

# Shoemaker's hosts Candlelight Celebration

The second annual Candlelight Celebration service will be held at Shoemaker Funeral Home, 55 Mill St. E. in Acton on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.

This is a non-denominational service with music, readings, and reflection and at the close of the service each person will be invited to light a memory candle, symbolizing the loss

each has endured.

Light refreshments in the Sunderland Reception Centre following the service. RSVP to Shoemaker Funeral Home, 853-0350.

## School Funding:

# Long-Term Solutions That Put Kids First

**We believe every child in this province deserves an equal chance at life.**

In the past, school funding was anything but fair because it was based in part on how much each school board could raise in local taxes. Now, thanks to student-based funding, every child in Ontario can have fair access to a high-quality education, no matter where they live.

**More money for classroom education, less for bureaucratic waste.**

For many years, parents complained about school boards spending too much on overhead and administration, and too little on classroom needs. We asked boards to find savings in overhead and administration, then apply these funds to classroom needs. Most boards responded in good faith. A few didn't. Instead, they threatened to close schools.

**We could not stand by and let them threaten our kids' schools.**

To protect children from unnecessary school closures, we came up with four different solutions.

**A permanent 20% top-up grant for schools with fewer students.**

Previously, a school built for 100 students that had only 80 students enrolled would have lost 20% of its operating budget. Now, schools operating at less than full capacity will receive a top-up grant of up to 20% to bring them closer to, or up to, full operational funding.

**New permanent allowances for schools with non-standard design features.**

Some schools have unusual design features that incur additional costs. For example, many older schools have extra-wide hallways that need to be heated and cleaned. These unique design features have now been taken into consideration when calculating school funding.

**More time for school boards to move money into the classroom.**

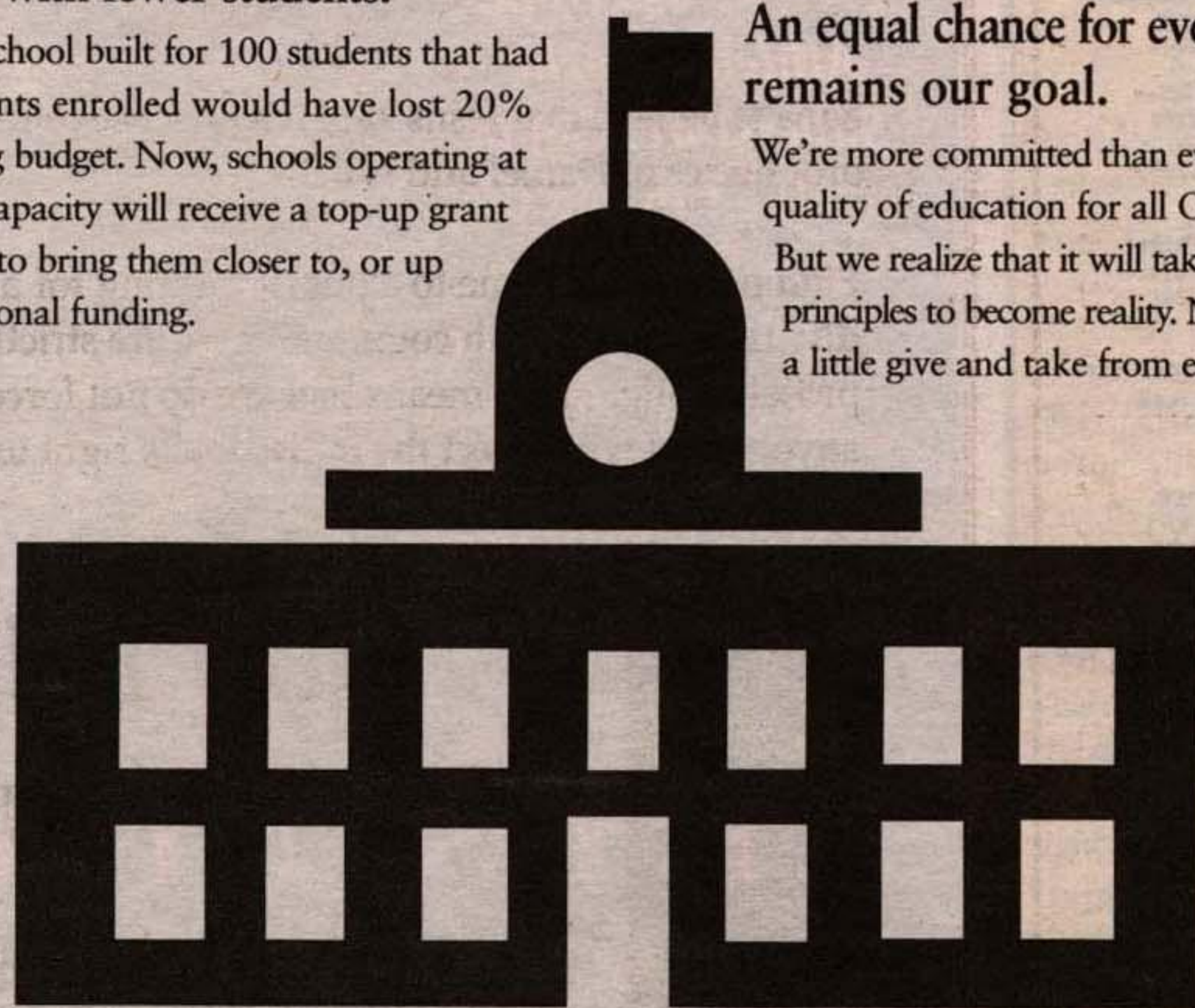
To prevent certain boards from unnecessarily closing schools, we're giving them more time at current funding levels to find the savings we know exist. Boards facing funding increases will receive their increases as originally scheduled.

