of them.

Most of the time it was too hot to stick around for long. Just long enough to make sure we got a balloon.

My granddaughter liked the thing they had at Victoria Square for kids. I forget the name, but they had Clifford the Big Red Dog there and we were both pretty excited about that. And we both got balloons. While Milton does an excellent job of putting on these shows and festivals, and while they're great for families, none of them are putting us on the world stage.

Do we need to be on a bigger stage? Certainly not, but it might be fun, so I've come up with some suggestions.

## Dolly Parton Festival

Collingwood has its Elvis Festival, but I bet we'd get more people to this. I know what you're thinking, but it doesn't have to be Dolly Parton, just anybody recognizable. Um, say, Pamela Anderson would work, too.



## On the loose

with MURRAY TOWNSEND

### Fatso Festival

Seriously, what do they have for fat people? The food concessions alone would make a killing. And can you imagine the competition at the pic-eating contest? I think I'd have a chance to win.

### Balloon and Cartoon Festival

My granddaughter likes balloons. That's a good enough reason

for me. Plus, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Bob the Builder and Dora the Explorer, and all those type of mascot thingies would be a big hit with the kids. No Barney though, please.

### Renaissance Festival

Oh yeah, we tried that. But seriously, Jennifer Smith, I never went. I didn't know where it was, how much it cost, what was there, or whether I could get my granddaughter a balloon. Is that my fault or the fault of the promoters? A little of both, I guess.

### William Hung Festival

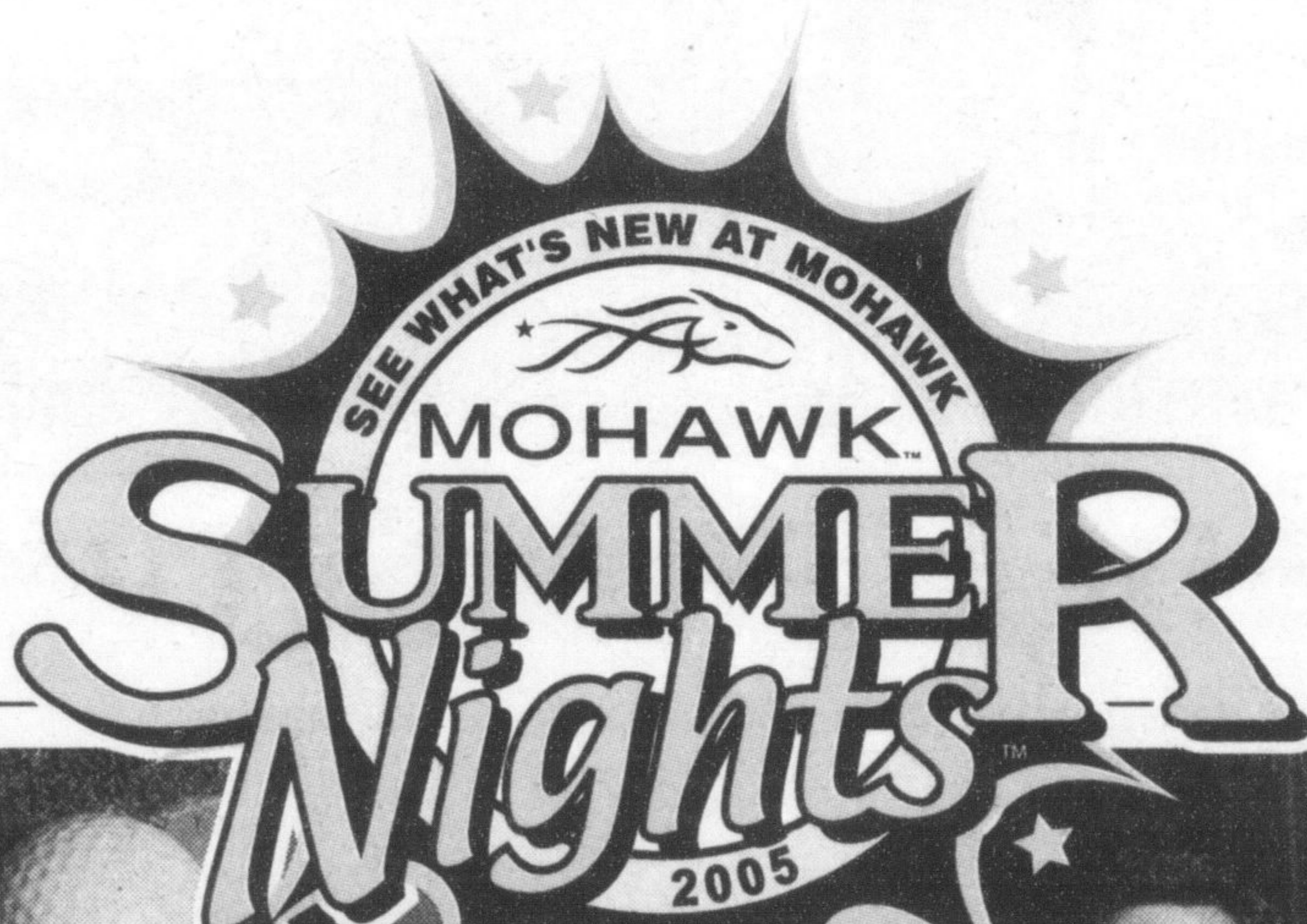
The most entertaining thing on those Idol competitions is the terrible singers that try to qualify at the auditions. People love that stuff. A competition for Canada's worst singer would draw big crowds.

