

Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund needs a really big boost

The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund for the local Salvation Army is getting off to a slow start, and organizer Sheena Cameron is worried.

"It's not looking very good," said Cameron, who's been organizing the fundraiser since the beginning, about 25 years ago.

But she's optimistic Miltonians will recognize the need that exists and meet it.

So far, the fund has collected \$2,690.86, which is a combina-

tion of 10 donations from the public, plus money raised by The Champion throughout the year for events including dress down days and barbecues.

The goal this year is \$25,000. "It's so no family goes without a turkey dinner and every kid and teen gets a gift," Cameron said.

Last year, \$21,418 was collected.

What would go a long way toward meeting the goal would be for local companies to make

donations, Cameron said.

But, she added, every gift, no matter how small, is appreciated.

Residents can drop off money donations at the office of The Champion, 875 Main St. E., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

There are also two bins ready to collect new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items.

Donations will be collected until December 21.

Most criminals not as lazy: police

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the vehicle drove away, Hodgson said.

It was last seen heading southbound on Trafalgar Road. Hodgson said he doesn't recall ever hearing of a drive-through robbery, in Halton or anywhere else.

"Most of our criminals aren't as lazy," he said.

The employee did what he should have, he added — he gave the thugs what they wanted, which is what he advises anyone in a similar situation.

"Just hand over the money and make as good an observation as you can," he recommended.

Although Miltonians can expect more robberies as the town grows, Hodgson said this was an isolated incident and shouldn't incite fear.

"It's still a very, very safe community in Halton, and Milton in particular," he said.

The driver is described as a black male with a deep voice. He was wearing a dark mask and a dark-coloured hooded

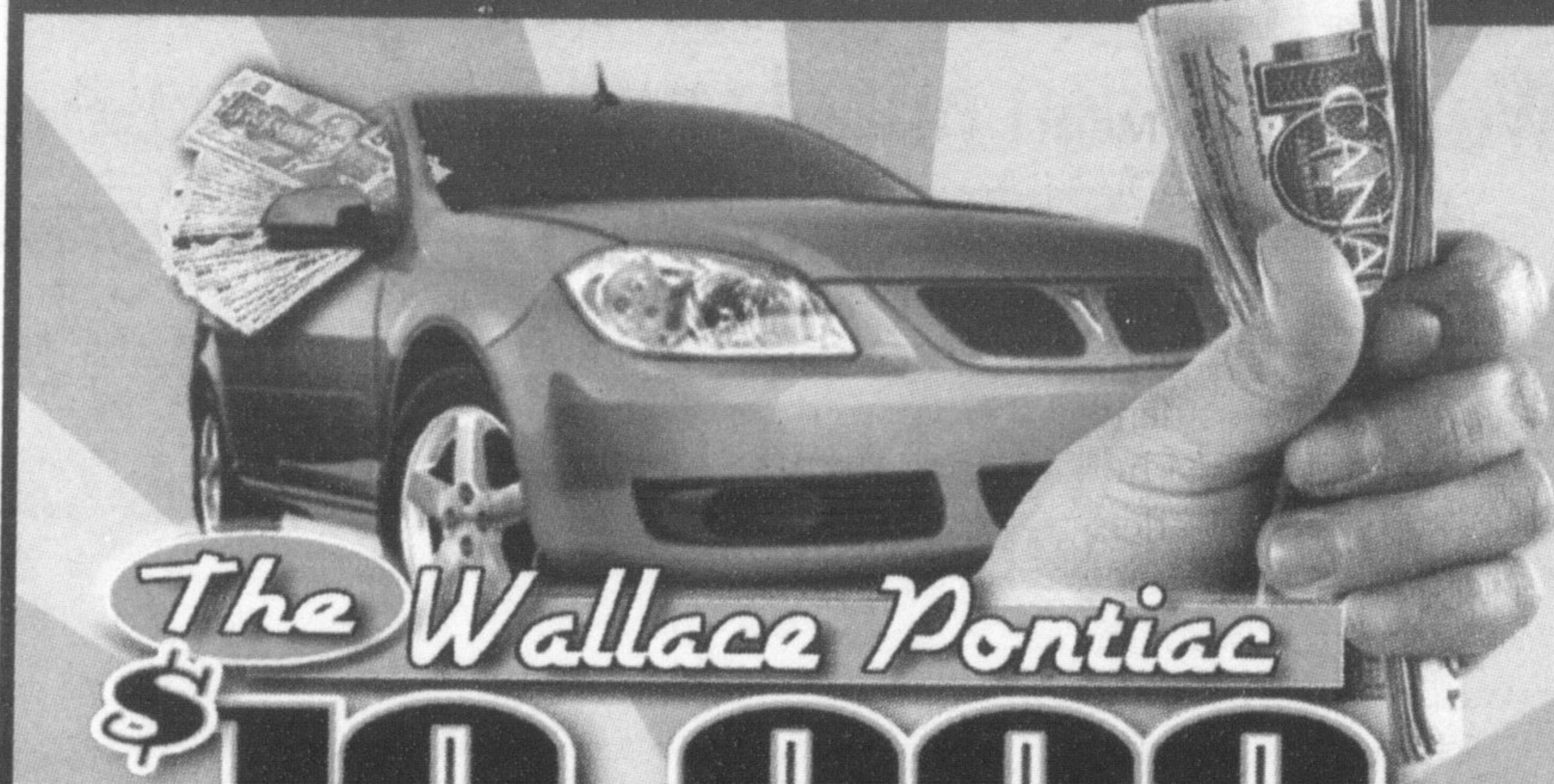
sweatshirt.