**Professional third-party help to find savings in administration and overhead.**

In response to a request for help from the head of the Toronto District School Board, the Government will provide them, and any other board requesting it, with a team of management experts to help them find ways to save money in operations and administration.

**An equal chance for every child remains our goal.**

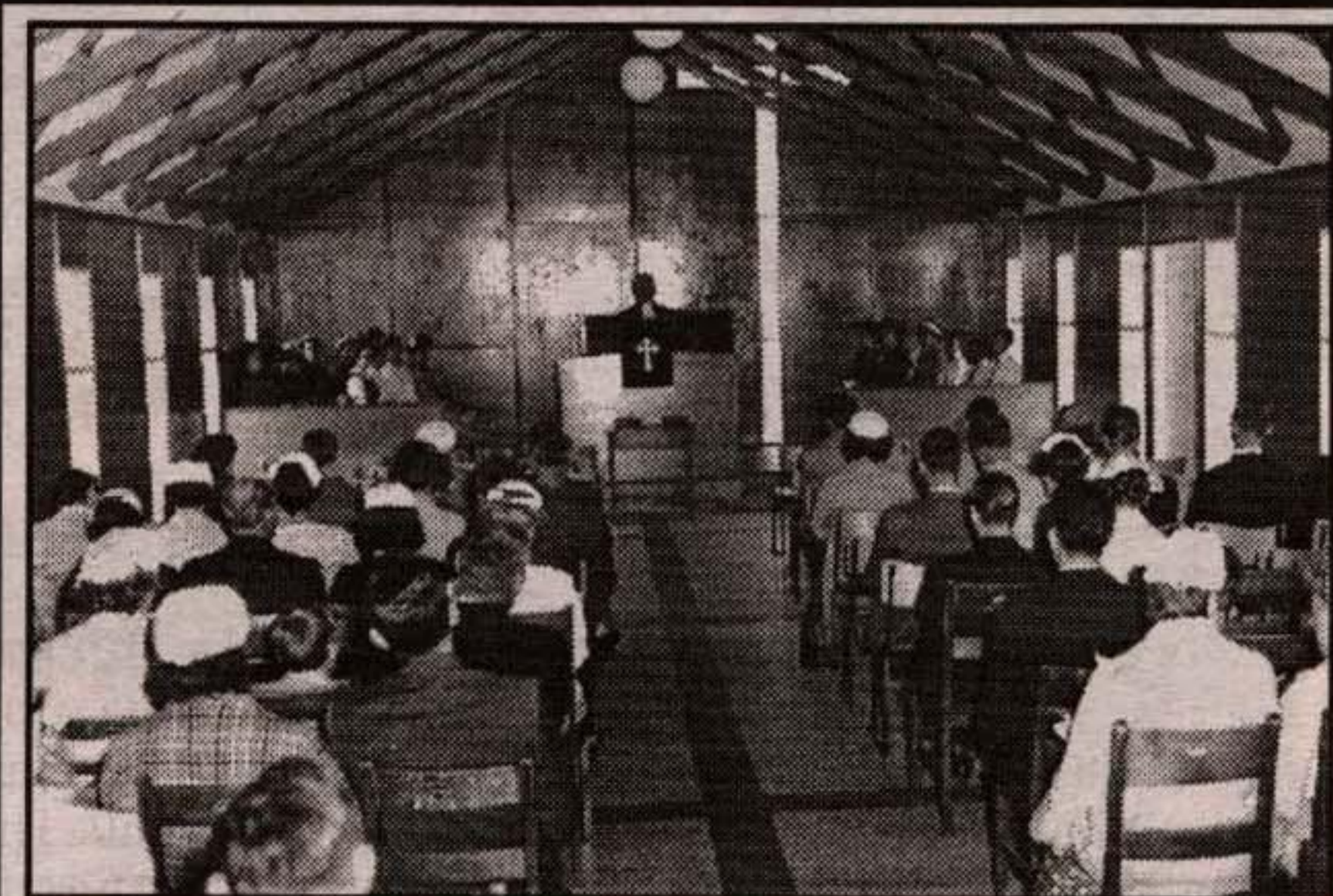
We're more committed than ever to raising the quality of education for all Ontario children. But we realize that it will take time for our principles to become reality. Not to mention a little give and take from everyone.



Call 1-888-848-5905 and get the facts.



## Do you remember?



Are you in this picture? If you are over 40 and have lived in Georgetown since 1958 perhaps you are. Do you recognize yourself in your Sunday best? This photo was taken at the first service held in a portable at the St. Andrew's United Church location. This little white A-framed building served the congregation until 1973.

