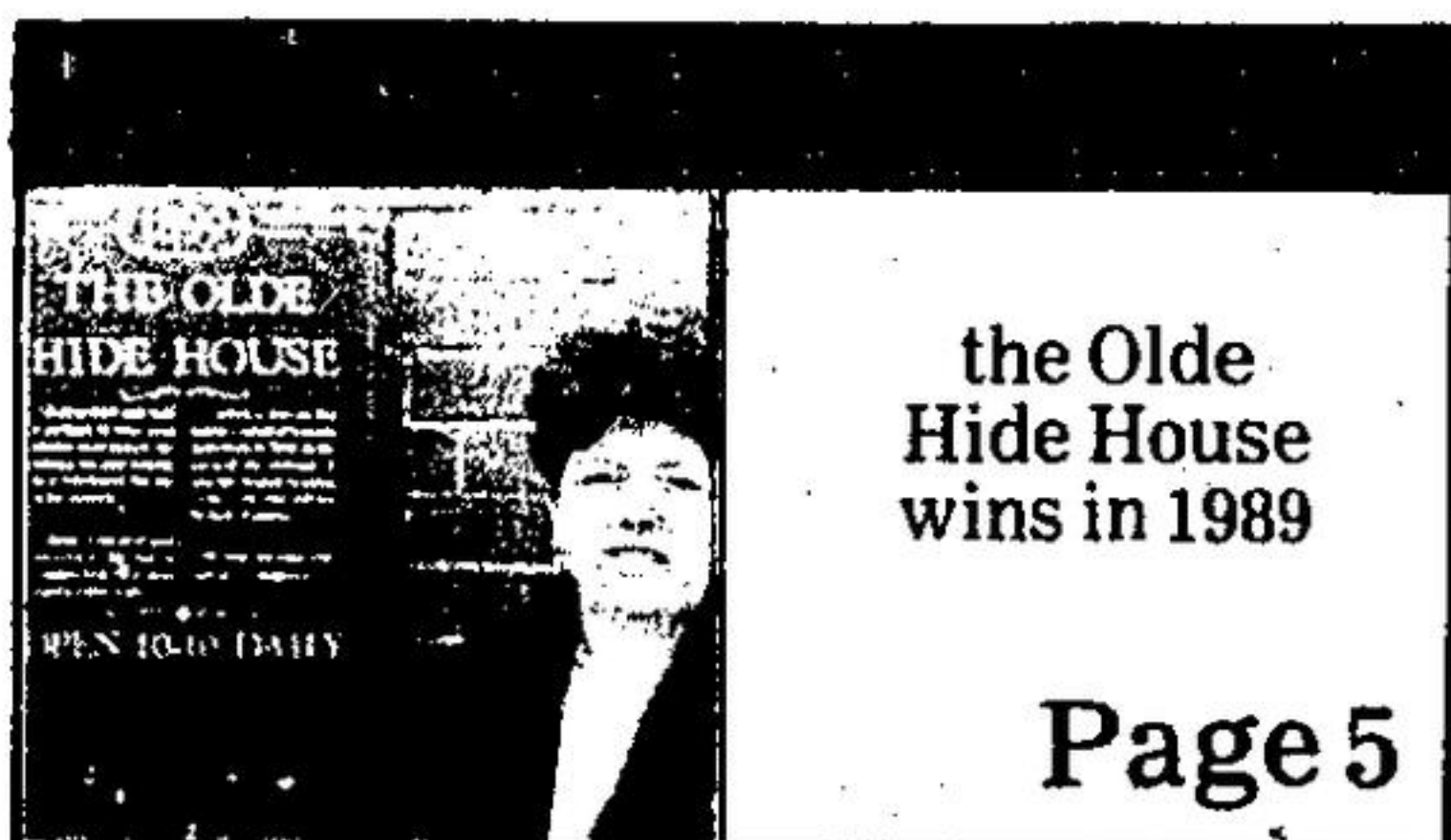


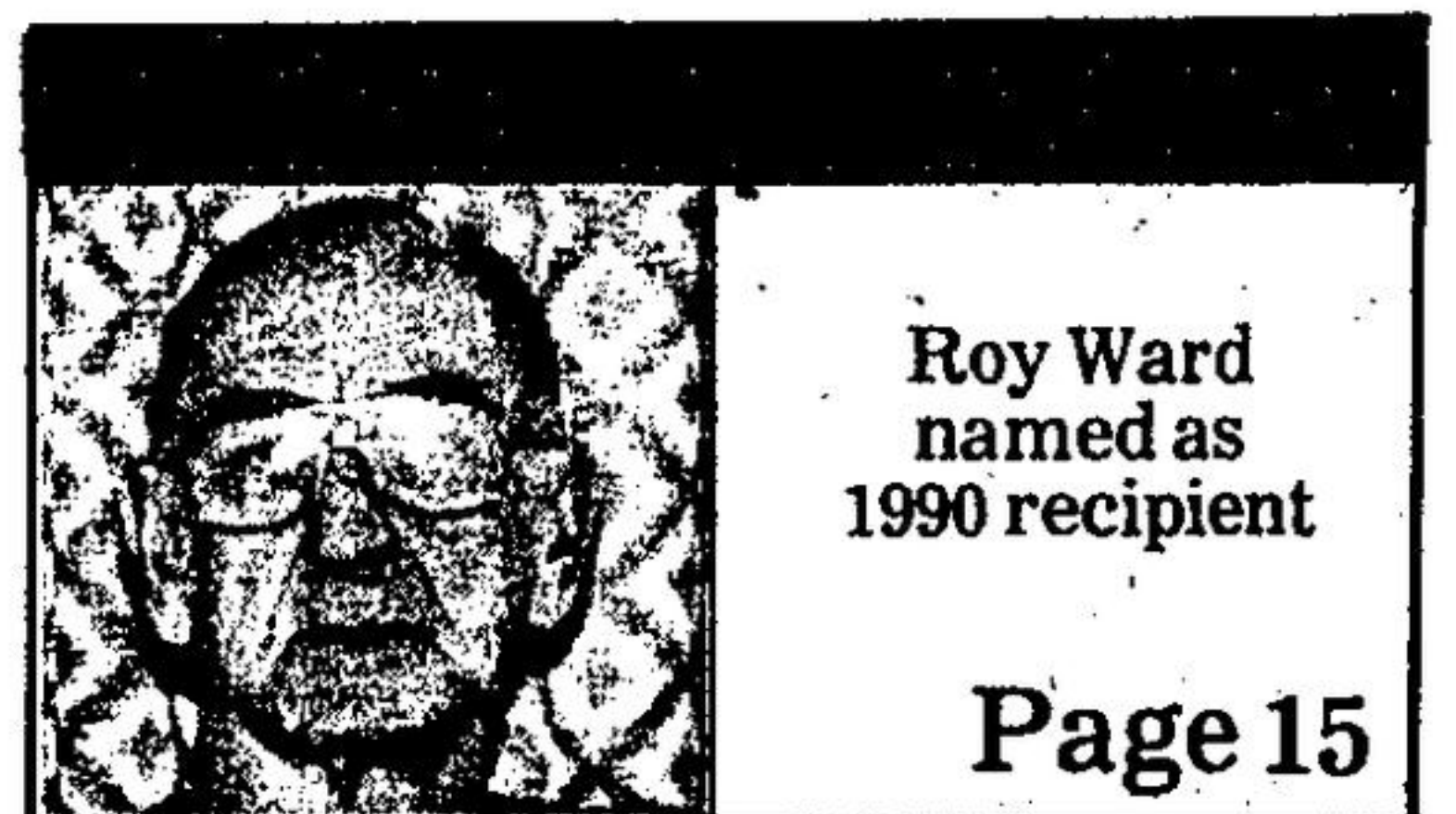
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Owner of illegal apartments fined \$4,400

A Toronto man has received the largest fine in the town's history ever issued for illegally converting an Albert Street house in Georgetown into three apartments.

Eddie Compos was ordered to pay the town \$4,400 after being found guilty on seven counts of building code violations, two counts of bylaw infractions and one count of contravening a zoning bylaw.

The town gave Mr. Compos every opportunity to comply with

its order to seek a zoning bylaw amendment and a building permit, but the owner refused, the town's building code enforcement officer, John Holmes, says.

After receiving information from several home owners on Albert Street that Mr. Compos was building illegal apartments last June, Mr. Holmes informed the owner that Albert Street is only zoned for houses.

The owner was told to seek a bylaw amendment which in turn would allow him to apply for an ap-

propriate building permit. But instead Mr. Compos obtained a building permit for a second floor bathroom, said Mr. Holmes.

"It was a blatant skirting of the law," he said.

Although the apartments are currently occupied, it is for sale on condition it be converted back to a house.

Mr. Holmes acknowledges Georgetown is facing a housing shortage.

"People are desperate. If someone has a basement apartment

they have no problem renting it."

But he emphasizes that apartments have to meet safety standards or else the town will have a tragedy similar to the recent rooming house fire that killed several occupants in Toronto.

If the town lets illegal apartments go unchecked just because their is need for housing "somebody is going to die from the situation," said Mr. Holmes.

He also said that illegal apartments place an unfair tax burden on innocent home owners.

If someone converts a house located in an area zoned for single family dwellings then the landlord is only required to pay the equivalent amount of municipal tax that a home owner would have to pay.

But landlords normally pay higher taxes because there are more people in an apartment building. Apartments necessarily use more of the town services than a family, he said.

