

Look out for counterfeit money

Fake \$100 bills making the rounds around Halton

Halton retail businesses have been victims of at least two recent counterfeit scams involving both Canadian and U.S. fake money.

Phony Canadian \$100 banknotes have been passed in Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown stores this year, and last autumn fake U.S. \$100 bills were passed in Burlington.

One of these latest efforts to prey upon the business community seems to involve colour photocopying or laser photocopying genuine banknotes, while the other is the more traditional printing process.

The processes for making photocopied and printed counterfeit money mark bills with characteristics that make them distinguishable from genuine currencies, and knowing what clues to look for can literally save businesses cash.

Easily the best method of checking a suspicious banknote is to compare it with one known to be genuine. A simple examination of a suspect bill against a real one will reveal whether it was printed by federal authority or by some casual counterfeiter. Ask your bank for new bills, then look for differences, rather than similarities, if you come across a suspect bill.

If a bill of the same denomination as the suspect one cannot be obtained, ask for a two dollar bill because counterfeiters seldom consider them worth copying.

All the printing on Canadian banknotes is clear and of

excellent quality. The portrait is lifelike, with fine detail. Some of the printing is raised above the surface of the paper, and can be detected by running a finger over it. Counterfeit bills, especially photocopied ones, are flat.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of Canadian banknotes is the small green discs or planchettes scattered through the paper. They can be tested two ways; they can be picked off the paper, and they glow when exposed to ultra-violet light. Attempts to remove simulated planchettes will damage phony bills no matter how they are created.

Tiny printing on Canadian bills is also a special feature that has been used recently to foil photocopiers. On the five dollar banknote, for instance, there are waves of small "5" numerals running through the Coat of Arms. Most photocopiers cannot pick up such details.

A more recent innovation for Canadian banknotes appears in the new \$50 bill. It features a small square of thin film that reflects green from one angle and gold from another.

The portrait on genuine U.S. bills is sharp and clear. The figure is separate from the background. Portraits on fake bills are usually of poor quality, lacking in detail, and the figure blends into the background.

On American bills, two seals flank the portrait; to the right is the U.S. Treasury Seal and on the left is the Federal Reserve Seal. The treasury seal is embossed, the saw-toothed points are even, clear and sharp while the stars in the chevron are well defined.

On phony bills, the saw-toothed points can be uneven



Photo by JON BLACKER

Keeping tabs

E.W. Foster School students are collecting pop can tabs in conjunction with an environmental project sponsored by Domino's Pizza. The company will provide funds for the school to purchase a wheelchair when the collection reaches one million. Students are asking for the public's help. Tabs can be dropped off at the school or arrangements can be made for them to be picked up.

