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Call for GTA reform draws mixed reviews

by Glenn Hendry

Local politicians unanimously agree that changes to the powers of the Greater Toronto Area are needed but Premier Bob Rae's call for sweeping reforms to the workings of Canada's most powerful region is drawing mixed reviews.

Rae wants to set up a task force, headed up by Donald Macdonald (a former Liberal finance minister who spends his weekends in the Uxbridge area), to reform the mandate of local and regional government in the area, which stretches from Burlington to Bowmanville and north to Newmarket.

Some of the issues that will be addressed include changes to property and business taxes and school financing (a hot issue in Metro), integrated transit, the cutting of service duplication between different levels of government and possibly the re-drawing of municipal borders to create one super city.

Durham regional Chairman Gary Herrema agrees there should be some changes made, especially in the areas of integrated transit and duplication of services, but vows to fight any move "tooth and nail" to increase the GTA powers at the expense of local government.

"That's not acceptable. I don't want to see government further removed from the people," he said. "I don't know exactly what they're talking about but I do know I don't want more government."

Herrema said the idea of a super city will not win any support in Durham, especially in the rural areas.

Ajax Mayor Jim Witty agreed and conceded the task force may be "overly ambitious" in scope.

"There's certain cost-cutting measures, like eliminating some duplication of services, but,

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Anderson says no to detention centre expansion

by Kathleen Griffin

Regional councillor Roger Anderson says he'll use his "municipal powers to the fullest" to stop the expansion of a high-security detention centre for youths.

Anderson told Ajax council Monday residents near the Kennedy Youth Centre want assurances the expansion won't come closer than 400 feet from their homes.

"This is not just a little juvenile detention centre," said Anderson, who represents regional Wards 3 and 4.

"This is a high security detention centre — not for people who skip school," he said.

He also asked that Rotherglen Rd. residents be advised of any meetings the centre has regarding the expansion so they can stay informed.

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Media company buys Bay News

The Bay News has been sold and if the new publisher gets his way, there'll be a lot more community news reaching residents of Ajax and Pickering.

"We want to get out and cover the community," says Jim Middlemiss, the new publisher and president of Shoreline Newspapers Inc., which purchased The Bay News from P.B.N. Publishing Ltd. in late October.

"We've been quiet about our arrival until now so that there would be a smooth transition. Now it's time to make some noise and get to know the community better," says Middlemiss, a lawyer and journalist.

"The Bay News has been around a long time

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Year in Review

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Arthurs welcomes taskforce

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having said all that, I really think they're getting carried away."

Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs said progress has already been made on some of the possible changes, with task forces or commissions underway or completed on transit integration, property tax reform and education. Arthurs, however, welcomes the new task force, calling changes to the GTA system "necessary."

"There's strong recognition from the bottom up that the status quo can't stay forever. There has to be changes," he said. "It's necessary at many levels for the future prosperity of the Greater Toronto Area."

Arthurs said the whole area could benefit from a different set of priorities but noted, from a "parochial" standpoint, Pickering is in a very competitive position and in no hurry to make changes.

The Pickering mayor sees the possible integration of policing — there are five different police forces in the GTA — as one possible money saver, pointing out that policing eats up half the regional budget each year.

Herrema, who accused the premier of timing the announcement, with an election on the horizon, for political gains, said that any recommendations that come out of the task force will likely be minor in nature.



Mayor Wayne Arthurs

"I think you'll see some minor adjustments, not major adjustments. People will just not want to see that large a government," he said. "But what will happen, I don't know. I think we're all getting our act together quite well. (Rae's plan) is mostly political, not practical."

Arthurs doesn't see the idea that way, however, and doubted the plan will tip the scales of an election one way or the other.

"I don't see it as an election ploy. It's timely and it's been talked about for the past year; eighteen months," he said. "It's an important initiative to undertake. I don't think the

process will come up with anything tremendously new but it has the potential to create the type of debate necessary to implement changes and to put the wheels in motion to implement changes."

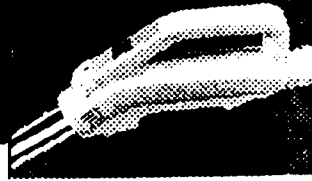
Herrema said the task force

should concentrate at areas like roads, economic development and planning. Durham and the local municipalities spent more than \$5 million on planning last year but the regional chairman noted there may be "turf wars" at the local level if there's a call to cut back on local planning powers.

A time frame for the task force has not been established but Rae said he doesn't want to see results coming forward in two or three years, only to sit on a Queen's Park closet — with a

number other GTA reform reports — to gather dust

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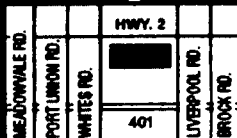
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Youth centre expansion draws fire

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The centre, on Rotherglen Rd. north of Rosland Rd., has been a thorn in council's side for some time.

While the expansion won't increase the number of youths at the centre, which is 23, it includes new dorms, a gymnasium, and additional classrooms that will increase the centre's size — and proximity — to local residents.

Council objected to the expansion initially but found their hands were tied after a divisional court ruling stated since the centre had been up

and running for more than a decade, they had the right to do as they chose with the land.

"They are proposing a higher security centre in the middle of what's going to be the future prestige development in Ajax," he said.

"The A-6 development is low-density, homes on 60 or 70-foot lots just to the north, and I don't think it's appropriate to re-develop that centre considering that," Anderson said after the meeting.

"We had the opportunity to appeal but council said no. So now all we can do is try to fight

the draft site proposal and use our municipal powers to make sure we do everything we can."

He even suggested a scheme where developers may consider trading lands in the area to ensure the centre's addition be as far away from residents as possible.

"They have to apply for a site plan process that will result in council slowing down the process as much as we can," he said. "The problem is if they don't agree they can take us

back to court."

Anderson said the problem is the zoning of the land has changed and now the town hopes to attract executives and other business people to the new upscale development.

"I realize it's been there a long time, but it will be much larger and far more secure than it is now," he said.

"These are not kids who break into houses, these are serious offenders committing severe crimes," he added.

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No tax hike for Pickering

by Glenn Hendry

Pickering will keep its collective election promise and come in with a zero tax increase budget this year.

Town council hacked and slashed at the staff recommended budget earlier this month and came within

\$423,000 of the magic number. Councillors met again Monday after a regular council meeting to pare further and when the dust had settled they had actually put the town in a tax reduction position.

The numbers still have to crunched further, a few reserve

accounts will have their funds juggled, and GST and PST is still to be added, so the final totals on the \$34.3 million budget will likely have the mill rate remain at the same level as last year, town manager Tim Sheffield said.

Most of Monday's final budget-cutting involved the juggling of funds. A \$171,494 transfer to a capital equipment fund was deleted and \$238,000 set aside from general accounts

to replace a street sweeper and salt dome will now come from vehicle reserve fund instead of the general levy. Council also added an additional \$50,000 to the expected revenue from outstanding license fees after reaching a tentative agreement with the receiver for the Metro East Trade Centre, who is in the hole to the town for more than \$350,000.

Councillors also added marginally to the budget by increasing the communications budget (for car phones, pagers and office equipment) to \$15,000 from \$10,430 and allowing for an \$7,900 increase in the Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Animal Control budget.

Councillors also shelved a \$600,000 planned expenditure for a park near the Pickering Recreation Complex until next year, although that money was scheduled to come from parkland reserve and the not the general levy.

The biggest project in this year's budget is the Claremont Community Centre, now pegged at approximately \$2.7 million. But the town's one-third share will come out of reserve accounts and not affect the mill rate. Two other large road projects — both partially funded by the federal and provincial governments — are the reconstruction of Fairport Road (sewers, curbs and sidewalks) at \$1,748,100 and the reconstruction of Spruce Hill Road, Strouds Lane and Welrus Street at \$1,726,700. The town's portion of both projects

will come from the general levy. Other road projects (totalling \$2,164,910) include \$425,000 for Hillcrest Road (Westshore Blvd. to Vicki Dr.), intersection improvements to Concession 5 at Brock Road (\$250,000), and \$150,000 for Pickering's share of a tri-party project (with the town of Ajax and developers) on Notion Road.

One road improvement deletion that drew debate Monday night was an deletion to improvements to Glendale Road, at a cost of \$707,000.

The biggest single expense for Pickering this year will be the fire department, with operating expenses of more than \$6.2 million, plus \$461,450 in capital expenses.

Final approval of the budget, after a few more i's are dotted and t's are crossed, is expected at the Feb. 6 council meeting.

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Publisher's musings

It's never easy introducing oneself to people one doesn't know. But I hope I can change that. As the new publisher of *The Bay News* I plan to meet a lot of you in the near future.

Since last February, when Shoreline Newspapers eyed the opportunity of moving into the Ajax/Pickering market, I have been learning about the communities by the lake, their history and their make up.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to meet a number of people, ranging from Gerry Goodis at Consumer Car Mart to Pickering's Manager of Economic Development Joan Alfrey to Ajax Town Administrator Barry Malmsten. Of course, a quick handshake with the mayors during the recent election allowed me to meet a number of politicians and political want-to-bes (although why they pursue the job is beyond anyone's imagination as politics is a thankless task).

