

Shopping carts: Customer convenience means thousands lost

By Jane Brush
There are literally thousands of dollars being thrown away by the citizens of Milton every year—hundreds every week.

This money can be found in remote areas of the Milton Mall parking lot and in front of houses in the area of the mall. There is approximately \$255 sitting in the drainage ditch along the front of the Milton Mall on Ontario St. right now.

Don't expect to find dollar bills floating in the water, because you'll be disappointed.

All you'll find is shopping carts.

Shopping carts often carry more than just purchases. They carry problems associated with flooding, damage to cars, lack of parking spaces and expense to stores.

Loblaws, Zellers, SuperSave and Sider Produce are the four main stores which offer shopping carts to their

customers as a service. Wilf Penson, Works Superintendent for the Town of Milton's Public Works Department said, "carts in the creek running along Ontario St. will cause flooding if they are not removed. A year ago last spring there was flooding at that spot because the carts were jammed under the bridge at Ontario and Main Sts."

The Town of Milton's Works Department has taken it upon itself to remove these neglected carts from Loblaws and Zellers right now.

"We call up Zellers and Loblaws when we have a bunch of carts here," Mr. Penson said "but we are going to have to start charging them for their removal since we are doing it on the town's time."

Wayne Doerksen, Personnel and Operations Manager of Zellers, said, "I am well aware of the problems associated with the carts being taken out of the store, but right now it doesn't seem to be a big problem."

Zellers has approximately 100 shopping carts for their customers' use. Mr. Doerksen estimates the store would lose approximately two of these carts per month. "The cost to the store is the main concern," said Mr. Doerksen.

"This is because the carts cost about \$86 each."

Mr. Doerksen said he receives about one call a week from people who find carts around or in front of their property.

"We will have someone from the store pick up the cart when we find out where it is," Mr. Doerksen said.

He added, "if a problem develops, then I will have to take action."

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to the floor so the carts could not be taken out of the store, but I would not like to have to do this."

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Joe Oppendisano, Store Manager at Sider Produce said, "we do not allow carts out of the store for three reasons:

"The expense of lost or damaged carts could cost the customer money in rising prices;

"There could be damage to cars from the carts;

"They also take up valuable parking spaces;

"And the employees will carry bags to cars or will put them in special carry-out carts. This is a service provided to our customers by the store."

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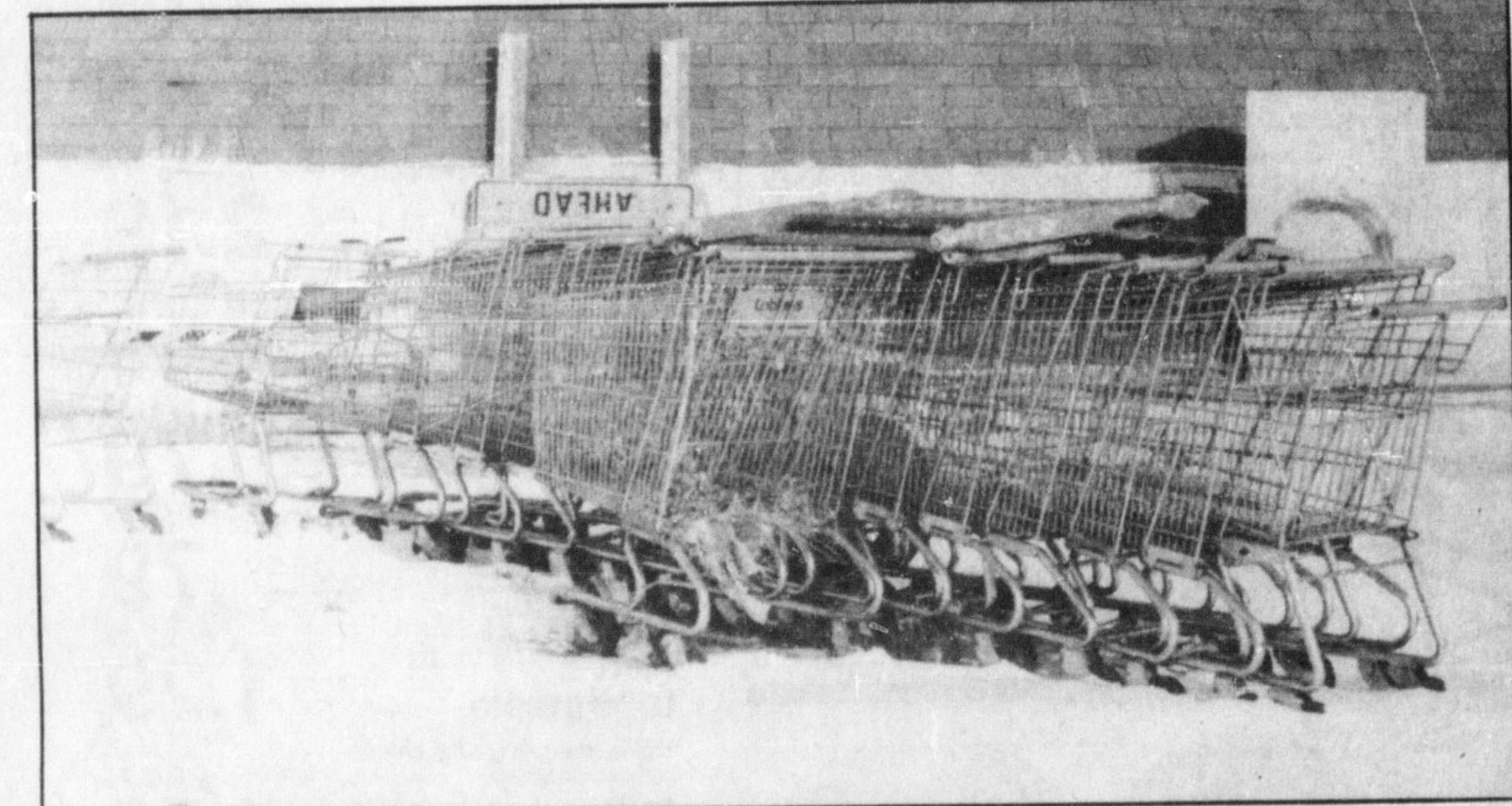
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Storing carts. The Town of Milton's Public Works Department has taken it upon itself to collect and keep carts such as these in the town yard.