The passenger can only be described as male. They were driving a silver, four-door vehicle, possibly a Pontiac.

Police are asking anyone with information — no matter how seemingly insignificant — to call the Milton Criminal Investigations Bureau at (905) 825-4777 or (905) 634-1831, ext. 2415, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

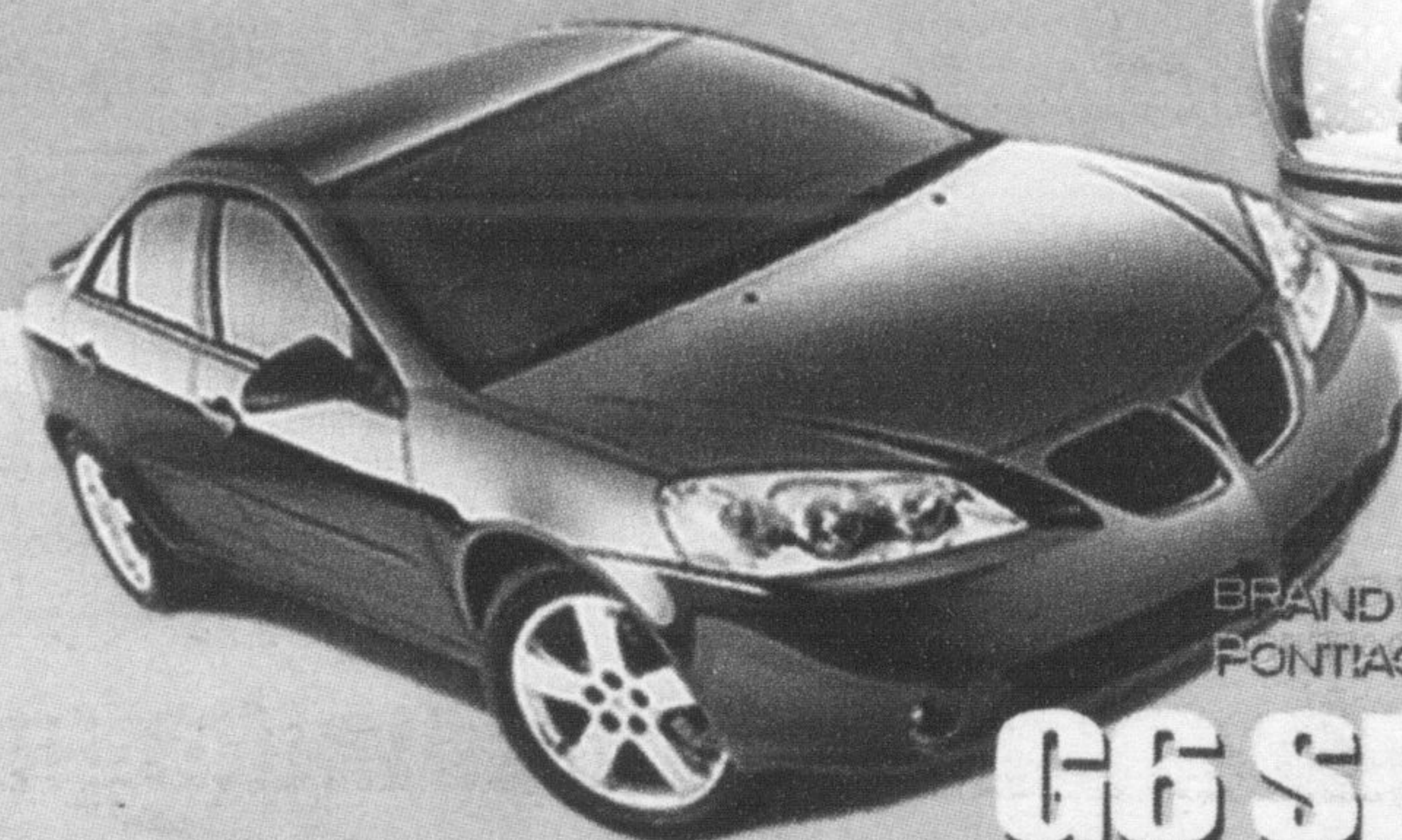