What struck me most about the people I have met is their spirit and belief in Ajax and Pickering. It's commendable, and *The Bay News* intends to exhibit the same spirit. I have also spoken with a number of residents, including a few irate souls who made some unflattering remarks about a few stories and suggested I engage in anatomical aerobics that are physically impossible. But that comes with the turf and, to be honest, I hope those people never disappear. They keep you on your toes.

Of course, there's tons of people I haven't had the chance to speak with or even shake their hands. (That includes my counterpart at our competitor, but maybe this will compel him to offer me a free lunch). I hope that changes.

I am a firm believer in newspapers and the important role they play in the growth and development of the community. On the editorial side, whether it's covering town council, taking pictures of the local ball team, or covering courts, that information is important to our readers. I believe it's essential to provide strong coverage of the local scene.

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Jim Middlemiss



Peter Wojcik

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION: The morning senior kindergarten class at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School in Pickering made a friendship quilt in class. Adding a few finishing touches are Lucas Parker and Roseanne Presutti.

— Letters —**Reader appalled at inefficiency of G.M.**

To the editor:

I was absolutely appalled this morning as I was on my way to work and had the most unpleasant experience of seeing thousands of people standing out in the cold for the opportunity of filling out an application for the jobs that will apparently be opening up at the G.M. plant.

When I heard the Monday evening news, I could not believe my ears when they said approximately 10 to 15 thousand people had lined up in and around the building, traffic on Hwy. 401, Brock Road and Bayly Street, not to mention all the side streets, was at a stand-still, and that some people will be sleeping outside in the cold weather this evening. What really makes me angry is:

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to stuff envelopes or whatever else they felt needed to be done to have these people receive their application forms.

I'm sure this would have been a little more cost efficient than renting the Metro East Trade Centre (I would be surprised if they received it free of charge), plus paying the wages of the employees required to hand these applications to the frozen people as they tirelessly awaited their turn to receive such a wonderful reward for their long and miserable wait.

I also find it quite annoying that the Durham police force was tied down keeping the peace and directing traffic because G.M., for whatever reason, didn't think this whole thing through. This is, of course, just my opinion.

I believe General Motors has done a grave injustice to these people who have enough problems in their lives by just trying to make things better for themselves and their families. They are, after all, people who deserve respect and should not be treated like cattle.

Really, G.M., this could have been done through the mail!

Dyan Harris
Pickering

AECB questioned

To the editor:

(Re: DNA shut out, board rejects call for nuke review.)

Your report in the Dec. 24-31 issue neglected to mention one very important point.

During the press conference held in Ottawa on Dec. 22, Doctor Agnes Bishop, president and CEO of the Atomic Energy Control Board, made the following highly significant statement: "The four reactors of the Pickering "A" station must, however, remain shut down until the board is satisfied they can be operated safely in the future."

While, on one hand the board decided to re-license both Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations without holding an environmental assessment hearing, her statement, on the other hand, is an expression of non-confidence, a de facto non-renewal of the licence for the aged Pickering "A" NGS.

Guy Colm
Ajax

United Way falls short of 1994 goal

by Heather Smith
Centennial College co-op student

The United Way of Ajax-Pickering has wrapped up its 1994 campaign by falling slightly short of its goal.

In an attempt to reach its \$1-million goal, the organization ran various mini campaigns and collected donations from September through to the end of the year and was able to raise \$904,756.

Dennis Goulin, executive director of the United Way of Ajax-Pickering, said he felt that the reason the organization missed its goal was because of the recession and low employment in industries from which the organization receives a large portion of its pledges.

Although the United Way was

only slightly under \$100,000 away from its million-dollar goal, Goulin is still concerned about meeting the needs of the services the organization funds.

"We had established a goal of \$1 million," he said. "We have people who count on our funding and when the donations don't come in, there is a concern that those needs might not be fulfilled."

Goulin said now that the numbers are in, the organization will sit down and review the needs and compare them to the available funds.

The United Way of Ajax-Pickering helps fund services such as the YMCA, the Big Brothers and the Red Cross.

Goulin would like to extend "a heartfelt thank you to all donors."

OMB reaches compromise

Co-operation and compromise may prove to be the ticket to satisfaction at a proposed residential development in east Pickering.

Pickering council has reversed a 1991 amendment to return a parcel of land at Southview and Kingston roads to medium density zoning. The amendment will allow a townhouse development on the site and probably avoid an expensive Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing, says Pickering planning director Neil Carroll.

The development proposal has been on the books since 1990 and two previous plans were both rejected by area residents.

The matter even went to the OMB but Zurich Indemnity Corporation, who took over from 777934 Ontario Ltd. as property owners last August, asked for an adjournment, saying they had a plan they hoped would satisfy the residents.

That plan, which will include two detached homes and up to 106 townhouses a stone's throw from Pickering Village, appears to have the blessing of the residents, Carroll said.

"We're hoping this will mean there will be no need for a lengthy (OMB) hearing," Carroll said. "We're hoping for a settlement."

Several Southview residents asked council to approve the Zurich plan. William Wright, who has lived on the street since shortly after the Second World War, said council has a "moral and political obligation" to return the lands to medium density. Neighbor Dudley Williams said the lands have been "in limbo" for four or five years and asked the issue finally be settled. Jane Pepino, a noted Toronto planning lawyer representing Zurich, also addressed council and asked for approval of the housing project without "additional controls."

Four council-approved amendments to the plan were added, however, including placing a 'hold' on the projects until the town is satisfied the development site plan meets Brock East neighborhood guidelines and the residents are included in the decision making.

The parties are scheduled to meet with the OMB Feb. 1-3.



CHARITABLE DEEDS: The March of Dimes' Ability Tree is posted in the Ajax Community Centre. Donations of more than \$25 receive a disc to place on the tree, but any amount is welcome. March of Dimes director Druce Ayres (right) and Ajax Mayor Jim Witty attended the launch. Call 683-2199 to donate.

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1994 ~ The year in review



1994 began with the Jan. 1 birth of the News Year's baby, Kailee Mills, at 3:31 am (top left). In February, Pickering resident Celia Dearn was killed when her Marksbury Road home was levelled by an explosion (above). Anna DesRoches celebrated her 100th birthday in July (bottom right). The Nov. 14 municipal elections saw the re-election of Ajax Mayor Jim Witty, congratulated by wife Anita (bottom middle). A new Miss Ajax, Khiya Shelton, was crowned in June (bottom left). Durham Region Police collected 162 guns during an 18-month gun amnesty (left).



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'94 Year In Review

January

Pickering lawyer says many of A-P professionals doing the least to support United Way. Michael Head called contributions by local professionals, who chipped in \$12,000 to the 93 campaign (an average of \$37 each, the "cost of a modest lunch") "pathetic."

Pickering council votes for a zero tax increase in budget for the third year in a row

Durham Region awarded more than \$70 million for infrastructure projects. Regions and municipalities have to contribute one-third of the project costs, with the feds and province paying the rest. The Carruthers Creek pumping station in Ajax was later added to the list of projects, becoming the most expensive project receiving the funding. Developers, notably Runnymede, will pick up Ajax's share.

February

Pickering midwife makes history by helping to deliver a baby girl in Markham. Carol Cameron and another midwife became the first midwives in Canada to

legally deliver a baby without a doctor present since the laws were changed Dec. 31.

Former Ajax chief administrative officer Dave Low dies of cancer at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Low, 65, retired only three months before.

A freak natural gas explosion killed a Pickering woman instantly Feb. 11. Celia Dearn, 53, was the only person at her Marksbury Rd. home when her house blew up after she switched on a light switch in her basement. Dearn's home hadn't been heated by natural gas for 20 years. Consumer Gas investigators said there had been a buildup of natural gas from a broken service pipe on the property. Neighbors said they saw an "orange glow" and that the house ignited "like an inferno." The neighborhood was evacuated for several hours.

A Pickering woman who was infected with the AIDS virus during surgery in 1981, appeared before a commission in Toronto looking into the reasons 15,000 Canadians were infected between 1978 and 1985, before an

AIDS screen was initiated by the Red Cross. Lynn Kamff, A Fairport Beach resident, received two units of tainted blood after a ruptured ectopic pregnancy at St. Mikes hospital in Toronto.

A report from the region's health department says Brock West is leaking but poses little health risk to Pickering residents. Dr. Linda Panaro, the associate medical officer of health, compiled the report, which refutes an earlier PACT-sponsored study that claimed leachate from the dump could poison local children.

March

Sixty PACT members and supporters, including Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs, staged a noisy but peaceful protest at Brock West. The protesters were voicing their continued objection to the dump remaining open and the IWA's choice of EE11 — adjacent to Brock West — as the next dump for Durham Region. The rally delayed truck traffic into the landfill site for several hours.

Pickering council votes no to a referendum on the

ballot in November's municipal election. The referendum would allow residents to vote on major issues such as landfill, staffing at Pickering fire-halls and the amalgamation of Ajax and Pickering services.

Ajax scans the future with the purchase of electronic ballot counting machines called "optical scanners." The \$84,000 lease-to-buy package could pay off in November if results from the municipal election arrive within 30 minutes as hoped, unlike the usual wait of several hours. The machines, which enable votes to be counted as they are registered, also eliminate human error.