Abandoned. Shoppers often leave their carts in the parking lot where they can be blown around or damaged in high winds.

Bible student explains temptation

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson
The regular Saturday night euchre at Hornby Centre on Mar. 7 was well attended with 14 tables on play. Winners with high scores were Ethel Webb, Clara Price, Mrs. D. Dowling, J.C. Cunningham, Bell Hubercheck, Irene Goodfellow, Ralph Featherstone.

Special prizes were won by Mac Alexander and Muriel Elliott.

Bible student George McPhee of Emmanuel College, Toronto was the guest speaker at Bethel United Church on March 8 for worship service.

He delivered a fine message on "temptation".

The March meeting of Bethel UCW was held in the church hall on Wednesday evening with 12 ladies present. Mrs. A. Ball was president for the month and read a poem "Where is love? The wor-

ship service was given by Mrs. C. Featherstone and the theme "Two views of Life" which is either good or bad. The good view of life is shown by persons who find joy in everything they do, and are always happy to be able to co-operate in doing good while the negative person is one who is hard to work with, always looking for the worst, and is never satisfied with himself or anyone else.

A thank you letter was received from Mrs. Brian Greenwood of Cochrane for the cradle roll gift at Christmas from the UCW to her son James.

Rev. J. Griffin and family sent a thank you for their Christmas gift.

The ladies decided to hold a turkey supper at 6.30 p.m. in the church hall on April 10, tickets will be available only from banquet committee.

Drumquin

Mrs. Beverley Ditter, a member demonstrated the art of decorating Easter eggs the Ukrainian way. She stressed that each pattern has a meaning or message. A large goose egg was decorated also several other eggs with the members taking part. All enjoyed this interesting demonstration. The meeting closed with prayer and benediction

and lunch was served by Mrs. S. McMillan.

Several from Bethel area attended the World Day of Prayer at Hillcrest on March 6. Mrs. J. Pickett was key lady for the program and members from all four churches—St. Stephens, Hillcrest, Bethel and Omagh took part.


Mrs. La Verne McLaughlin was organist and Rev. J. Griffin sang two solos accompanying himself on the guitar. The guest speaker was

Mrs. Anna Dixon of Oakville.

This young lady is handicapped by MS and must use a wheel chair. Mrs. Dixon spoke on her illness and how she copes with her daily routine in her home and caring for her seven year old son.

She also is a receptionist in an office. She emphasized that people in wheel chairs desire to live as normal as possible and be accepted for themselves. Her message was the truly thank-

ful for good health, learn to accept your lot in life, accept help graciously when needed and if not needed to refuse graciously. Mrs. Dixon was thanked for her fine talk. The prayer service had been written by the native Indian women of America. The service next year will be held at St. Stephens and the key lady will be from Omagh. Afternoon tea and cookies were served by ladies of Hillcrest.



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**Halton Manor Women's Auxiliary
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Problem carts. These shopping carts are only two of the potential hazards that are present in the drainage ditch along Ontario St. Flooding is a dangerous probability when these carts remain in the ditch during the spring thaw.