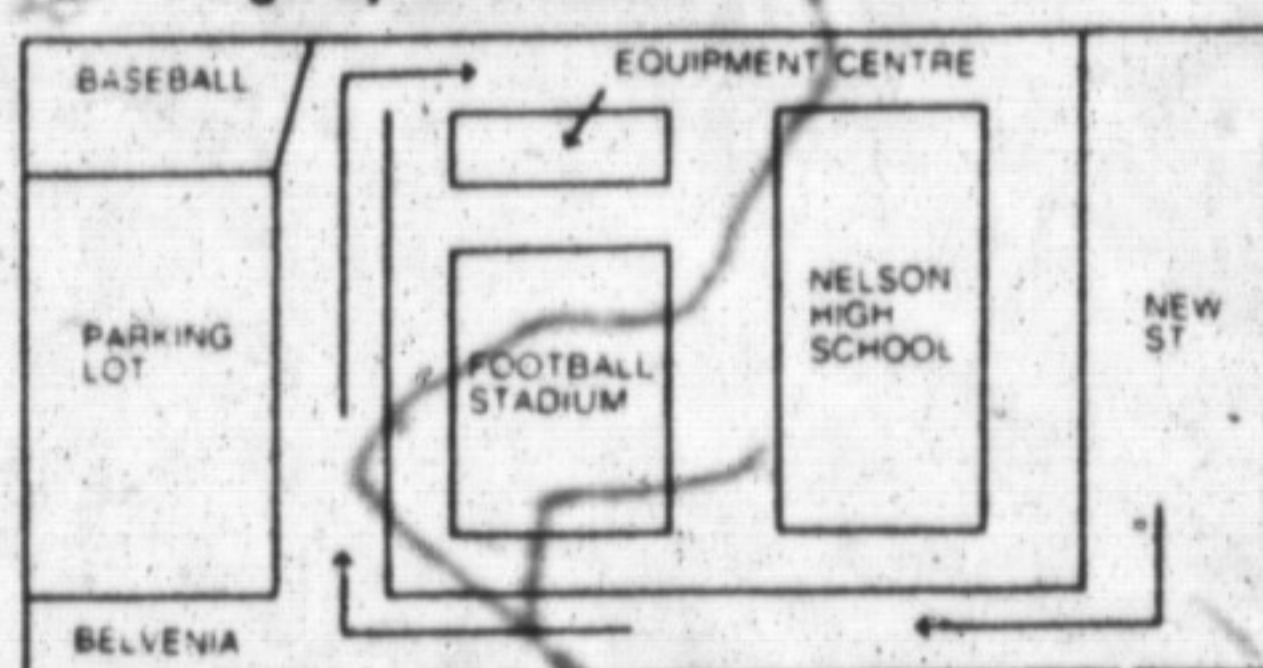
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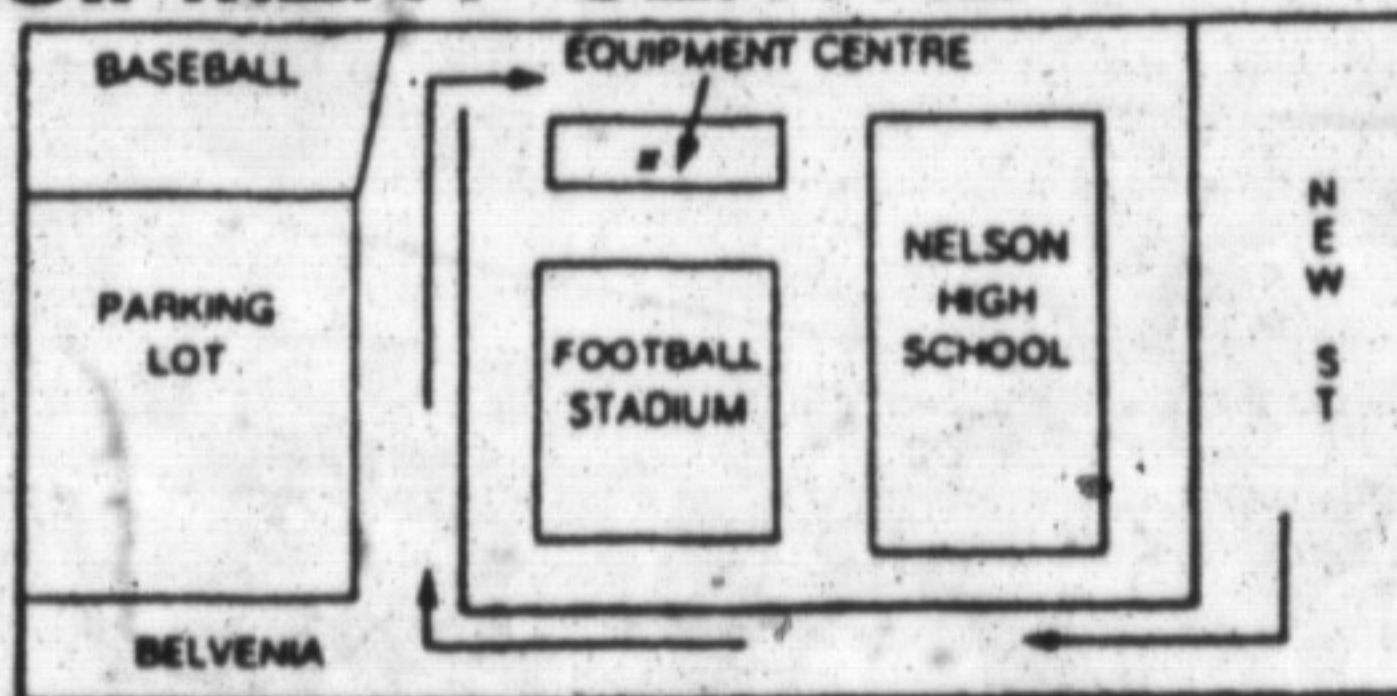
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