A proposal by Canada Composting Inc. to build a composting plant on Pickering industrial lands draws heat from area residents concerned about the stench potential from "wet" garbage.

A strike loomed at Ontario Hydro with nearly 15,000 Ontario workers — including 1,700 in Pickering — set to walk off the job Good Friday. The two sides bickered over job security, employee involvement and money and settled Easter

Monday, just as staff began to shut down operations at the Bruce nuclear plant.

Durham cops, with the help of Metro and Peel, wrapped up a 5-1/2 year murder investigation when they arrested two Brampton men in connection with the death of Pritam Singh Chohan. The body of Chohan, a North York baker, was found by hikers in the woods near Brougham in north Pickering. Chohan had been murdered and then set ablaze.

Ajax blazed an equity trail by hiring their first woman firefighter. Tammy Patterson, 27, and a former Canadian judo champion, became the first woman to make the grade when she was added to the volunteer roll — along with six men — March 22.

Angry parents jammed a Durham Board of Education boardroom in an attempt to get the board to reverse their decision on all-day kindergarten. The pleas of the parents, who threatened to sue the board to get all-day, every-other-day kindergarten rescinded, were unsuccessful.

April

Ajax Transit took the first step towards full accessibility for the disabled with the unveiling of their long-term plan for accessible transit services. The plan is based on purchasing buses with low-floor technology (the platform is raised and lowered using hydraulics) and may take 15 years to implement because of the exorbitant cost.

Ajax and Markborough Properties unveiled a concept plan for Durham Centre shopping centre that would include plenty of "angles" and include a theatre complex. The mall, on Kingston Road at Harwood Avenue will likely be a "power centre" and not an enclosed mall.

Pickering town solicitors have been instructed to begin proceedings to have Brock West Landfill site legally shut down. The town and various local environmental groups, believe the dump is full and should be closed permanently. The injunction hearing is expected to begin in the spring of 1995.

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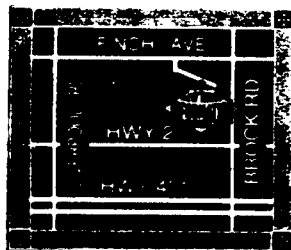


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'94 Year In Review

April

Kathy Traitsis of Pickering has made Canada's national rhythmic gymnastics team. Traitsis, 15, finished eighth at the Elite Canada qualifying meet in Winnipeg in March to earn the final spot on the squad.

Regional chairman Gary Herrema is accusing federal MP's of grandstanding tactic that are causing "unacceptable" delays in the approval of local infrastructure projects. Herrema said the MP's are trying to time the announcements of projects to "maximize exposure" and added that "they're all guilty." Local MP Dan McTeague said the delays in project approval were news to him and called Herrema's statements "unproductive."

Ajax council announced that the soon-to-be-opened A7 Community Centre and library will be named after Bill McLean, the former Ajax mayor who died two days after Christmas. Ajax Mayor Jim Witty called the honor "very appropriate."

Pickering regional councillor Kip Van Kempen announced he will run for mayor, settling up a heated battle with incumbent Wayne Arthurs in November's municipal election. Van Kempen promised to campaign on making Pickering both more open and more accessible.

The town of Ajax unveiled a plan to entice a major hotel to the municipality. Attracting a hotel chain to town was identified as a major priority, albeit one that won't be realized for at least five years. Price Waterhouse was hired to develop the hotel development strategy and recommend the best possible sites for a future hotel.

The Barbara Black Centre for Youth Resources hopes to be back in the black soon after the province announced they will kick in \$25,000 to expand the centre's services. The centre, in a state of financial crisis since it opened in 1991, was turned down for the health ministry grant the previous year. The centre offers after school programs (such as sports and crafts), acts as

a drop in centre and offers services such as counselling and health-related seminars. The money, which converts the centre into a community health centre, will allow management to expand the centre and hire more staff.

A communications innovator, war-time hero in the intelligence field and Ajax's first mayor died March 23 in California. Pat Bayly, who was mayor of Ajax in 1955, invented Rockex (a cipher machine still used world-wide), helped to usher in the Cold War when he spirited Russian defector Igor Gouzenko out of Ottawa and into Camp X (a secret-agent camp near Oshawa) and met most of the big-time players during the Second World War. He even interviewed Winston Churchill in the bathtub, claiming "it wasn't a pretty sight." Bayly moved to California in 1969 after selling his business, AEG Bayly.

May

An aversion to fast-food may have killed a shopping plaza proposal that would have employed 150 people. The development

at the south-west corner of Harwood and Highway 2 remained up in the air because of a drive-thru hamburger outlet.

Ajax-Pickering General Hospital officials are appealing a health ministry decision to reduce funding to the facility by \$846,000. The funding cuts would force the hospital to close 19 beds and lay off the equivalent of 30 full-time staff. The health ministry targeted the hospital for funding cuts because it didn't meet efficiency standards under a complex formula that measures its costs per inpatient case compared to other hospitals.

Angela Graham, a Dunbarton High School track star with a string of OFSSA medals under her belt, accepted a full scholarship to Boston College. A double threat in the 800 and 1,500-metre events, the Pickering runner chose Boston College because of its academic excellence, a brand-new indoor track that will be considered one of the finest in the country when it's finished and because of a love of Boston itself. Graham, a future Olympic hopeful, will likely pursue a communications major.

A severely depressed Pickering man, who went missing May 7, was found dead one week later, floating face down in a pond just east of the Clarington border.

Raymond Cochrane, 47, had a history of emotional problems, police say. The official cause of death is "misadventure."

A frightening 25-hour ordeal ended when a 59-year-old part-time security guard — beaten, gagged and kidnapped from a Mississauga storage yard — was found behind the Metro East Trade Centre. Makhhan Randhawa, who has a heart condition, was rescued by trade centre security guards who heard his cries for help from a locked transport trailer.

A Canadian company wants to end Pickering's garbage problems by shipping waste by rail to a willing host in Adena, Ohio. Waste Management of Canada Inc. submitted the proposal to GTA mayors, who have been actively searching for a willing host for local garbage. The 542-hectare site has a 24-year lifespan and is situated in a rural setting with no aquifer

below the site. Durham Region said two days later they would listen to the proposal but doubted there would be any future deal.

June

Three finalists have made the short-list to design Seaton, a planned, innovative community of up to 90,000 people in north Pickering. Dunker Associates, Dunlop Farrow Inc. and John Van Nostrand Associates Ltd. all developed plans that balance the environment and agriculture uses with the need for housing for Durham's growing population. The planning competition may yet prove to be an exercise in futility, however, if the province goes ahead with plans for the future EE11 dump site, which would be right in the middle of downtown Seaton.

Ajax council finally approved the realignment of Harwood Avenue, a deal that will open up hundreds of acres of marketable land, paving the way for future development. The deal, which bends Harwood slightly east from Highway 2, also allows the completion of the Durham Centre project.

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June

Proposed new guidelines for tritium in our drinking water could force the occasional shutdown of the Pickering-Ajax Water Plant. A provincial advisory committee, asked to review acceptable levels of tritium, recommended to the environment ministry that the limits be reduced from 40,000 becquerels per litre to 100, with a further reduction to 20 in five years. Most water plants in Ontario regularly exceed the 20 becquerels per litre level and would be immediately shut down under the proposed guidelines.

Water rationing is in effect for local residents after high demand during the recent heat wave depleted local water supply reservoir. Despite the heat, Durham officials are asking residents to limit lawn watering, car washing, sprinkler use and pool filling after water levels dipped to near-emergency levels. Residents at even-and odd-numbered homes were asked to water their lawns on alternating days "until further notice." It was the second summer in a row for water rationing in Ajax

and Pickering.

Joe Dickson, a former regional councillor and long-time community activist, was honored as Ajax's Civic Award winner. Dickson, who started his community career 30 years ago, has been active in everything from organizing youth basketball leagues and canvassing for the Heart and Stroke Foundation to sponsoring sports teams and chairing the Ajax Home Week and Family Festival projects.

The Claremont Community Centre project, planned to be funded under the Canada-Ontario infrastructure program, is coming under fire from residents and some councillors over its \$2.1 million price tag. The project, which is supposed to include a fire hall, library and community centre component for the hamlet of 600, would cost Pickering nearly \$900,000.

Six local paddlers, members of the Toronto Dragonboat Club, won their second straight world title in the 18-man World Dragonboat championships held in Tai Pai. The following week they saw high seas wash away their dreams at the 20-

man World Championships in Hong Kong, however. The team was leading the semi-final race, held in Hong Kong harbor, when a huge wave rolled over the front of the boat, sending half the crew into the drink and costing the squad a berth in the final by less than a second. Local team members included Jason and Bradley Bridger, Jamie Hollins, Christopher duGrauw, Anthony Maley and Greg Salter.