Elizabeth Fry annual

The Elizabeth Fry Society, Peel-Halton Branch, Annual Meeting will be held tonight at 7.30 at the Consumers Gas Building, 239 Queen St. E., Brampton. Guest speaker will be Gillian Sandeman, Executive Director of


Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society. Topic: "The Sixth United Nations Congress on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders" held at Caracas, Venezuela Aug. 1980. The public is welcome.

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The Literature of Ontario (English 215 Z) Mon., 7 - 10 p.m., April 6 - June 22 Prof. Stan McMullin

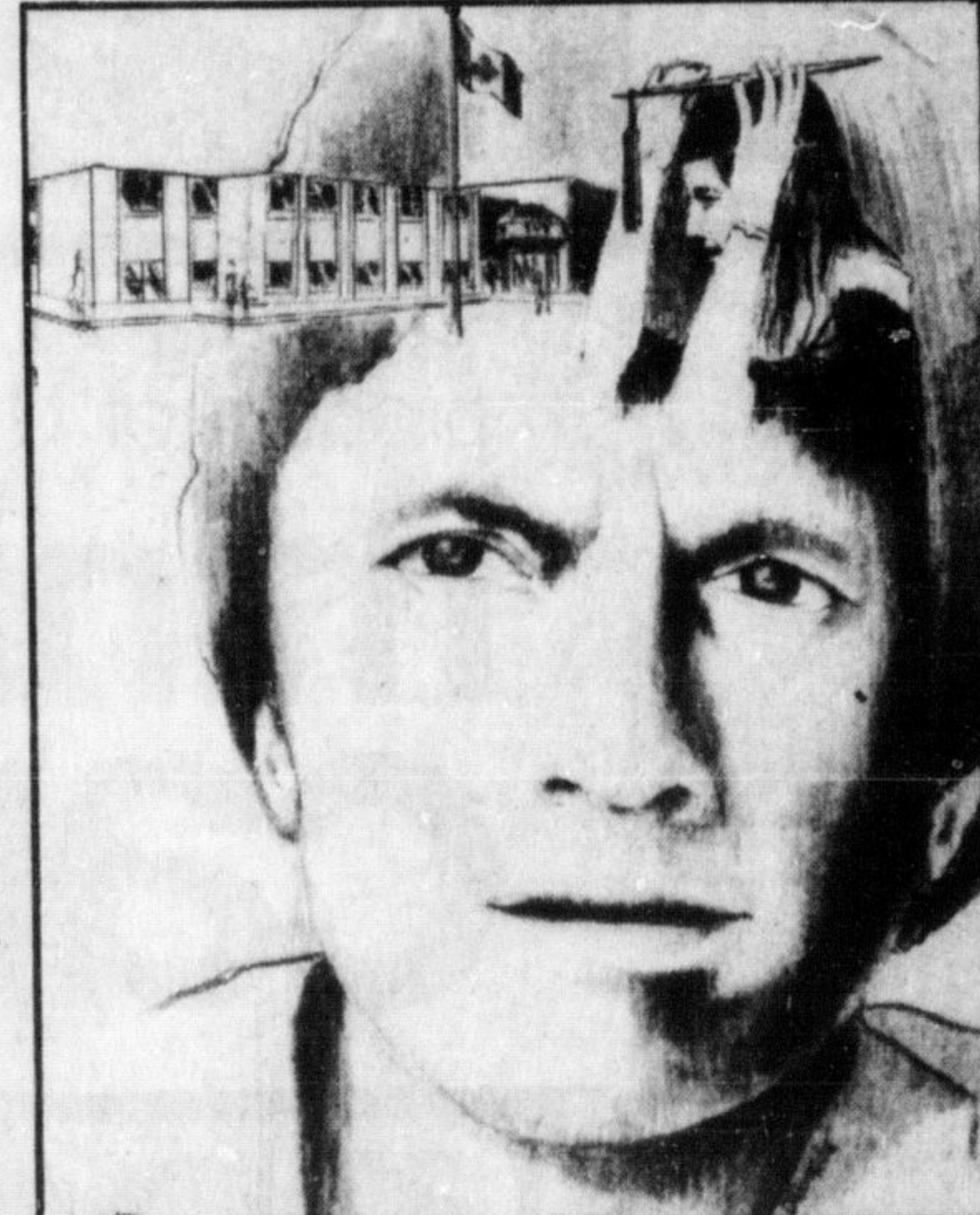
Family Therapy (Social Work 321R RZ2) Tues., 7 - 10 p.m., April 7 - June 23 Mr. Allon Bross

Educational Psychology (Psychology 212 Z) Thurs., 7 - 10 p.m., April 9 - June 25 Mr. Ted De Young

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How about it Ontario?

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