

# Georgetown man charged in N.S. after \$200,000 in pot found in van

A Georgetown man elected trial by jury after he was arraigned last Wednesday on a charge of possession for the purpose of trafficking after police found \$200,000 worth of marijuana in a van Tuesday, May 18.

Eric John Saunders, 47, hid his face as Cape Breton Regional Police brought him into court after he spent the night in a police holding cell.

He was arrested along Highway 125, near Leitches Creek, after police stopped a 1990 Dodge Caravan and recovered 13.5 kilograms of marijuana stashed inside the vehicle.

The raid was part of an ongoing investigation into drugs moving into the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Sold by the gram at street level, the stash of drugs would have fetched up to \$200,000.

The discovery was the first significant bust

of the year for the force.

During his brief court appearance, a couple Saunders knew from Glace Bay offered their home, vehicle and other assets, totalling \$50,000, for his release. He was granted bail on several strict conditions.

If he breaches the conditions, the court can seize the assets.

Judge Peter Ross ordered Saunders, who was leaving town immediately, to report in with Halton Police within 24 hours of his arrival in Ontario, then twice a week until he returns to Sydney for a preliminary hearing Oct. 13.

He's also to stay within his Georgetown home or his trailer at the Horseshoe Lake campground in Parry Sound from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily and notify police within 48 hours of any change in address or phone number.

—By Tera Camus, Halifax Chronicle-Herald

# Acton duo in national tech event

Acton High School students Matt Locke and Kasimir Kosakowski both earned medals at the recent Ontario Technical Skills Competition in Kitchener and will compete this weekend at the national championship in Winnipeg.

Kosakowski earned a provincial gold medal in the Mechanical CADD (computer aided drafting and design) competition in a field of 25 competitors. His project required him to use precision measuring tools to determine the measurements of a stapler which had been disassembled. He had to

create working drawings and three-dimensional models of each part, determine how they fit together then assemble the 3-D parts correctly.

Locke received a provincial silver medal competing in the Architectural CADD competition against 23 others. He had to design and create floor plans, two exterior elevations, a cross-section and a site plan of a commercial building.

The national competition began yesterday (Thursday) and wraps up tomorrow (Saturday.)