July

A member of the Ajax Water Supply Plant committee is angry at her fellow members for approving the proposed water plant, despite the project failing to meet one of the requirements. Sherrill Willard said the plans for the badly-needed plant shouldn't be approved until the requirement for a 3-D tritium detection model is built. Willard, who said there's "no excuse" for bypassing the requirement, is also against building the plant so close to the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

Several cars owned by the Town of Pickering are being used by staff for personal use, according to

neighbors who see the marked cars parked in residential driveways. Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs, who said employees are allowed to take the vehicles home only if they are on stand-by duty, said he didn't track of the whereabouts of the cars. A Bay News investigation, however, found town vehicles in driveways from Pickering to Courtice. One Pickering employee, in fact, left the car at home while he was on holidays and partially taped over the Pickering logo.

A Pickering High School student won the gold medal for electronic technology at the United States Skills Olympics. Eddie Maste, 17, a winner at both the Durham and Ontario skills challenge, improved on the previous year's silver medal at the U.S. competition.

Farmers, those who love the country life and tenants with a little money were the big winners under the federal government's plan for the release of the airport lands in north Pickering. The lands, expropriated in 1973, will be offered first to tenants. There will also be strong efforts made to ensure the lands remain

agricultural.

Moscow Red Army, one of hockey's most famous clubs, will be sending their junior squad to play the Pickering Panthers in December. The Russian squad, now owned by the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins, includes several of Europe's best teenage hockey players, including 16-year-old sensation Sergei Samsonov.

August

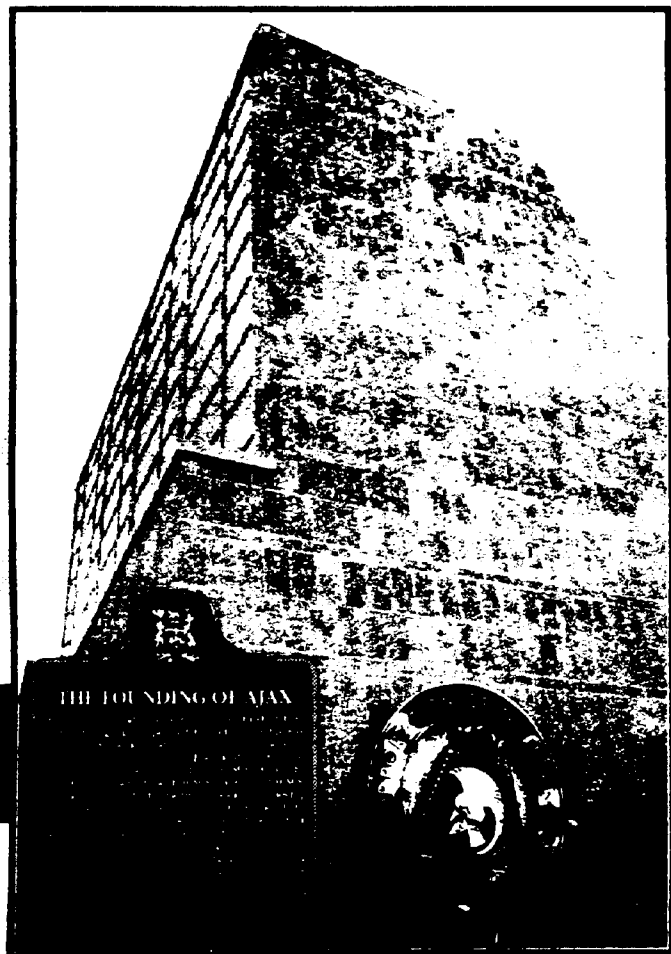
Masked gunmen turned the Texas Country Show and Bar in Ajax into a wild west shootout just before closing Saturday night. Four thugs, all wearing ski masks, burst into the Bayly St. bar and demanded cash. A number of shots were fired, including one at a patron who ran after the fleeing gunmen to see their licence plate and several more at Durham Regional Police during the subsequent chase. An employee also had a knife held to her throat during the robbery, which netted the thieves only a little more than \$1,000. The gunmen eluded police in Scarborough.

Pickering councillor Enrico Pistrutto will have his wages garnisheed if

he does not repay more than \$1,300 he owes the town for a leadership convention in Utah he paid for but did not attend. Pistrutto didn't go to the convention because of public outcry over "improper use" of taxpayer money. No refunds were available.

A 16-year-old Ajax youth was killed when he run over by a reversing dump truck at a construction site on Westney Rd., near Bayly St. Trevor White was riding his bicycle when he collided with the truck backing out of O'Brien Court. He was rushed to Ajax-Pickering Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The proposed Claremont Community Centre, dubbed Claredome by opponents, is on hold, says Ontario Riding MP Dan McTeague. The MP had the infrastructure application for the \$2.1 million project halted because of "too many unanswered questions" after attending a public meeting. McTeague wants more public participation in the Claredome process before he will give the application the green light to proceed to the next step.



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August

Local athletes Lisa Simes, Dion Trowers and Adrian Woodley have qualified to compete for Canada at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, B.C. Simes, an Ajax gymnast, and Trowers and Woodley, both Pickering track stars, will be competing in their first Commonwealth Games. Also competing for Canada is veteran Pickering swimmer Lisa Flood.

Four members of the so-called AK Gang who terrorized the Texas Country Show and Bar July 30 have been arrested by police. The accused, all from Scarborough and Markham, face a total of 119 charges from 12 brutal robberies, including three counts of attempted murder from the Ajax robbery. Charged is Andrew Chance, Winston Laing, O'Neal Clarke and Kirk Lincoln.

An Ajax businessman is a finalist in the Burns Fry, Ernst and Young, Bank of Montreal and Canadian Business magazine-sponsored Turnaround Entrepreneur of the Year award. Ralph Zarboni, the president of Tarxien Corporation, is credited

with turning a company on the verge of bankruptcy six years ago into a debt-free firm that did \$68 million in business last year.

Two local athletes shared the same first name and a spot on the medal podium at last week's Commonwealth Games in Victoria. Lisa Simes of Ajax earned two bronze medals in gymnastics and Lisa Flood of Pickering swam her way to a bronze medal in the 200-metre breaststroke.

AEG Sorting Systems of Ajax was honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a Quality Supplier Award, one of only 12 winners and the only Canadian firm so honored. AEG did about \$600,000 worth of the U.S. company's \$6 billion annual business last year and was honored for quality products and on-time delivery.

The Durham Region health department says local water is safe to drink despite an odor of swamp water. The cause of the smell is natural algae caused by warm water temperatures and will be cleared up as the water cools, a spokesman said.

Employees of the Durham Board of

Education are being told not to worry despite the demise of Confederation Life, the board's insurance carrier. The company is in receivership but all outstanding claims will be honored, said education superintendent Craig Burch, who wants employees to keep sending their claims to the same address.

September

Eleven young offenders have been charged after a week-long Durham Regional Police investigation turned up 33 stolen bicycles, worth about \$10,000. The haul is only about one-sixth of the 200-plus bikes stolen in Pickering this summer but is still considered a major coup by the officers.

The Pickering Pirates rookie select baseball team captured the Ontario Baseball Association 'A' championships. The Ron Shute Realty World-sponsored squad beat Burlington 6-1 in the final.

The wife of Kenneth Thomas, a 55-year-old Pickering man missing one week, has appealed to the public for help in finding her husband. Danielle Thomas of Moorelands Cr., with her daughter Lesley

at her side, made the appeal at a press conference at the Pickering police station. Her husband's car was used in an Oshawa robbery that left one man brutally murdered and three others wounded. He was last seen at the Canada Trust on Liverpool Road in Pickering and seven hours later his car was used by the gunmen during the shooting spree at Gagnon Sports.

Former Ajax regional councillor Joe Dickson will carry the Liberal colors in the next provincial election after his victory at the Durham West nomination meeting. Dickson easily outdistanced opponent Joe Pacione at the nomination, held at the Metro East Trade Centre. Dickson promised supporters they will send a Liberal to Queens Park after the next election, expected next spring. The incumbent MPP is New Democrat Jim Wiseman.

October

Eight months after the house-levelling explosion that killed Pickering resident Celia Dearn, Marsbury Road residents it was a fractured natural gas line that provided fuel for the explosion and the

ensuing fire that claimed Dearn's life. Investigators said the gas service pipe was ruptured as the result of a severe accidental hit, likely during a home renovation.

A 27-year-old Scarborough man was murdered at an Ajax gun club, a slaying that appears to be directly linked to the killer's deadly thirst for weapons. Norman Chow was found dead behind a gun display case at the Firearms Training Range on Barr Road. There were unconfirmed reports he had been shot up to five times. Police could not confirm if Chow's death was linked to the murder of Roger Parady, an Oshawa gun shop owner who was gunned down last month. Kenneth Thomas of Pickering went missing the same day and police fear for his safety.

An 18-year-old Scarborough man — a member of the Durham Sharp Shooters Club in Ajax — has been charged with first degree murder in the killing of Norman Chow. Durham Regional Police made the arrest after interviewing the suspect. Chow was found dead Oct. 3 at the Firearm Training Range on Barr Road, home of the shoot-

ing club. Tyler MacKinnon has been charged with murder.

