

# Forum recognized rural area's special needs

In order to ensure our programs and services remain accessible, as well as relevant in each community, we have a range of communications to inform and engage residents. Recognizing that people who live in the rural areas have specific needs, the Rural Community Forum was developed as an opportunity for two-way communication with residents.

Halton Regional Police Chief Ean Algar and I jointly host the twice-a-year event, which encourages residents to come out and learn about some of the initiatives we are working on, and to share any concerns they might have that are specific to the rural community.

Residents who attended the recent Rural Community Forum held on October 18 raised a number of issues. These included safety concerns due to the changing use of roads in the rural area by an increasing number of bicyclists and motorcyclists, and overflow truck traffic from the 401.

Chief Algar and his staff took note of specific concerns and provided updates on measures that have been taken to address these ongoing issues. The Chief also encouraged attendees to join the Community Consultation/Policing Committees where residents collaborate with front-line police officers to address local community and policing priorities. Interested residents should contact the Halton Regional Police Services or visit their website at [www.hrps.on.ca](http://www.hrps.on.ca).

## THE REGION REPORT



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At the forum, Halton Planning & Transportation staff answered questions about plans for future transportation initiatives and discussed factors that affect the timing of the \$800M in road improvements earmarked for Halton for the next 16 years. Halton's Master Transportation Plan will be instrumental in developing an integrated transportation strategy that considers all modes of travel and offers a range of transportation choices to meet the needs of Halton residents.

Also in attendance were Health Department representatives who provided information about well water quality and Public Works staff who answered questions on the new GreenCart Demonstration program and provided complimentary blue boxes.

Notes from Halton's Rural Community Forums are posted on the Region's website at [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca).

