

Smokers' turf to be trimmed, again

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Smoking just got its butt kicked in Milton. A strict new anti-smoking bylaw is set to come into effect February 2.

The souped-up bylaw was passed by town council November 2 of last year, but it takes three months for it to come into full force.

Under the new rules, local restaurants will be required to shave their smoking sections to just 30 per cent of total capacity. Bar smoking sections will be limited to 50 per cent.

Outdoor patios are exempt.

The smoking in public places bylaw applies to schools, banks, malls, churches, health care and child care facilities.

In other words, virtually every enclosed place that is available to the public, including cabs, elevators, food courts, public washrooms and gas-line kiosks.

The bylaw that was passionately championed by regional medical officer of health Dr. Robert Nosal will bring Milton in line with similar policies in Oakville and Burlington.

Prior to the bylaw, Milton was second only to Halton Hills in terms of lax lighting laws, allowing smokers up to 70 per cent of restaurant and bar space.

Halton Hills topped the region in smoke tolerance, granting its residents 75 per cent smoking room.

To stay in compliance with the smoking bylaw,

proprietors must post clearly visible no smoking signs in designated areas.

They are also required to remove matches, ashtrays and other smoking accessories from banned areas.

Lastly, they must inform renegade smokers of the bylaw should they light up in banned areas.

Ignoring the bylaw could burn a hole in the budget, as it carries a fine of up to \$5,000 per offence.

The inspiration for the tougher law stemmed in part from the results of a 1995 survey in which a whopping 79.9 per cent of local respondents supported stricter smoke laws.

It will be enforced by health inspectors, who can enter an establishment at any time to ensure that people are butting out in public.

Body found near road

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determined when he died or where he was killed.

"There's going to be a fair amount of investigating before we'll be able to identify the scene for that murder," Det. Insp. Pittman said.

Mr. Anderson, a salesman and father of four children, was reportedly found wearing the same clothes he wore to the strip club. His body was situated about 300 yards from Trafalgar Road, north of Derry Road, near some farm buildings.

On the day Mr. Anderson's body was found, a Toronto newspaper ran a small story asking for public assistance in locating the missing man.

He was described as black, five-foot-11 and 167 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a slender build.

Anyone with information can contact investigators at 825-4777, ext. 5141, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Snow drifts mean more plowing

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ping 650 km of area roads, including, as of recently, regional roads such as Derry Road, Steeles Avenue and Britannia Road.

He said main snow removal in the urban area was completed yesterday morning and six plows were still out clearing drifting snow, which proved to be a "headache."

More work was to be done in both urban and rural areas, he said.

"We haven't had a dump of snow like this in 15 years. It will take two weeks to clean it all up."

A Woodward Avenue resident was among callers who complained that their street hadn't been plowed, Mr. Finn said.

But, he countered, the road had been cleared except for one stretch where cars parked on the street blocked access.

He said the Town was short one plow operator, who couldn't make his way in from north of town.

"We did a good job. These guys should be commended. They worked their butts off," Mr. Finn said.

He added that Milton is fortunate compared to other municipalities to have, for its size, the number of operating plows that it does.

No injuries in storm

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Milton District Hospital reported no unusual activity in its emergency department over the weekend.

Minor injuries from car crashes and a few sprains were as bad as the news got for the emergency department, reported Trish Carleton from the hospital's public relations department.

The fire department also responded to several carbon monoxide (CO) calls, said Mr. Cross.

High levels of CO were discovered in three homes over the weekend after residents began suffering from flu-like symptoms, he said.