Ajax Mayor Jim Witty, the chairman of the Police Services Board, and Regional Chairman Gary Herrema want at least 10 more cops before next spring's budget vote. The Durham Regional Police has lost more than 50 officers in the past two years through retirements and social contract buyouts.

Ukraine President Leonid Kuchma visited the Pickering Nuclear generating Station for a look at his country's future in nuclear technology. Ontario Hydro, in cooperation with the federal government, is selling dry fuel storage container technology to Ukraine at discount rates to help prevent tragedies like the Chernobyl disaster of 1986.

Durham hospitals are making it a priority to alert former patients of possible HIV risks. All patients who received blood transfusions between 1978 and 1985 — before the Red Cross initiated an AIDS screen — may have been exposed to HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS. Approximately 5,000 former patients will be contacted by letter.

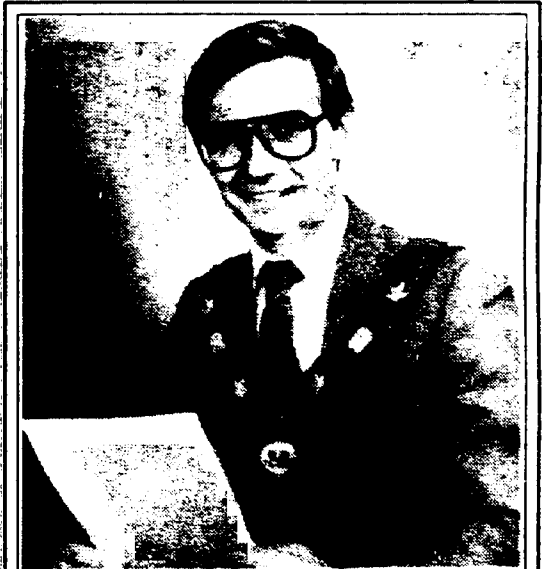
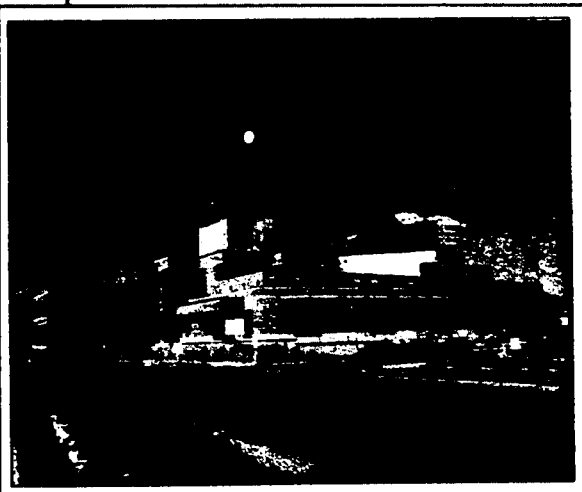
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'94 Year In Review

October

Local patients seeking cancer treatments won't have to make the trek to Toronto for treatment after the provincial government approved a \$25 million gift to Oshawa General Hospital. The money will be used to concert the hospital into a regional cancer centre.

Six local business were honored at the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade business excellence awards. Winners included PaintPlas, Pronto Auto Repair Dealerships, Maclean Hunter Cable TV, Eco-Tec Limited, AEG Sorting Systems and The Minacs Group.

Three members of the Wolverines Tae-Kwon Do club earned a total of eight medals, including two golds, at the WCKKMA world martial arts championships. Steve Wilson captured a medal of each color, Jaqueline Frank earned a gold and a silver and John Barry fought his way to a silver and two bronze medals.

November

The environment ministry has charged three Pickering companies for improper use of their inter-

im waste disposal sites. Evergreen Recycle Canada, Can-Sort Recycling and 802226 Ontario were all charged with failing to properly handle waste material at their sites. The charges were laid after numerous complaints were lodged because of odor problems and the dumping of organic material.

Volkswagen Canada is moving their Scarborough national head office to Ajax. The relocation will be accomplished through renovations to their existing building on Bayly Street and with the construction of a 12,750 sq. ft. addition. The move will also mean the addition of 50 jobs to the facility. Volkswagen becomes the largest international company to have a national head office in Ajax.

Police now believe Kenneth Thomas, missing since the Sept. 14 murder/robbery at Gagnon Sports in Oshawa, was murdered. Durham Regional Police changed Thomas' status at a press conference in Pickering from a missing person to a victim of foul play. Thomas' car was used by the killers after a shooting spree at the gun shop that left store owner Roger Parady dead. Police also revealed a description of the two sus-

pects in the case.

Incumbent Wayne Arthurs outlasted challenger Kip Van Kempen to retain his mayor's job, winning by a 427-vote margin. The race was a tug of war with Arthurs barely wrestling his way to a third term. Arthurs victory was only assured as the final 15 per cent of the ballots were being counted. Arthurs will be joined on council by incumbent regional councillors Maurice Brenner and Rick Johnson and newcomer David Farr; repeat local councillor Enrico Pistrutto and rookie councillors Dave Ryan and Sherry Senis.

In Ajax, Mayor Jim Witty fought off a challenge from darkhorse Janis Mitchell to capture the mayor's seat for the third, and last time. Witty was an easy winner, topping Mitchell by more than 4,400 votes. Mitchell's performance, however, was better than expected. Witty said this term would be his last, sentiments he also expressed three years ago. Steve Parish defeated incumbent Susan Dulny for one regional councillor position while veteran Roger Anderson held on to his regional seat. The local councillors — Pat Brown, Scott Crawford, Frank Schaper and Jim McMaster

— were all re-elected in Ajax.

Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs says the provincial government is wasting taxpayer dollars by spending money on studying two incompatible projects — the EE11 future dump site and the proposed Seaton community. Both projects are situated on the same parcel of land in north Pickering. By the end of the year Queen's Park will have spent some \$21 million over four years planning the two projects, Arthurs claimed.

Durham Nuclear Awareness is claiming Ontario Hydro is blackmailing the provincial environment ministry by saying the proposed tritium standards for drinking water could cost the utility more than a billion dollars. Ontario Hydro claims the proposal to drop the tritium limit from 40,000 becquerels per litre to 100, with a further reduction to 20 in five years, would place a heavy economic burden on their nuclear stations. The statements outraged the anti-nuclear group, who said Ontario Hydro is trying to scare the ministry.

December

Peter Stark, the man

accused of killing Pickering teenager Julie Stanton more than four years ago, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment, with no chance of parole for 25 years. Durham Regional Police homicide detectives and Stanton's family won't close the books on the case, however, until the teenager's body is found. The Dunbarton High School student disappeared April 16, 1990.

There was bad news and good news from a heavy water spill at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Dec. 10. The bad news is more than 130 tonnes of tritium-laced heavy water burst onto the reactor floor at the nuclear plant, dwarfing an 1992 spill when three tonnes of radioactive water spewed into Lake Ontario. The good news is the emergency safety systems worked properly and the leak was stopped within hours. The spill happened after heat transport valves at the aging station opened unexpectedly. The accident occurred only four days before the Atomic Energy Control Board is to rule on the future of the station's operating licence.

Gary Herrema retained his Durham Regional chairmanship by acclamation at

the first meeting of the new regional council. Herrema has held Durham's top political post since 1980 and hasn't faced opposition since winning it for the first time.

Nuclear Generating Station director Pierre Charlebois says a design flaw may have been responsible for the recent spill of 140 tonnes of heavy water at the plant. A three-inch diameter carbon-steel pipe in Unit 2 ruptured Dec. 10 after a pressure relief valve in the coolant system failed, causing the spill. Ontario Hydro doesn't yet know why the pipe burst, but are speculating it may have linked to vibration, which may point to a design flaw.

Several small businesses in Pickering and regional councillor Maurice Brenner are upset that some companies trying to pay back taxes are being harassed by the town while the Metro East Trade Centre, in hock to Pickering for more than \$350,000, gets preferential treatment. The trade centre has been in receivership since last spring. A \$123,000 bill for outstanding market licence fees from last year is now going to collection.



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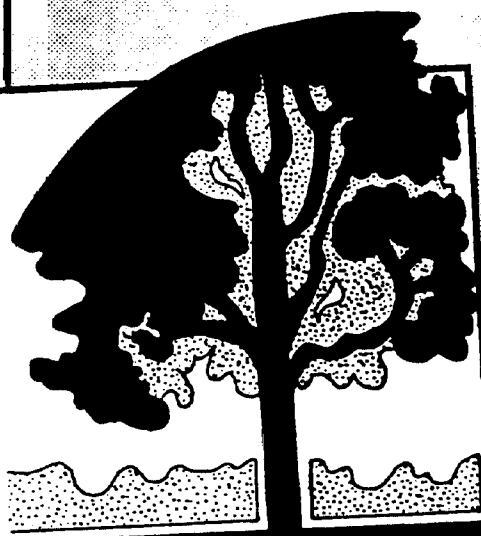
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Community Calendar

Community Calendar is a regular feature on upcoming events. If you are a non-profit or community group send your announcement to *The Bay News*, 1730 McPherson Court, Unit #18, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 3E6, or fax us at 839-8135. Deadline: at least a week before the event.

