

## Police starting patrols to keep parks problemless

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It is a majestic scene. A stream trickles through the forest surrounds the area and it seems like a perfect spot for a picnic.

crushed pop cans and the remains of fast food dinners. Garbage bins chained to a nearby guardrail are seldom used.  
In fact a practical joker will frequently heap his garbage beside the can.

This is Henderson Park, one of several town-owned parks in Milton. There are no picnic tables, for the simple reason the \$200 plus tables are usually pulled apart and used for firewood.

The scene is no different from past years and is unfortunately a common sight in the many popular "drinking holes" surrounding the countryside.

Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Area, Hilton Falls, and areas of Campbellville are among some of the more frequented spots.

Damage as a result of the vandalism has tallied in the thousands of dollars each year and as a result some parks, including Henderson Park were actually closed last year when local authorities and police were no longer able to cope with the problems.

Halton Regional Police hope to prevent similar closures this year and perhaps prevent a lot of the headaches with the introduction of a special park patrol now in effect.

One month ago, several members of the Milton detachment submitted a written report to police headquarters suggesting two two-man police cars for weekend park patrol.

Manpower limitations however have prevented the availability of an exclusive park unit, but police are instead assigning a general unit used for radar, spot checks etc. for policing parks on weekends.

Three officers will operate throughout the region, spending time in a specific town or area each weekend. The patrol will be used as is required, according to police authorities.

"We are trying to respond to the needs as they come up," said Halton Regional Police Staff Inspector Matt McPherson.

"But no police force has the number necessary to curtail this completely."

The arrival of good weather has a lot of large parties staying out into the early morning hours or even overnight, he said.

Halton Regional Police are hoping to secure some financial help from the public to once again run a mounted patrol unit in Lions Valley Park south of Highway Five.

Last year a two-man unit using horses from a nearby stable patrolled the area for a one month period, resulting in one dozen arrests and charges.

The mounted unit was credited with making the park a place for families to visit again and not just a drinking spot for teenagers.

According to police the second half of the present park problem lies with weak town-by-laws.

"They are non-existent as far as I am concerned," said one constable who suggested the town of Milton as one example should set much tougher laws.

Although present liquor laws prevent any individual from drinking in other than a licensed public place, Milton is the only area where beer is allowed in the parks, said police.



Picnic remains. Smashed beer bottles throughout the park don't leave it fit for anybody to walk through. Police say half of the problem lies with weak town by-laws that permit beer in the parks.



Not a pretty sight. Garbage bins chained to the guardrail are rarely used. Instead debris is strewn through the park and parking lot area. This scene is commonplace at Henderson Park, off Lower Base Line Rd. Excessive damage last year to the park forced its closure, but police hope this year a park patrol will discourage drinking parties.

## Three jailed for beating

Three men have been jailed, and a fourth acquitted, on assault causing bodily harm in the April 12 beating of a Milton man.

Provincial Court Judge D.V. Latimer rejected testimony of the four men, who had been charged with wounding, that a fight which left Gary Ward, 30, with a deep gash to the head, had erupted spontaneously over car parts and children.

Leo Felora, 24, of Toronto was found guilty of the lesser charge of assault causing bodily harm, as were John Griffon, 27, and David Haslam, 28, both of Milton.

Felora was sentenced to five months in jail after telling the court he had punched Ward. Griffon received a three month jail term for his part in the assault when he told the court he had kicked Ward while Ward and the others fought in a kitchen.

Haslam, who was jailed for two months, told the court he had watched the fight take place.

A fourth man, Henry Krause, 21, of Milton, was let go by Judge Latimer after the court ruled he had not actually taken part in the beating.

Ward, who works for a car dealership in Milton, was attacked after the four charged showed up at his residence.

