

# ReadersWrite

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## Cats have right to go outdoors

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to the recent letter by Keith Timbers criticizing certain cat owners. The letter can't go unchallenged.

Believe it or not, this "touchy subject" — letting cats outdoors — has been broached many, many times.

So has the issue of dogs running free and not being on a leash. What to do?

Every creature deserves its share of fresh air, sunshine and the smell of green grass — even cats.

It's admirable that Mr. Timbers disposes of the 'crap' — his term — deposited by his

chocolate lab after its carefree romps through the fairgrounds.

Unfortunately, some dog owners don't have his fortitude to track down and pick up their dogs' 'crap' left in a park, school grounds or wood lot.

Respect for other people's property notwithstanding, the trees and shrubs on the boulevards and in foundation plantings are copiously watered each and every day, multiple times by multiple dogs. What to do?

A combination of small lot frontages, long leashes (or none at all) and numerous dogs doesn't make anyone's property immune.

Over the years we have had mature fruit trees, flowering shrubs, vines and rose bushes destroyed by raccoons, rabbits and even squirrels. What to do?

As for his "squashed on a street" remark — regarding roaming cats — that's simply silly. Every living thing crosses the street at some time or another.

There are many serious problems and issues in the world today that need healthy and serious debate. This criticism of outdoor cats is just pettiness. Live and let live, Mr. Timbers.

ROBERTA ROISELLO  
MILTON

## Poor planning for vaccination clinics

DEAR EDITOR:

I was wondering what Halton and Milton officials are expecting when the H1N1 vaccination to the general public kicks off with only one vaccination clinic for more than 70,000 people in Milton.

It's very difficult to imagine the traffic jams and lines that will go around several blocks. Do they think that people aren't eager to get vaccinated?

Can't they learn from what happened in Toronto or yet from what happened in Oakville when only the high-risk people lined up, creating huge traffic problems and hours of waiting?

Simple math: If they expect to have everyone vaccinated in, let's say, 10 days, that means 7,000

people per day, 875 people per hour, 15 people per minute. Is it difficult to imagine the problems? Is there anyone who would agree that this "clinic schedule to ensure the most efficient and effective administration of vaccines to residents," as it says on the Halton Region website, is really efficient and effective?

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Ontario's chief public health officer, and Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq should resign immediately due to their incompetence, and so should the health officials of Milton and Halton.

HESLEY TOMAZETTI  
MILTON

## Grocery store not the place to have a walk-in clinic

DEAR EDITOR:

Like everyone else, I've been blitzed with the media frenzy over the H1N1 virus and it's potentially deadly results.

So bearing that in mind, maybe my fellow Miltonians can enlighten me as to why we have a medical walk-in clinic at the Loblaw Superstore.

It baffles me as to why our officers of health would want to

expose our healthy shoppers to an atmosphere of sick people.

Before the clinic opens in the morning you can see the line of sick people, mere feet from the cashiers. If this doesn't defy logic, I don't know what does. Who ever heard of putting sick people in a store where you sell food?

And how about the exposure to the poor staff at Loblaw? Do

they and their families not deserve consideration?

Are we trying to prevent the spread of this potentially deadly virus or not?

Come on Milton, get in the game. This is worth fighting to change. Write your councillor and voice your opposition to this stupidity.

JOHN SERVOS  
MILTON

## Beer drinking at Evergreen cemetery resumes; some found drunk there

*'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.*

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We are informed that the beer-drinking of last summer, in the new (Evergreen) cemetery, reported then in the *Champion*, has been resumed, that the beer is brought in milk cans from the brewery, that it is consumed in the caretaker's toolhouse and that some of the drinkers have been drunk there. The excessive drinking is bad enough but in this case taking the scene of it into account, desecration is added.

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Town Council: Waterworks extension passed last year be carried out as follows: Robert St. from Ruddy's corner to Wm. Hamilton's; Prince St. from Jas. Weir's house to Bruce St. and Oak St. from Pine to Bruce. In Bousfield's survey the hydrant will be removed to the corner of Court St. and a two-inch pipe laid to corner of Woodward Ave.

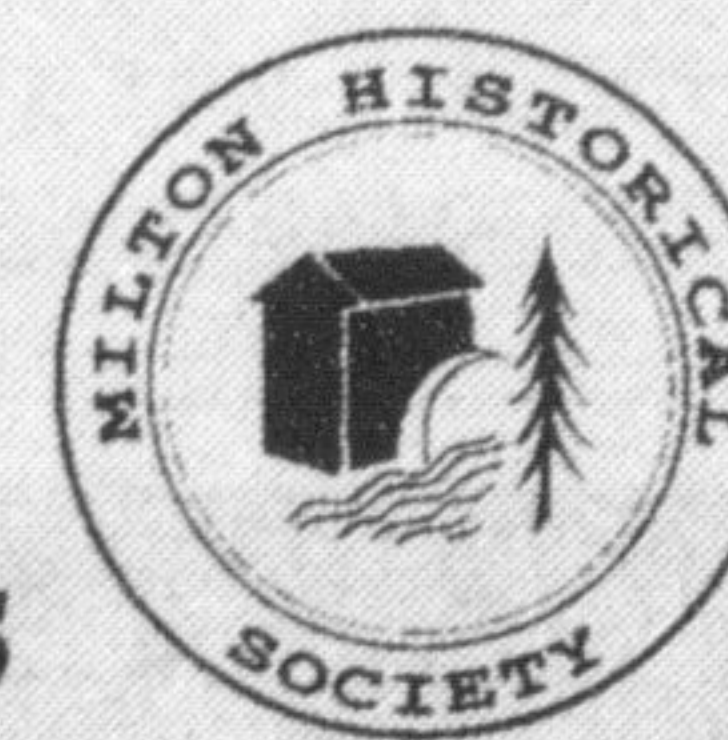
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The tenders for the proposed new Registry Office were not opened on Monday as had been arranged. Contractors were not ready. There is dissatisfaction here with the specifications. It had been expected that the building would be stone to match the court house. The specifications call for brick walls with a six inches facing of Credit Valley stone, the trimmings to be of artificial stone, such as that of the Roman Stone Co. The foundation is to be brick.

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The July 12 Orange Demonstration next Monday is in Milton. The procession will form up in Victoria Park at 1 p.m. and march west on Mary St. to Bronte St., north

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on Bronte to Main, east on Main to Martin and north on Martin to Livingston Park where addresses will be delivered. A special train will start from Oakville for Milton at 10:15. This is its time table: Oakville, 10:15; Bronte 10:25; Burlington Jct., 10:40; Tansley 10:50; Ash, 11 Returning will leave Milton at 5:30 p.m.

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The central office of the Bell Telephone Co. has been painted and decorated and the unsightly old verandah has been removed from its front. There are several verandahs on Main Street. They are relics of the earlier history of Milton and it may be on this account that their owners have not demolished them.

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Messrs. French and Wright, a deputation from Etobicoke, appeared before council to discuss the proposed radial electric line, Toronto to Milton, through the townships of Etobicoke, Toronto and Trafalgar. Mr. French said the proposal had been submitted to the Hydro-Electric Commission, who had promised that if the three townships and Milton asked them to do so they would survey the proposed line, making no charge for doing so.

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The rails have been laid on the C.N.R. electric railway from Toronto to Georgetown and the work will soon be done as far as Acton. Date of opening not announced.

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