EVENTS

P.A.C.T. and Pickering Philharmonic Orchestra host a fundraising dance at Pickering Recreation Complex East and West

Salons, Sat. Jan. 28, 7 pm to 12 am. Music supplied by orchestra and disc jockey Brook Hutchinson. Ken Shaw, CFTO-TV News anchorman as emcee. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres from 7-8 pm. Semi-formal dress, door prizes. Tickets \$30. Call 831-1444 (Ron Palace) or 837-2176 (Paul Middleton).

JULIE'S ESSO Bantam "A" Pickering rep team raffle winners are: JVC 20" color TV, Dan Brough of Gordon Capital Co. in Toronto; JVC CD/cassette player, Liubica Costa of Pickering; \$150 gift certificate at Canadian Tire, William O'Brien of Pickering. Thanks to all who generously participated.

THE MACINTOSH USERS EAST CLUB'S monthly meeting is Wed., Jan. 25 from 7:30 to 10 pm at Anderson Collegiate on Anderson St., north of Hwy. 2, Whitby. For information call 433-0777.

MONTESSORI LEARNING CENTRE of Pickering holds a Safety Saturday, Jan. 21 from 12 to 2 p.m. at 401 Kingston Rd., just east of Rougemount, south side of Hwy. 2. Demonstrations and information on CPR, streetproofing, fire prevention, poison control with representatives from Red Cross, Child Find, Superkids, Block Parents, Police and Fire Department. Refreshments available at nominal cost. Information: (905) 509-1722.

THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL of Ajax-Pickering sponsors the Towards A Prejudice Free Society anti-racism conference on Fri., Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 10 pm and Sat., Feb. 11 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Exeter High School, 80 Falby Crt., Ajax. Free on Friday, \$5 on Saturday. Information or registration, 686-2661.

THE MONEY CALENDAR WINNING numbers are: Jan. 1 — #185, \$1,000; Jan. 2 — #782, \$50; Jan. 3 — #788, \$50; Jan. 4 — #616, \$50; Jan. 5 — #235, \$50; Jan. 6 — #177, \$50; Jan. 7 — #10, \$100; Jan. 8 — #692, \$50; Jan. 9 — #707, \$50; Jan. 12 — #543, \$50; Jan. 11 — #1137, \$50.



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Pickering Theatre Festival witch hunt

The Pickering Theatre Festival opened Friday with Arthur Miller's award-winning *The Crucible*, presented by Theatre Durham. Director John Foote, who specializes in post-war American drama, describes the piece as Miller's best work and "probably the most important play of this century."

The Crucible retells the Salem witch trials from the individual's perspective. All the characters are based on real people from Salem of 1692.

The Puritan laws of that time valued hard work and judged enjoyment of life a sin. Trouble begins when a group of teenage girls looking for adventure participate in voodoo ceremonies and wild dancing in the woods. Abigail Williams (played by Carmela McFadyen) lusts for John Proctor and conjures spirits in an effort to kill his wife.

When the girls are discovered, their activities are considered the work of the devil and they're accused of witchcraft. To save themselves, they deny their guilt and claim to have been bewitched. Abigail leads the others in a string of accusations and hysteria mounts as the witch hunt begins. Those who refuse to "confess" to witchcraft are hanged.

John Proctor (played by Karl Martin) is placed in the difficult position of trying to stop the madness after Abigail confesses the truth to him — there are no witches; her accusations are lies. Proctor is an ineffective saviour because he is tormented by personal uncertainties. He has had an affair with Abigail and is unable to deal with his guilt.



WITCH HUNT: Carmela McFadyen plays Abigail Williams in Theatre Durham's production of *The Crucible*. Williams is persecuted by, from left, Rev. John Hale (Nicholas Woods), John Proctor (Karl Martin) and Rev. Parris (Michael Serres).

When Proctor is wrongly accused of witchcraft himself, he struggles with his conscience and his self-value. To save himself, he's asked to "confess

his sins". Proctor weighs the further sin of a false confession against the value of a noble Christian death. "I'm no good man," he says. "Nothing's spoiled by giving them this lie." Proctor finally finds his salvation and regains his self-respect by refusing to lie. Ultimately, he is true to himself and to his beliefs.

Theatre Durham's powerful production leaves a lasting

impression. Newcomers McFadyen and Nicholas Woods (as Reverend Hale) are convincing in their roles. Watch also for strong performances by Carolyn Goff (Mary Warren), Robin Doan (Elizabeth Proctor) and especially Karl Martin as Proctor.

Arthur Miller wrote the play in the aftermath of the 1950s McCarthy hearings. He himself was questioned by the House of

Un-American Activities Committee and, when he refused to answer questions about his acquaintances, was

indicted for contempt of court. His story of the Salem witch trials implies a parallel with the

McCarthy's investigations into subversion. The sound track of Theatre Durham's production includes tapes from the actual McCarthy hearings.

Director Foote has been with Theatre Durham for nine years and is currently President of the organization. "I made it my mandate," says Foote "to challenge our actors and our audiences."

The Crucible runs January 20, 21, 27, and 28. The

Pickering Theatre Festival continues in February with the Pickering Players' production of Neil Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady*, playing February 17, 18, 24, 25 and March 3, 4. Antares Theatre Productions will present Alan Ayckbourn's *How the Other Half Loves* on March 24, 25 and 31. All performances begin at 8 pm sharp, at the Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, 1066 Dunbarton Road in Pickering.

Tickets are \$9 each (\$7 seniors & students) or \$18 for a Festival Pass, which includes admission to all three plays. Call the box office at (905) 420-2507 to reserve tickets.

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by Wendy Ashton Shinkofsky
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WATERFALL: Swim instructor Keith Pugh receives a mid-lesson shower from three-year-old Jami Kilty during a Starfish class at Ajax's McLean Community Centre.

Gymnastics key to good health

Mahmood MUSTAFA

From the Bleachers



The greatest asset an athlete can have is a healthy and agile body. To achieve this, a fitness program has to be mapped out and followed. There are numerous ways of maintaining a strong fitness level. Swimming, cycling, jogging, among others, can be practised as individual sports or used to enhance skills and strengths needed for other games.

The best activity for keeping fit is gymnastics. Ajax/Pickering residents are fortunate to have an ideal spot for their children to learn, practise and enjoy gymnastics. The Ajax Acros Gymnastics Club, which has been around for almost two decades, provides training by experienced and certified coaches.

"We are a recreational-based gymnastic club for boys and girls," says Isabelle Graham-Redshaw, head instructor. She added that, "We have about 450 members and next September will be the club's 20th season."

The club promotes a variety of activities for different age groups. The Parent-Tot group, for children between one and

three years old, lasts for 45 minutes. Next is Kindergym, designed for children between the ages of 3 and 5. That runs for an hour. The club employs a level system and the kids progress at their own rate through six levels. Every time children complete a session — either in the fall, winter or spring — they get a ribbon or advance to the next level. After Kindergym, there is junior gymnasts (for ages 6 and up). The class is an hour-and-a-half. They, too, work on a level system. Last is the senior group for ages nine and up. It's a two-hour time slot. "They get a little more time because they have more to do," explains Graham-Redshaw.

The system is used as a guideline for the development of the skills of each child. The children work towards their level in each session. The club uses the Canadian Gymnastics Federation Level System, which incorporates the six dominant movement patterns — static position, landings, springs, swings, rotation and locomotions.

The club participates in recreational competitions. "We

send our children for meets to other clubs. But it is recreational...we don't take part in provincial or national meets."

"If a child is exceptionally good at gymnastics and wants to pursue it at a higher level, parents are encouraged to send the kids to a competitive club," said Dave House, club treasurer. "Since we are not involved in high-level competitive gymnastics, what we would do in such cases is recommend to parents of those talented children to admit them to one of the clubs which is fully geared for such training and also takes part in high level competitions." House noted that Lori Strong started here before representing Canada at the Olympics in rhythmic gymnastics.

That's quite an achievement for the Acros. The club is charged with an atmosphere of gusto and excitement you never know who can achieve greatness.



Major atoms skate to tourney victory

Pickering NRS Solid Choice Realty major atom AA hockey team won the championship of the Bowmanville hockey tournament between Christmas and New Year's by beating undefeated York Toros 2-1.

David Hughes got the Pickering team off to its victory, scoring on a long wrist shot from just inside the Toro's blue line. James Judges started it off on a good passing play.

The Toros tied the game at 7:06 of the first, and it was left up to team captain Evan Georgievski to score the winner on a goal-mouth scramble in the second period with the assist going to Mark Bannan. Goalies Steven Araujo and Michael Lyne kept the Pickering team in the game.

Pickering started off the tournament losing 4-1 to the Toros. Scoring for Pickering were Darryn Dubeau, assisted by Kevin Kearn and Stephen Phillips.

The NRS Solid Choice Realty team then defeated Welland and Warren Park by 6-1 scores before defeating Bowmanville 6-0 in the semi-final game. Once again, Lyne and Araujo were solid in the nets (with Lyne also picking up an assist). The solid work by defensemen Michael Dawson (4 assists), James Judges (2 assists), Darryn Dubeau (2 goals and 2 assists), Adam Moyer (1 assist) and Dimitris Grigoriadis (picking up the hat trick against Welland) was a big plus in Pickering's favor.