*Joyce Savoline is the chair of Halton Region*

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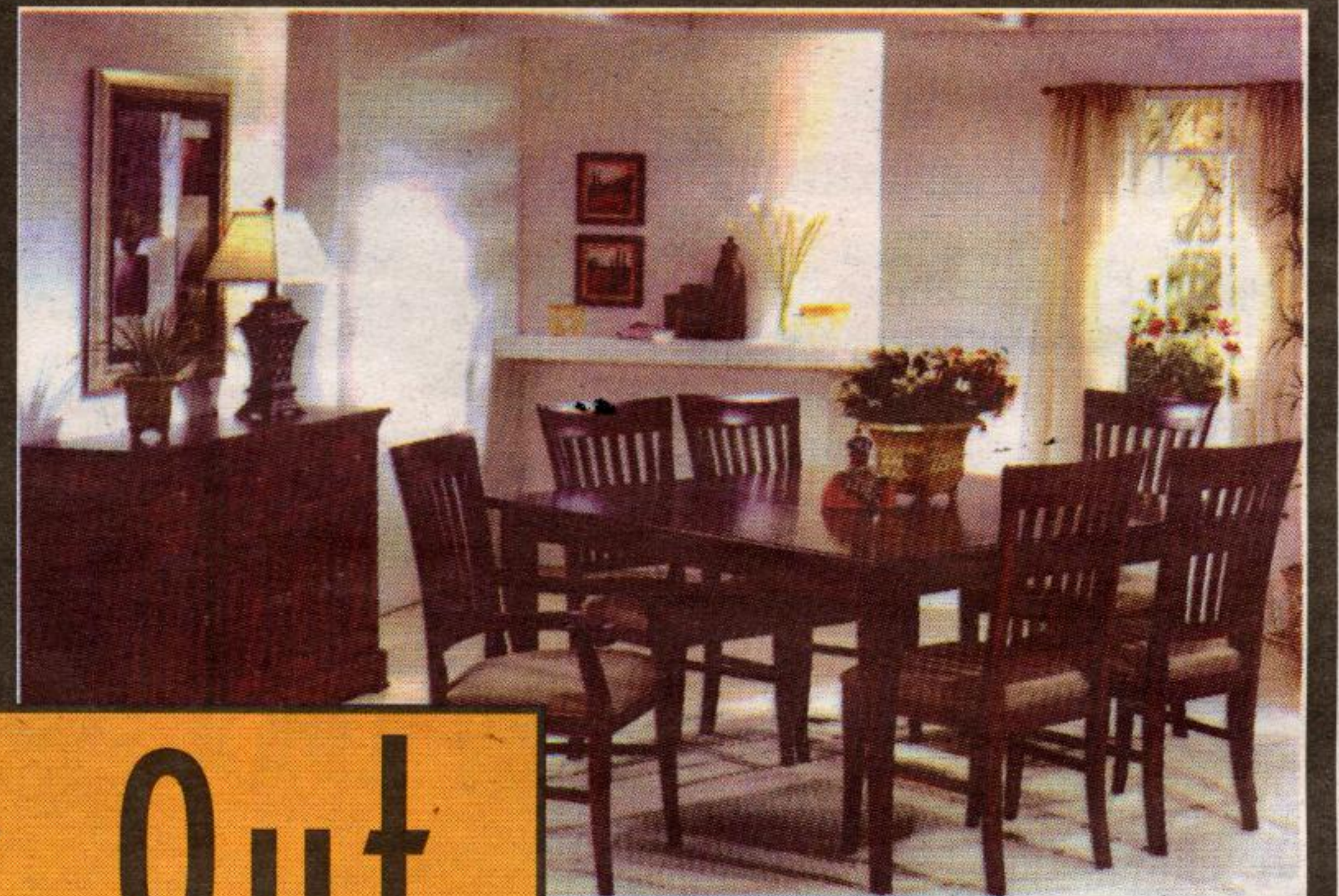
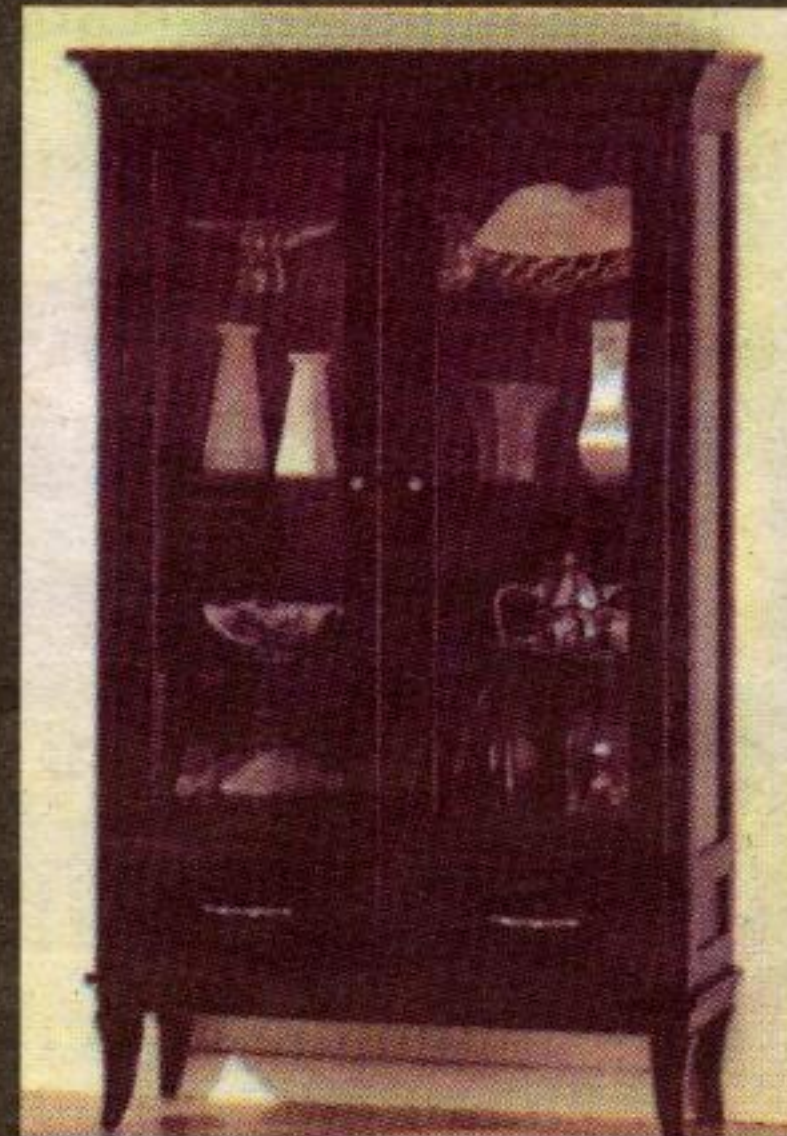
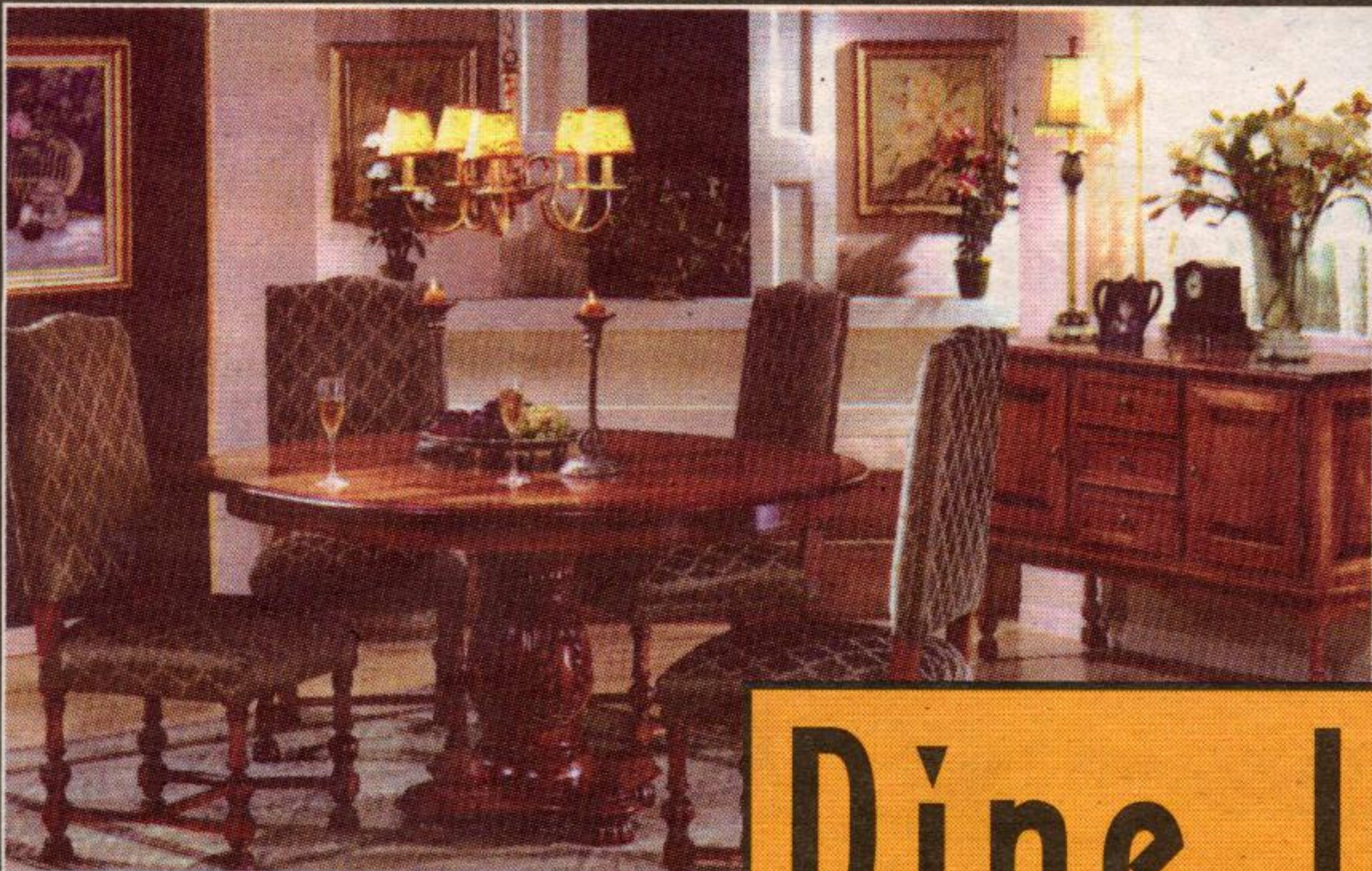