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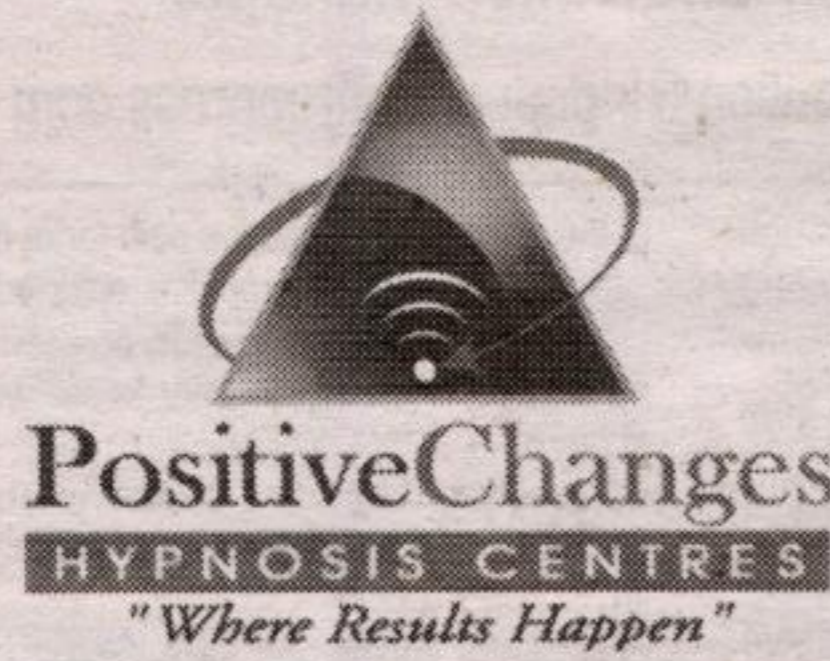
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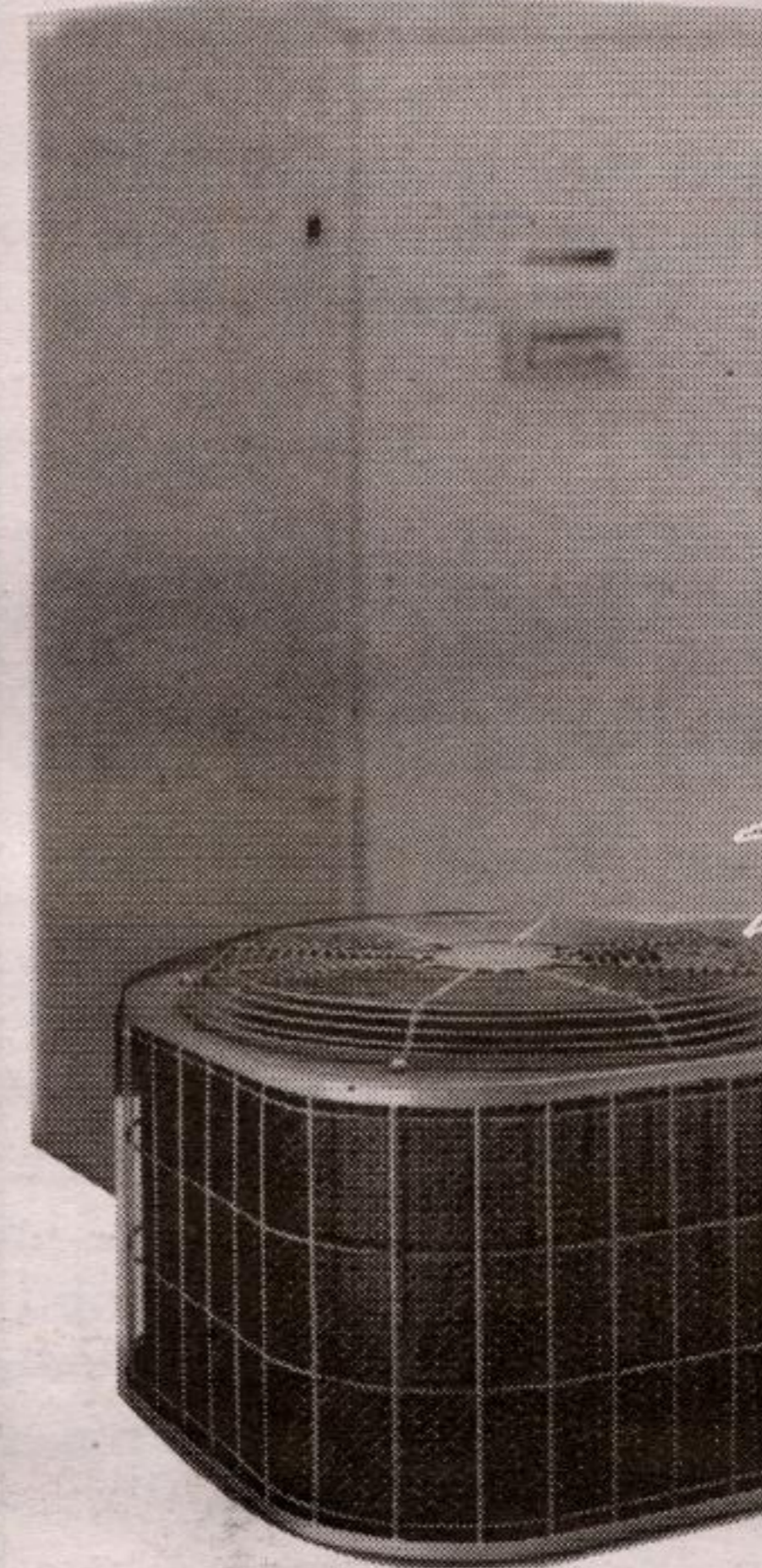
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