David Skrepnik picked up one goal and two assists, Georgievski with one and one, Mark Rogers kicked in with one goal and four assists, while Hughes picked up three of each. Kevin Kearn earned two goals and an assist, Brandon Boyer earned one and one and

Phillips got two assists. Mark Bannan and Scott Billing came up with two goals each with Billing picking up two assists and Bannan one.

The team is managed by Ted Skrepnek and coached by Moe Valade, Bob Price and Garry Curtis.

Ice Diamonds skate to gold

The Ajax Ice Diamonds adult precision skating team earned gold at a U.S. competition on the weekend after placing first in their flight on both days of the event. The skaters, ranging in age from 22 to 51, earned top honors on Saturday and Sunday at the seventh Lake Placid Precision Classic in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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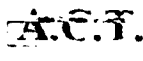
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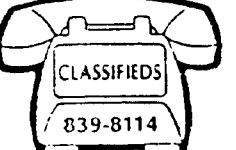
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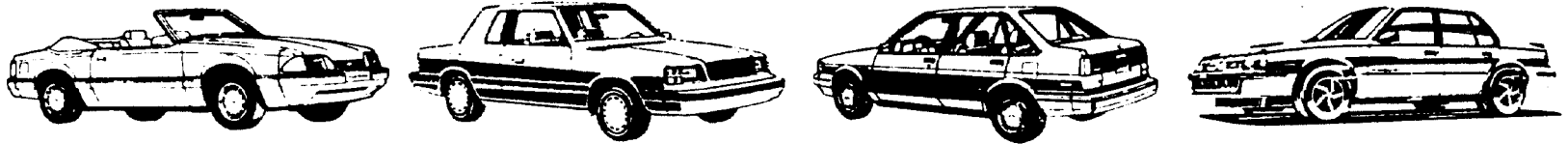
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ATKINSON, Robert Tyndale (Bob)
Member of the Brotherhood of King George the V Masonic Lodge. Passed away on Monday January 9, 1995 at Toronto General Hospital after a courageous battle. Bob, loving father of Bob, Brian and his wife Karen and Darryl; beloved Grandfather of Patricia, Brian and Jessica. Bob will be sadly missed by his mother Dorothy, his sister Elizabeth, his brother Howard, his nephews Stephen, Allen and Jamie and his special friend Brenda. Bob will also be greatly missed by his many friends and fellow Masons. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ronald Martino & Son, Funeral Directors, 905-686-5589.

GARTHWAITE, Kenneth Herbert
After a lengthy illness on Wednesday, January 11, 1995 at Ajax Pickering Hospital, Ken, beloved husband of Mai, loving brother of James, Jacklyn and David and his wife Donna. Ken will be sadly missed by the Jaohncx family, his nieces and nephews and many friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ronald Martino & Son, Funeral Directors, Brock Road Chapel, 1057 Brock Rd., Pickering (just south of the 401) 905-686-5589.

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Car kiosks service GO commuters

Commuters whose cars need servicing can drop them off at the GO station and have work done during the day thanks to a new service offered by Canadian Tire.

Canadian Tire introduced its auto repair drop-off service for commuters at Pickering, Oakville and Clarkson GO stations on Monday. It will also be available at the Erindale GO station on Jan. 30. It's an industry first, said Dave Lush, director of auto services at Canadian Tire.

On the way home, a shuttle service greets customers at the station and transports them back to the store to pick up their car. This service is free, Lush said.

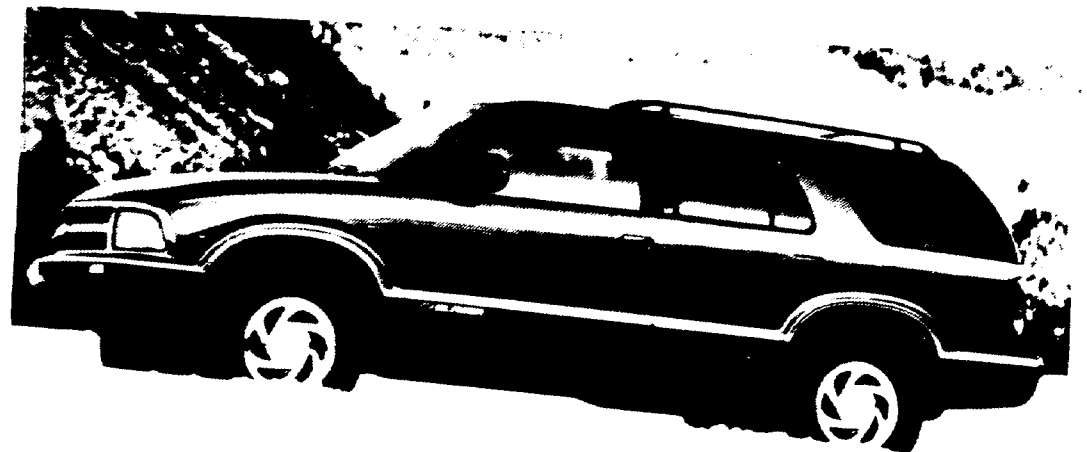
"This is a great convenience for commuters and an example of the added value our customers expect from Canadian Tire," Lush said. "We've eliminated the conflict of catching a morning train and taking your car in for repairs at the same time."

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Monday to Friday between 6 and 8:30 a.m. After taking the customer's order, the car is transported to a local Canadian Tire for servicing. The Pickering store is located with 1-2 kilometres of the station.

"The program responds to a need identified by our customers and allows us to provide a value-added service to busy commuters, helping them look after their vehicles," Lush said.

He added the service will be tested in each GO station over the next six months.



Blazer soars to new heights

1995 Chevy Blazer
All new for the 1995 model year, the Blazer is trying to grab a part of the growing sales of sport utility vehicles. Having lived with an older Blazer for six months, I was very excited about trying the latest version of the vehicle. For 1995, there is only one engine in the Blazer line-up, the high output 4.3-litre V6. This powerful engine is more

than enough to adequately handle the needs of the vehicle. On the other hand, I found this engine to be thirsty, which was a little disappointing. I really thought that the improved "aero-look" of the Blazer might improve gas mileage.

The Blazer is available in two or four-wheel-drive configurations. A two and four-door model will be available

Real off-roaders will be disappointed to hear that the 5-speed manual transmission will only be available on the two-door models. A 4-speed automatic will be the norm on most of the models. Overall, I am getting to like the looks of the new Blazer. Its rounded shape has taken a little getting used to.

Honda Odyssey on target for a changing market segment

The Honda Odyssey, a new entry in the fast-changing 'minivan' market based on Honda's successful Accord automobile, will use the drivability, performance and safety virtues of that popular model to carve a niche in the market, Honda's top sales executive declared here.

With its nimble handling and superior ride, versatile four-door design, adaptable seating layout and easy-to-drive character, Odyssey is "more likely to appeal to car buyers looking for space and utility than truck buyers looking for a comfortable interior," explained Jim Miller, senior vice president of Honda Canada Inc. And that, says Miller, is right on target with where the market is going.

Small vans have become more like cars in an effort to

appeal to more buyers, Miller explained. "You can plot it on a chart: the more car features they offered, the more share of the market 'minivans' devoured," he said. Translating the highly successful Accord into a more spacious form gives Honda a head start in reaching those sophisticated buyers now considering 'minivans,' said Miller.

Odyssey features 4-wheel double-wishbone independent suspension for precise, positive handling without the sway, body roll and susceptibility to cross-

winds of more conventional designs. Four-wheel power disc brakes with available Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), safety features that meet the stringent U.S. government 1997 automobile standards for side-impact and other occupant protection, a proven 140 hp 2.2-litre SOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder engine and a 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with Grade Logic computer management make Odyssey the most sophisticated entry in this growing market, Miller added.