### St. Andrew's Church marks 40th anniversary

St. Andrew's United Church is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. In celebration, a dinner and church service will be held this Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 6 p.m.

The anniversary church service is on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Muriel Duncan, editor of the United Church Observer. A light lunch will be served by the United Church Women. This will be a combined service with Ballinafad choir and congregation.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 877-4482.

Former members of St. Andrew's are cordially invited to attend the celebrations and renew old friendships. Pictures, scrapbooks and other memorabilia will be on display. A booklet on the history of St. Andrew's, A New Preaching Place in Georgetown, written by Jack Reed, traces the church's progress from 1958 to the present. Copies will be on sale at the dinner and Sunday celebrations.

St. Andrew's began life on Nov. 30, 1958 in Harrison Public School. It then moved to a white A-framed portable on the current site until 1973, when the education centre of the building was built. In 1985, a new six-sided church was constructed and is now complete with easy wheelchair access and a paved parking lot.

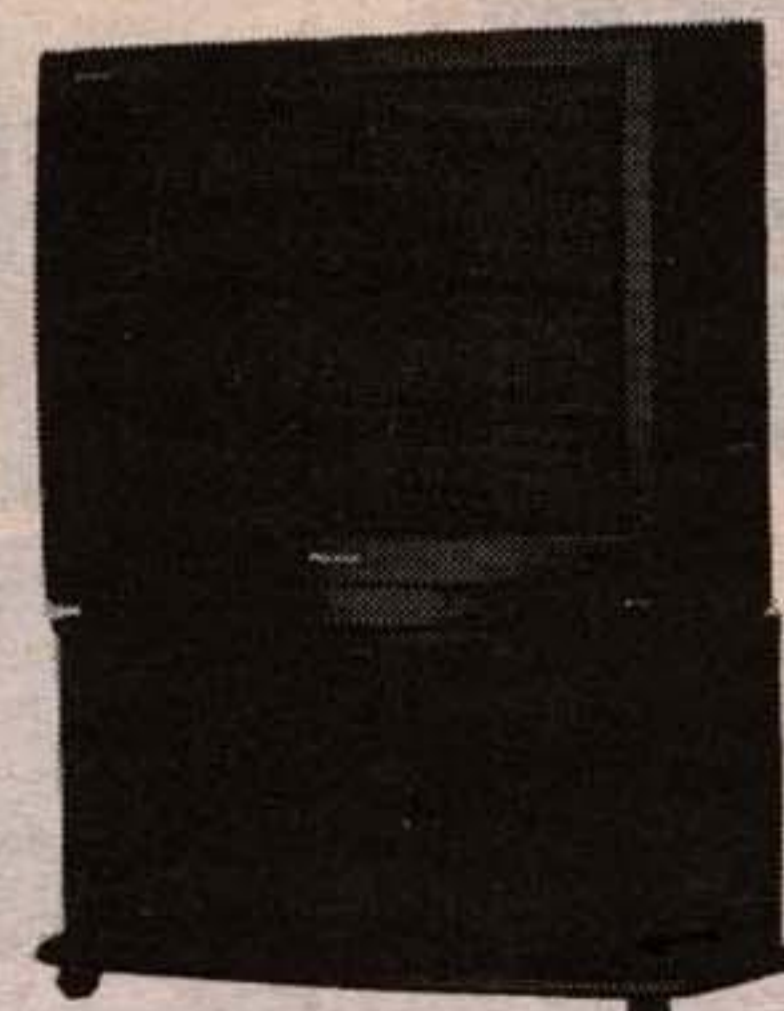
The church has come a long way.

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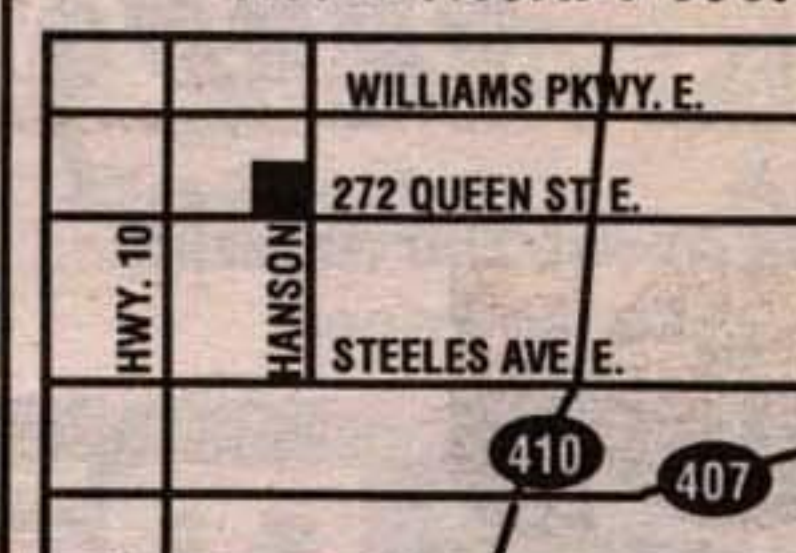
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