And "why should someone suffer from other (people's) ignorance and stupidity," said Mr. Holmes.

The town is currently investigating 11 possible building code violations. But Mr. Holmes

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Welcome to the '90s

That's right, it's a girl Halton Hills! Alyssa Krussse is the town's 1990 New Year's baby. The 4 lbs.-2 oz. girl took her first breaths of good old Halton Hills air at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Jan. 5 at exactly 2:48 a.m. The proud mom and pop are Cathy

and David Krussse of Georgetown. Welcome Wagon Co-ordinator Debbie Butler visited mother and daughter at the hospital and presented them with several gifts Monday morning. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

New Year's baby born

2:48 a.m. Jan. 5

Better late than never as the saying goes.

Halton Hills finally got its New Year's baby, Jan. 5 at 2:48 a.m.

Alyssa Krussse must have known that the people of Halton Hills were wondering who would be the town's first New Year's newborn. The tiny 4 lbs., 2 oz. baby girl was so anxious to enter the new decade that she forced her mother into premature labor. Alyssa was born a week earlier than expected.

Mrs. Krussse and her husband David, arrived at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital shortly before 1 a.m. and Dr. Valerie Kumar along with Dr. Paul Zeni performed an emergency caesarean section.

To mark the occasion, Welcome Wagon Co-ordinator Debbie Butler visited Mrs. Krussse and Alyssa at the hospital bearing a variety of gifts Monday morning. These included a month's supply of Bentley's Spring Water, a Penaten gift pack from Young's Pharmacy, a pizza from Gino's Pizza, a dozen donuts from Nectar Donuts, a rattle from Discovery Toys representative Debbie Mackenzie and Burger King, Georgetown Food Market, and Art Effects gift certificates.

Mom and daughter are currently resting at Georgetown hospital. Mrs. Krussse will be released at the end of the week. But she said Alyssa might have to stay in the hospital a little longer because of her small size.

The Krussse's who already have a two-year-old son, Zachary, have lived in Georgetown for four years.