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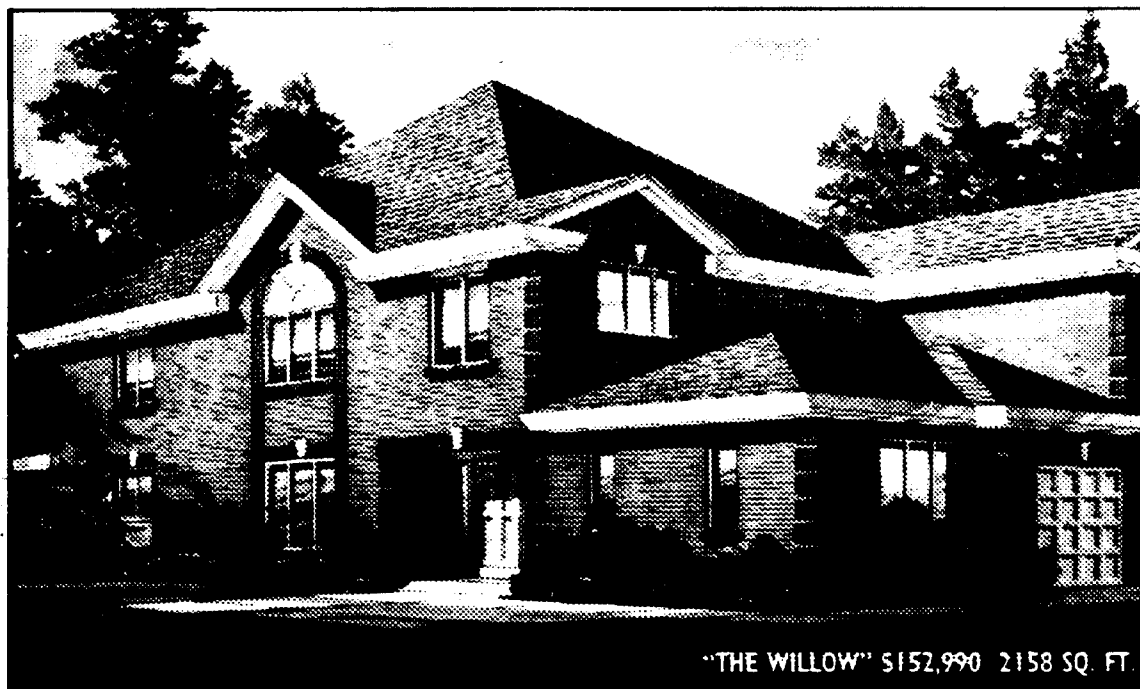
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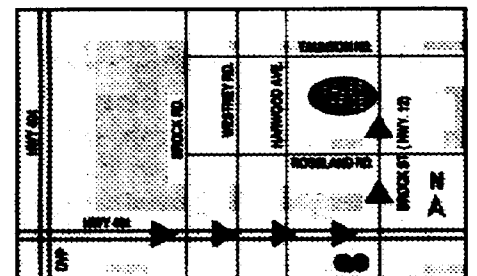
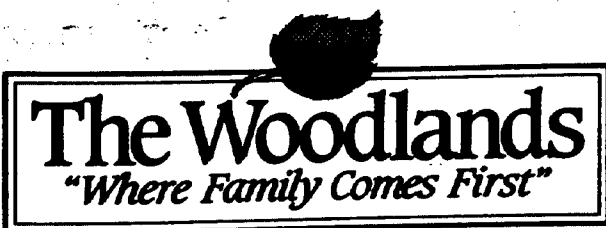
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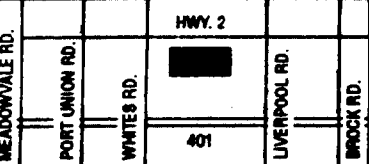
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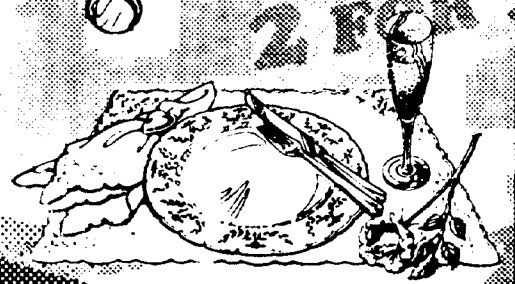
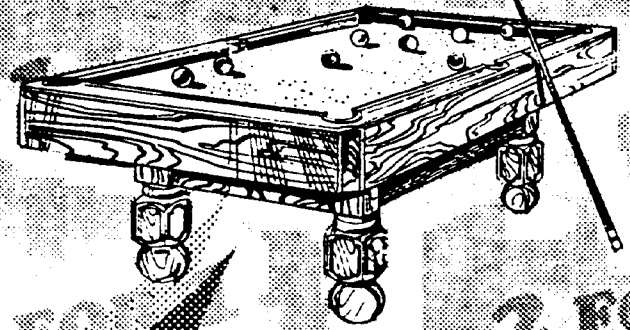
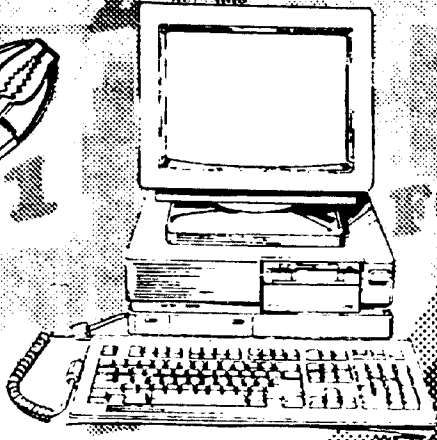
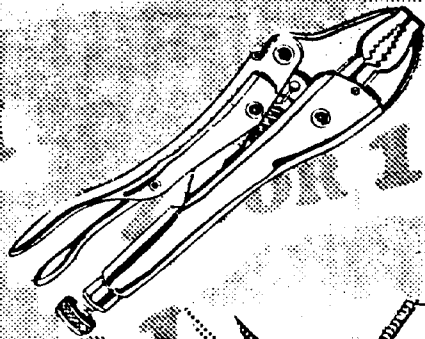
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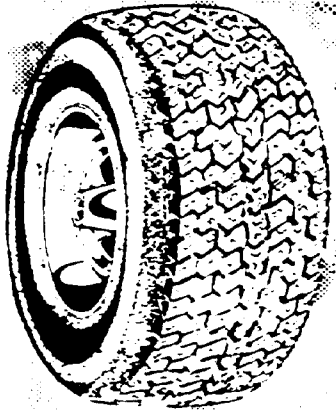
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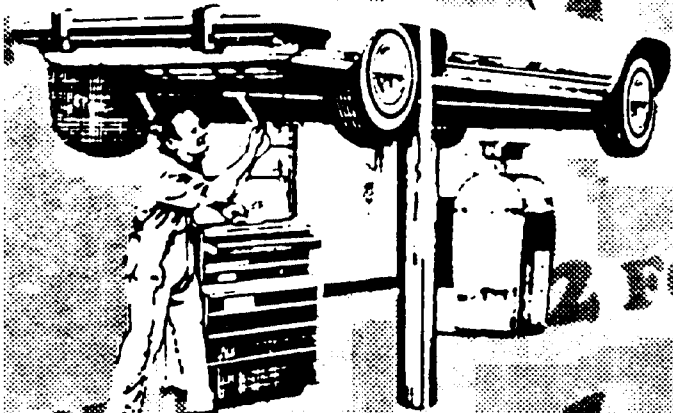
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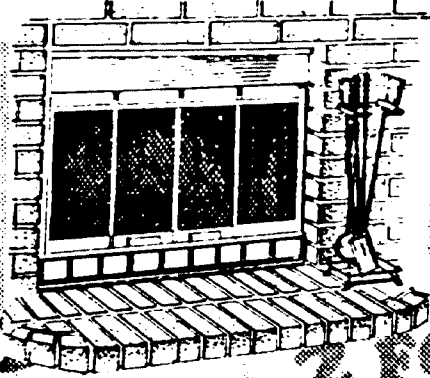
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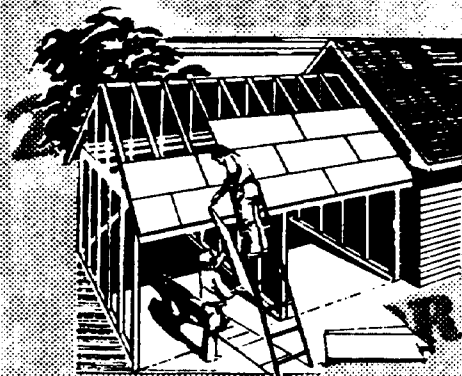
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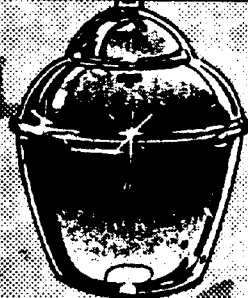
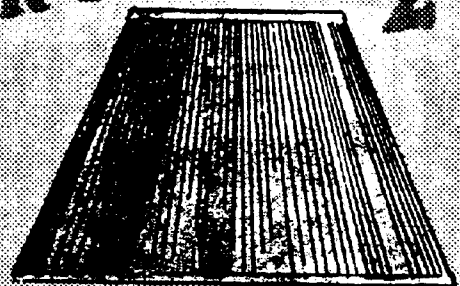
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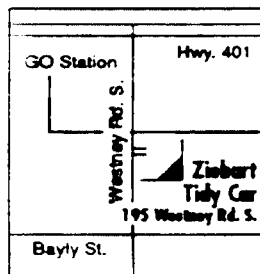


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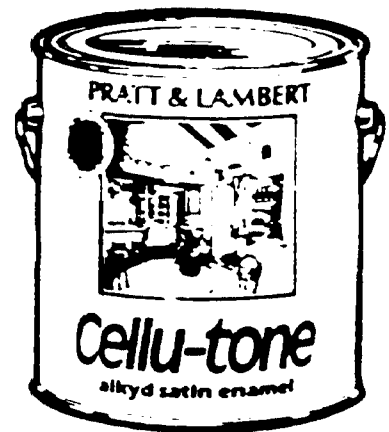


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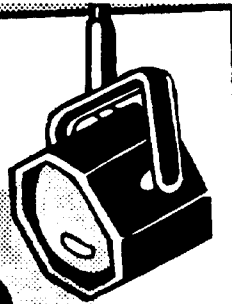


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