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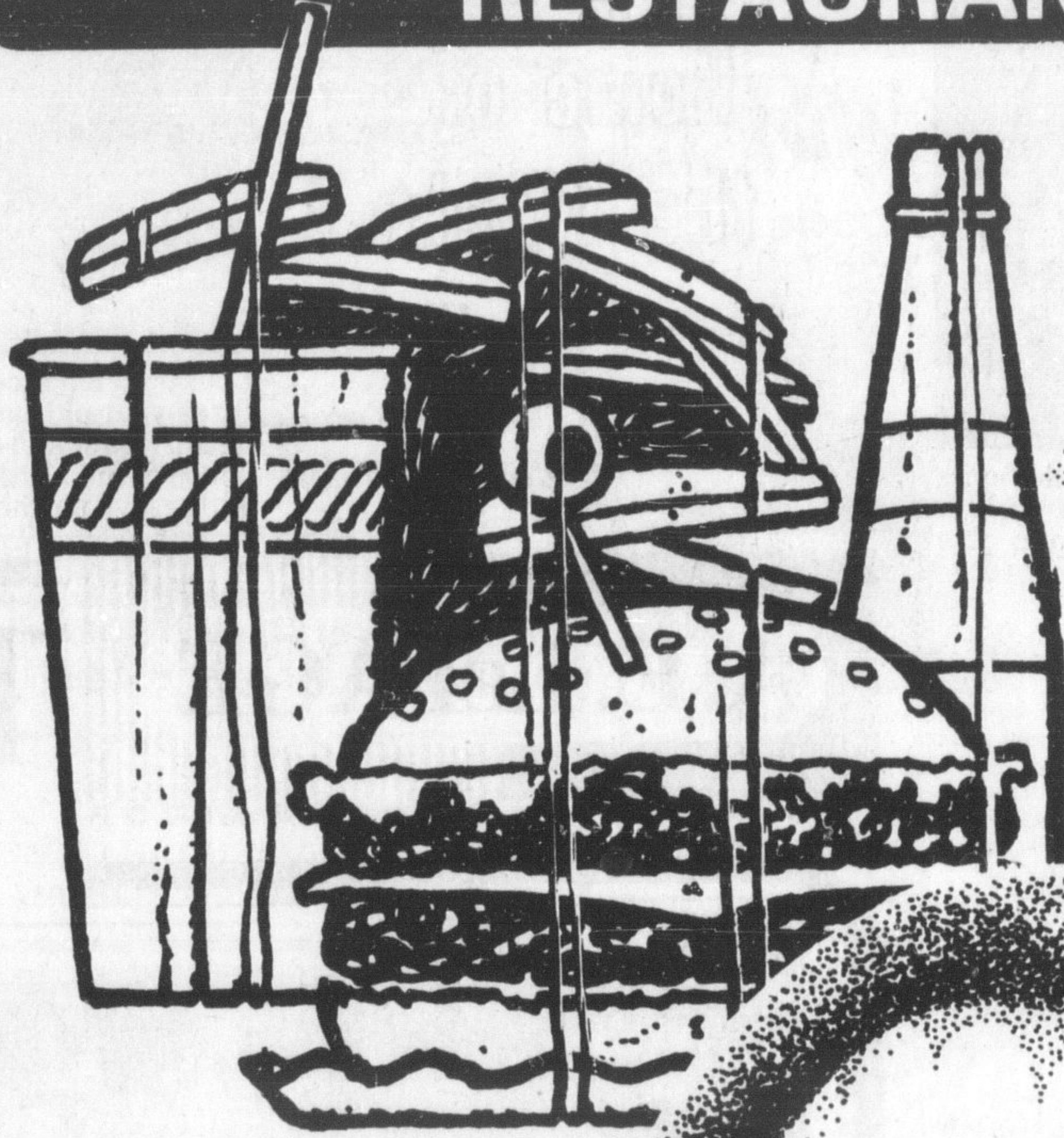
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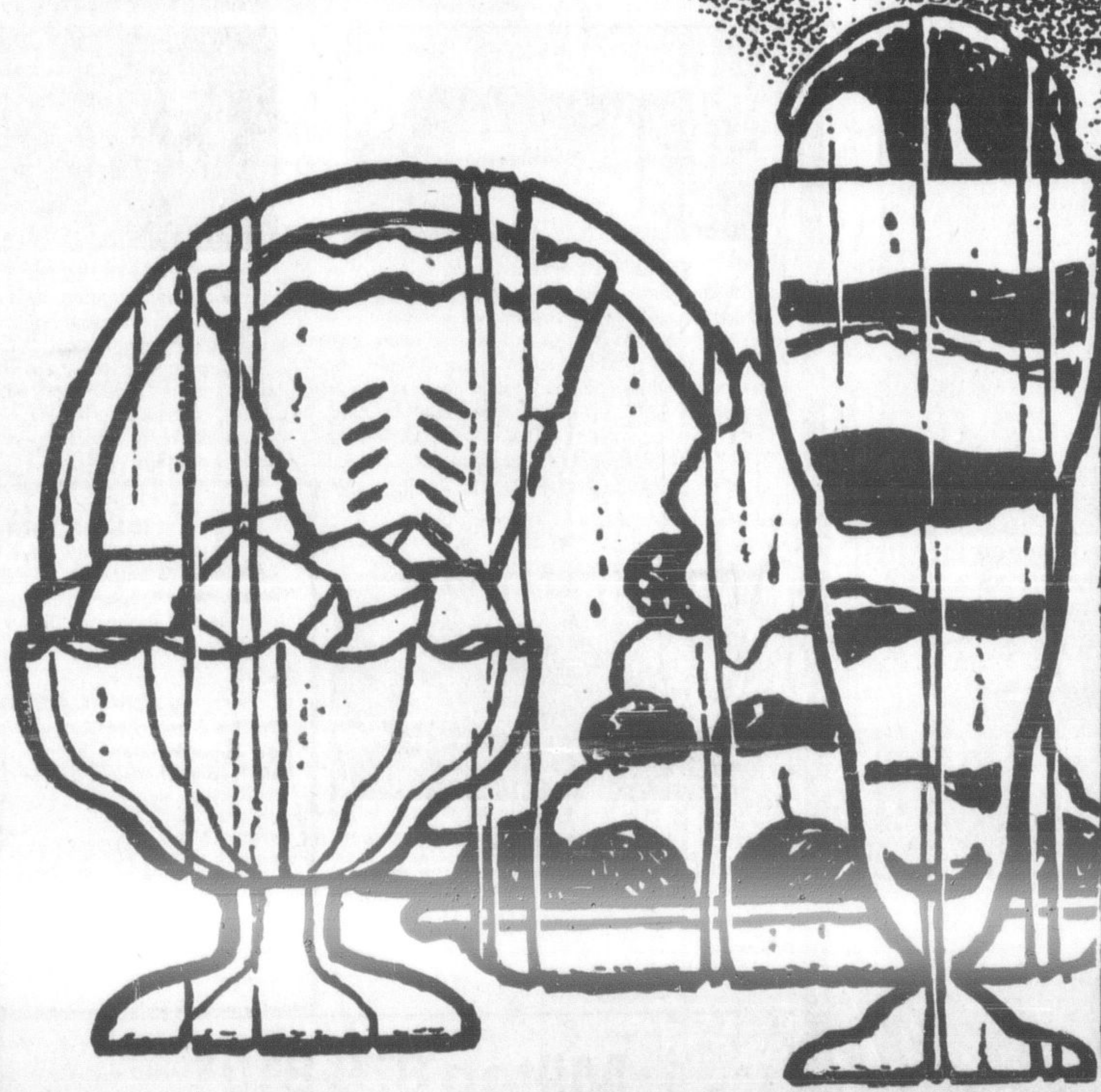
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