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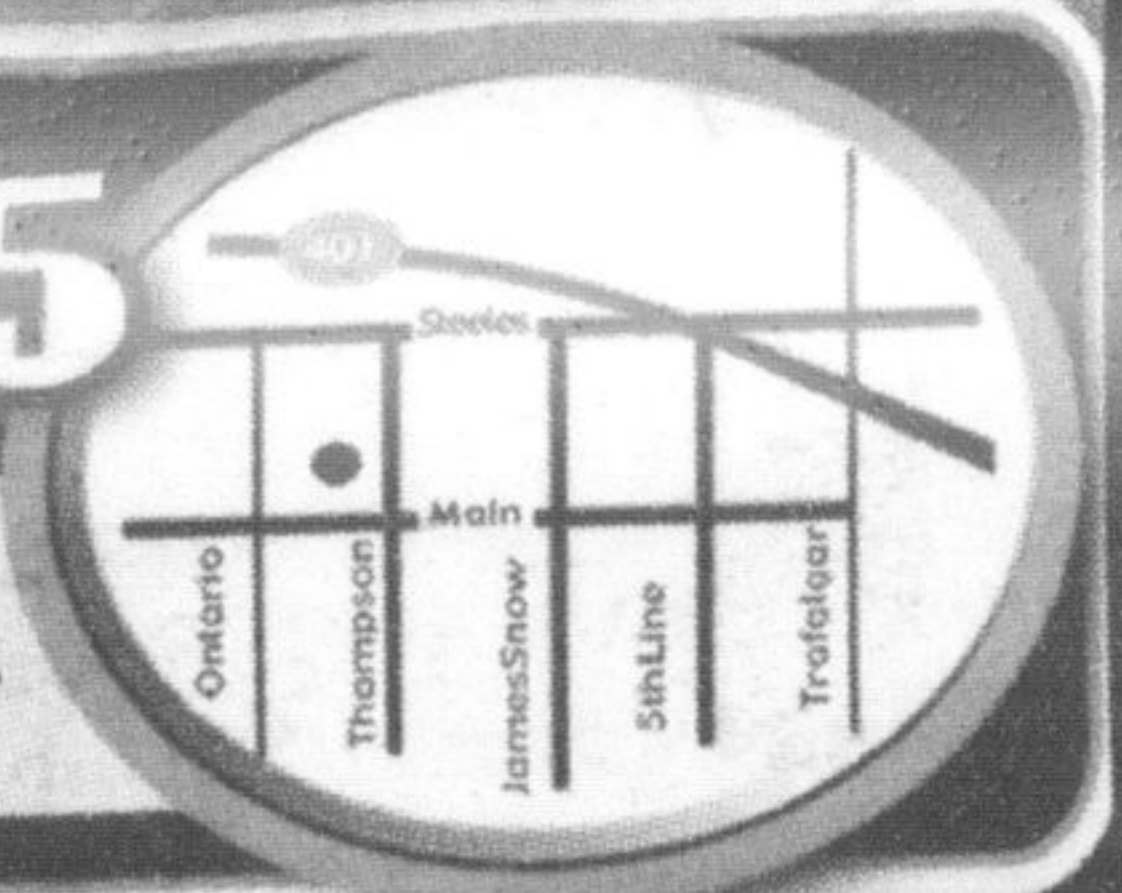
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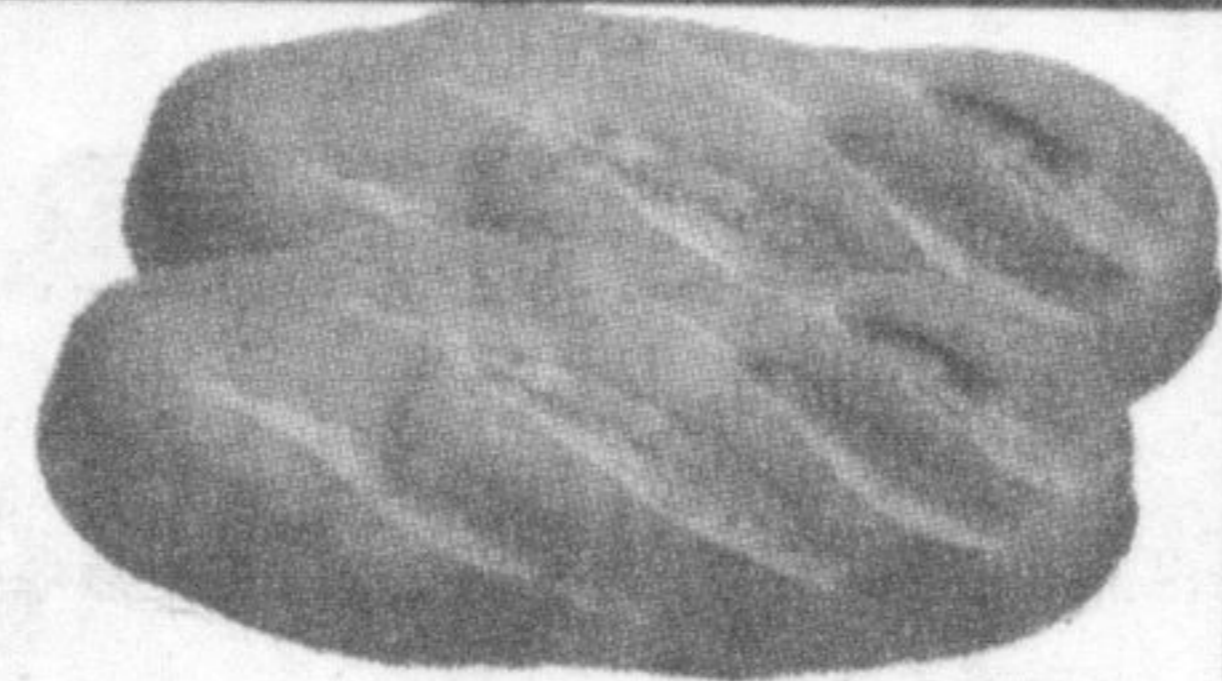
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