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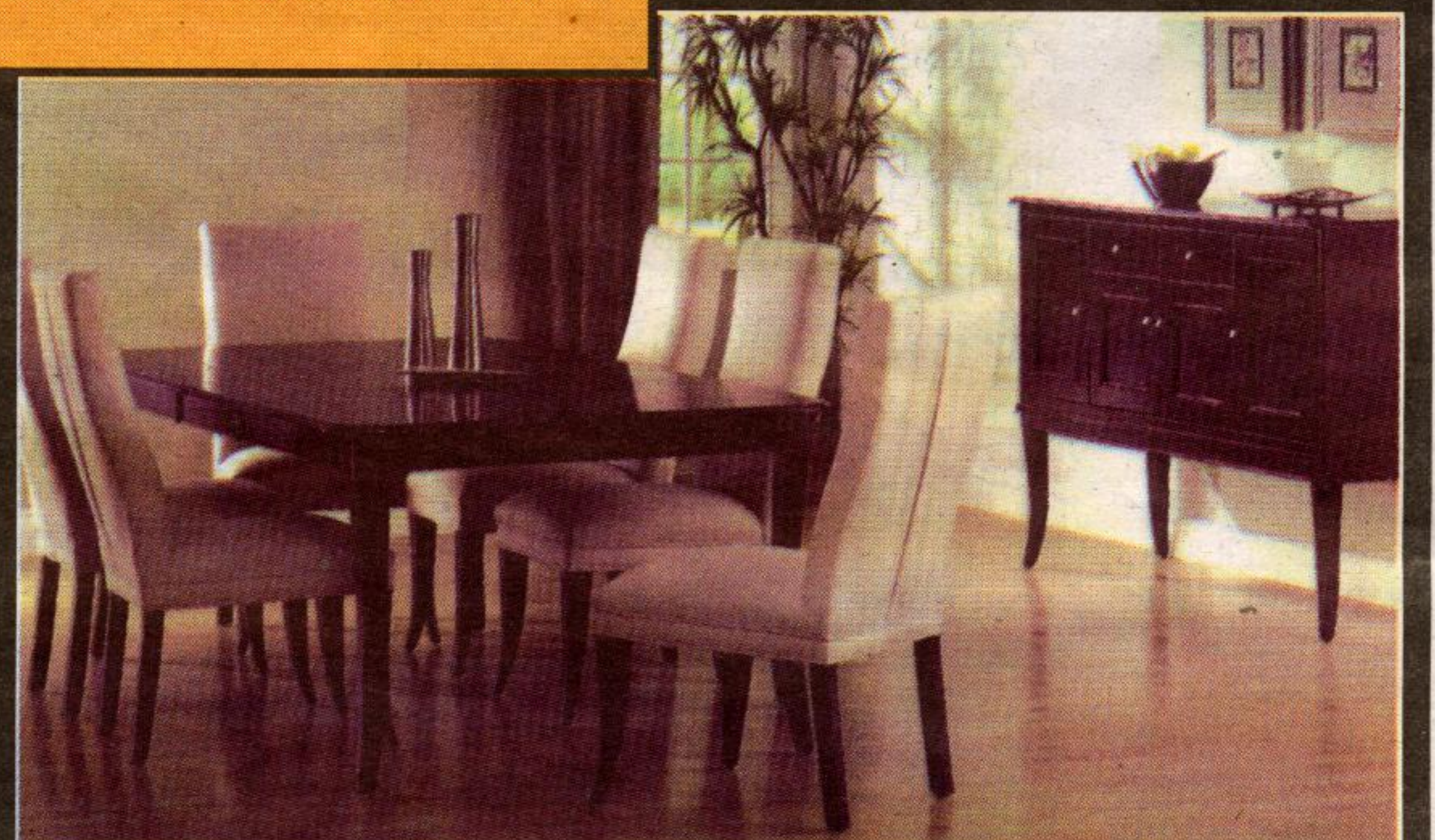


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