### War Festival

I've seen news coverage of this rock-paper-scissors competition. This would be better. You know how to play war — two cards, high card wins. You could easily get 10,000 people to put up 10 bucks for a chance to win \$100,000 on the turn of a card. Speaking of cards, my daughter was in Las Vegas playing poker at the Bellagio, and who walks by and gives her a nod and a smile? None other than Gus Hansen. Cool, eh?

### Disco Festival

Whatever happened to disco music anyway? People still love it, I'm sure. You could pack upward of 50,000 people into the fairgrounds for Miltonstock. Headliners, if they're still alive, could include Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, and Earth Wind and Fire.



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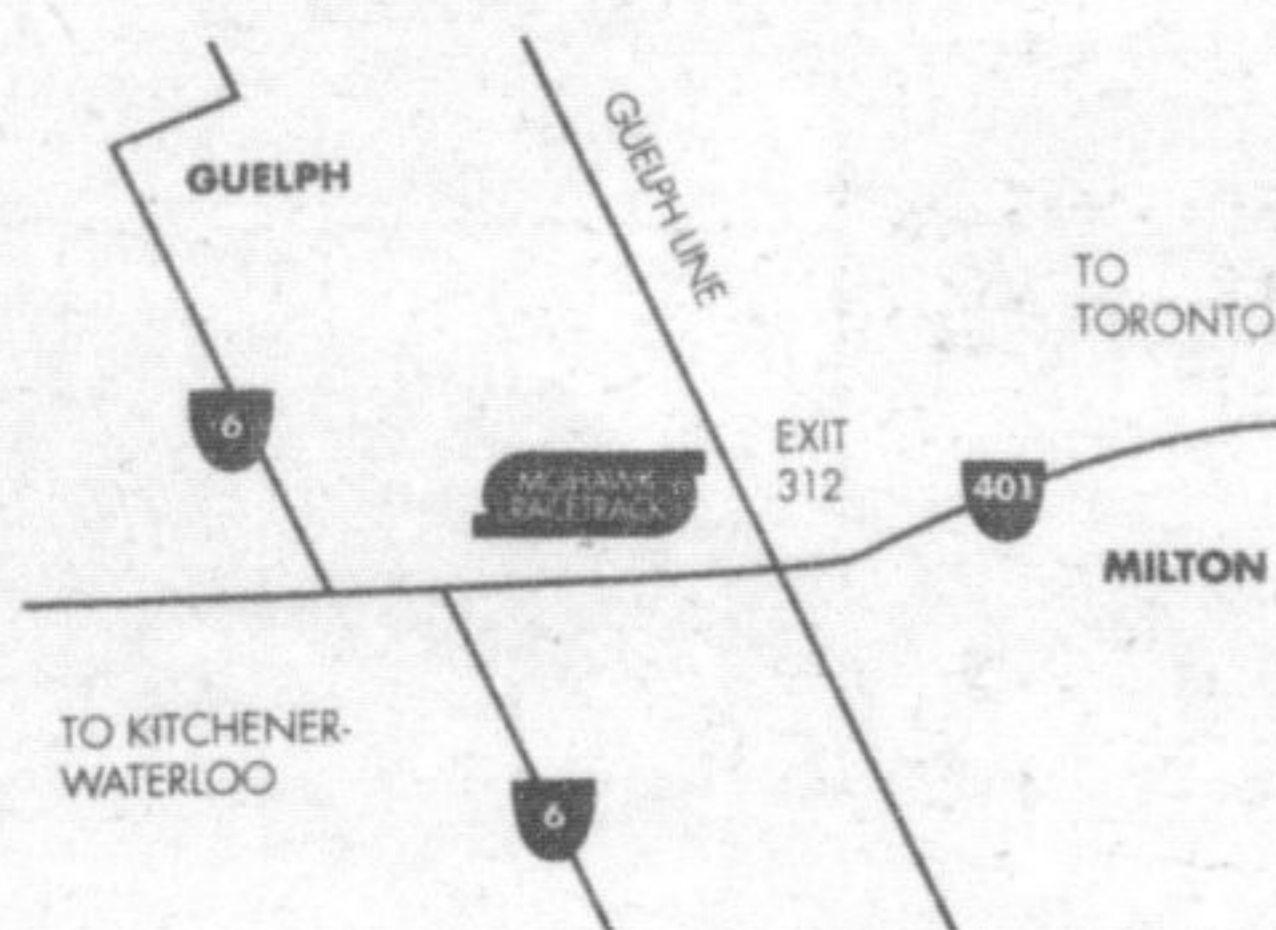
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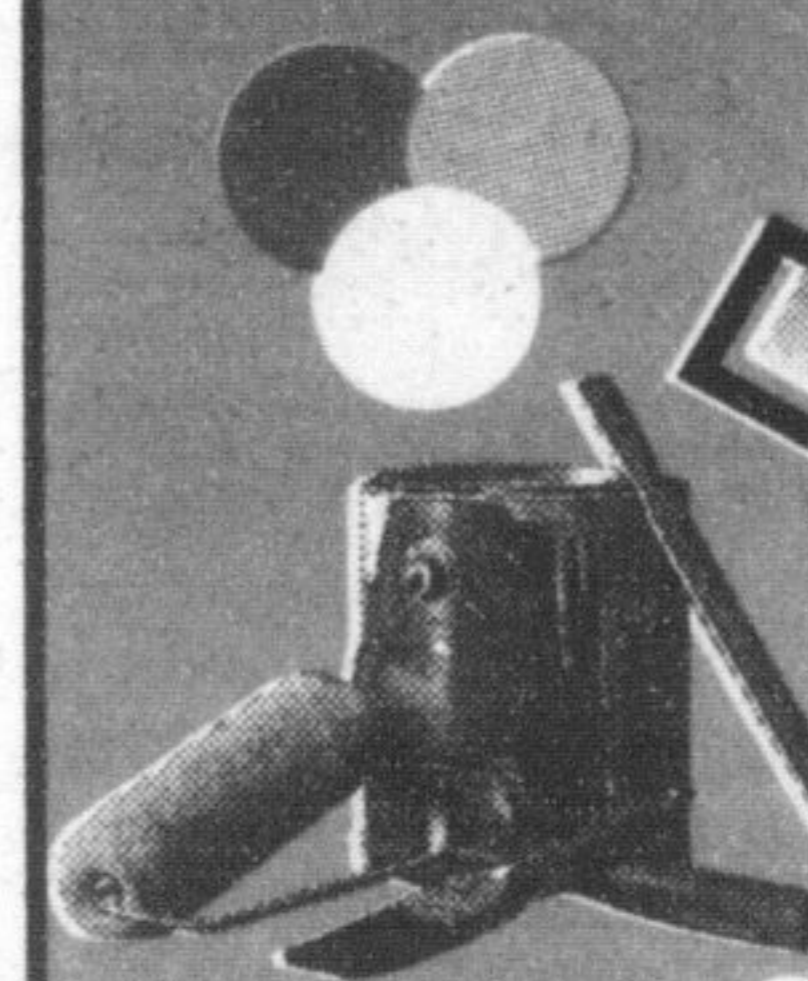
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