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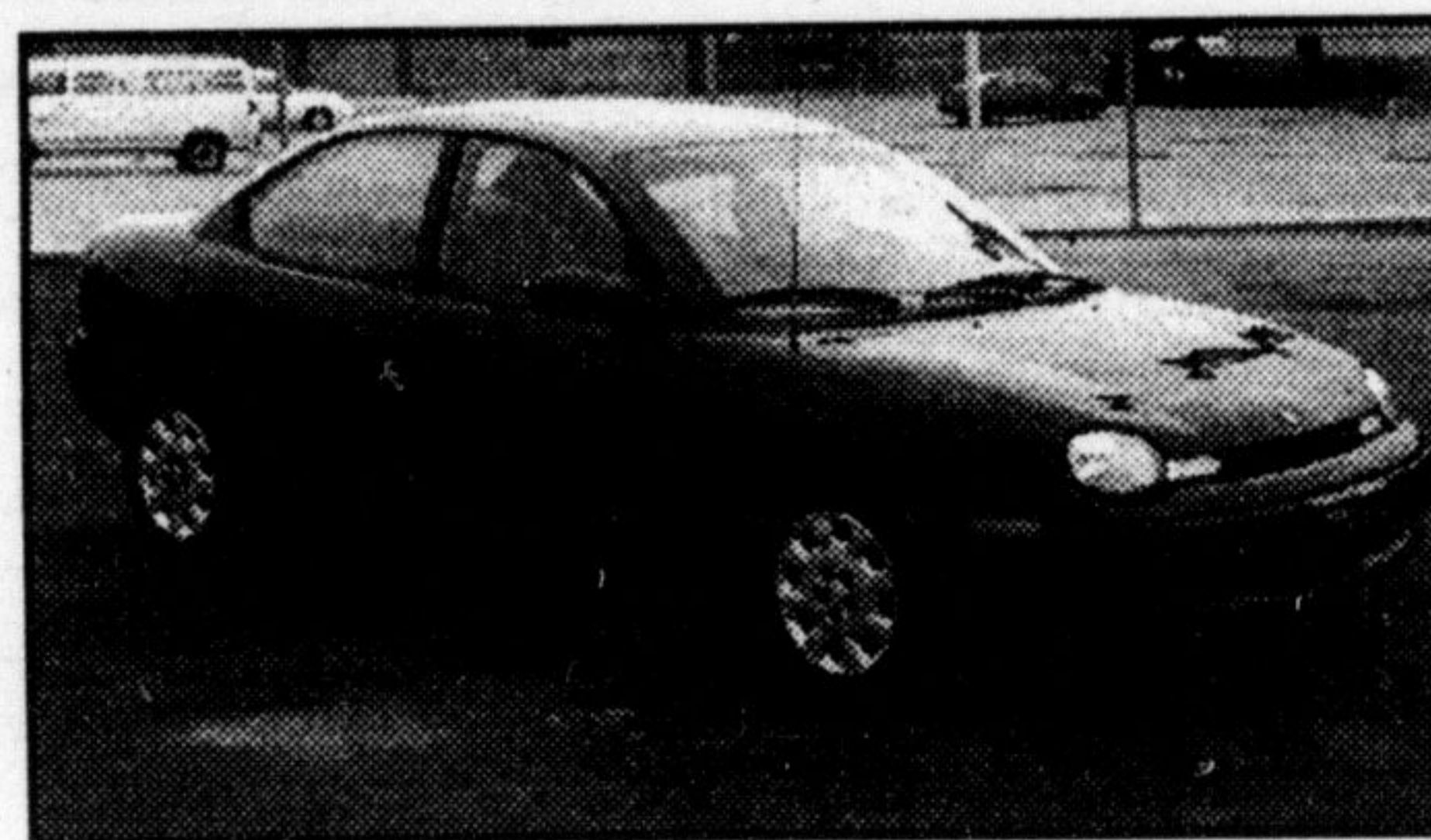
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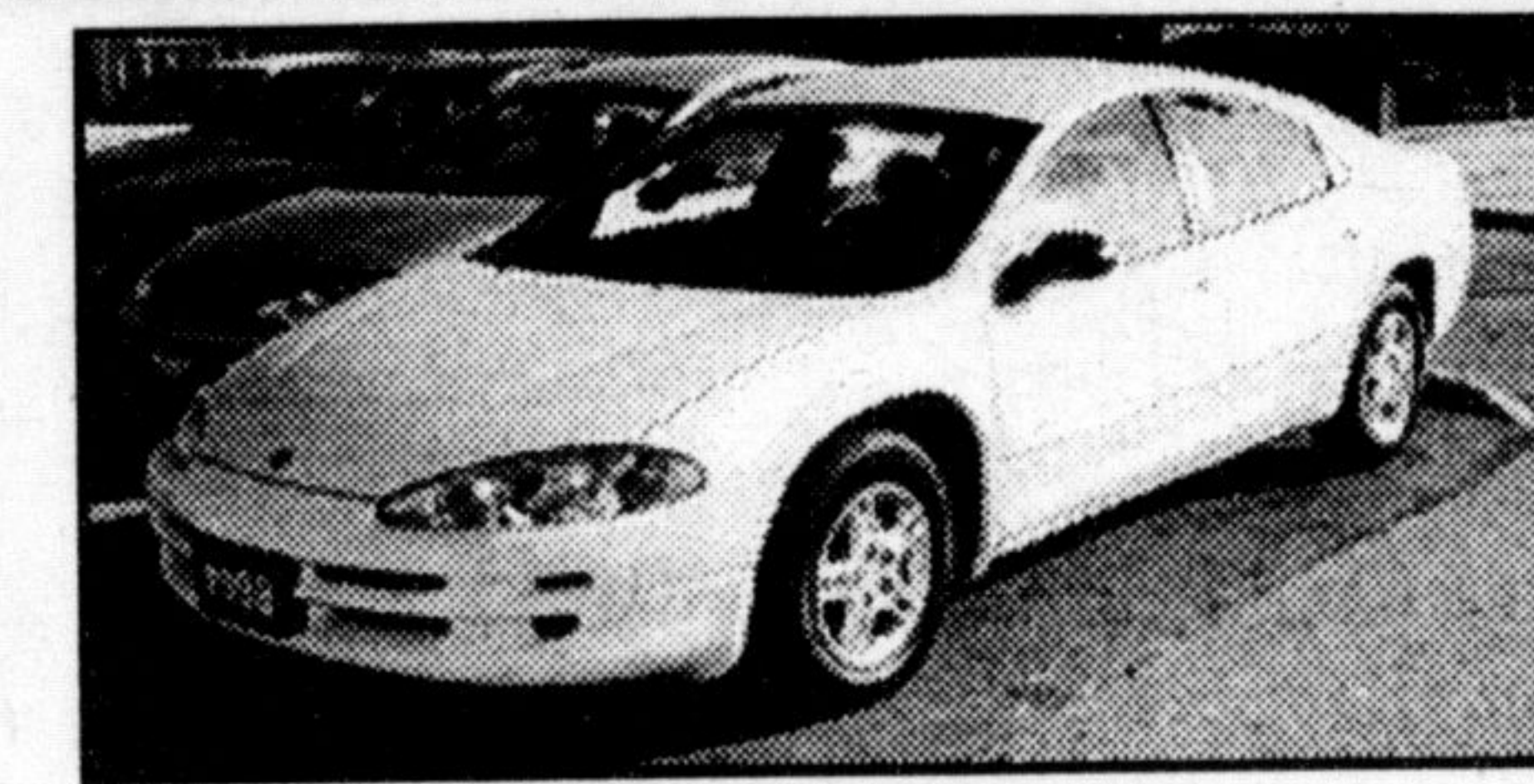
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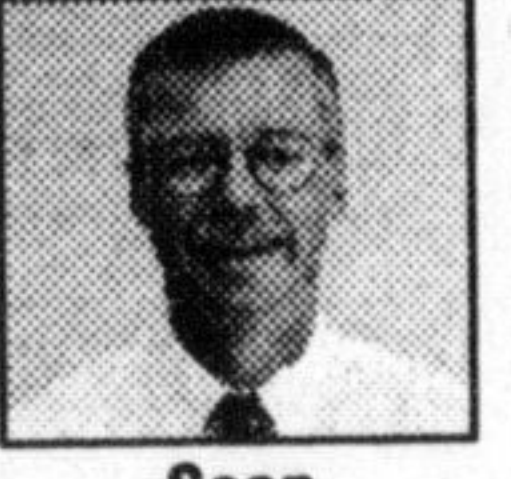
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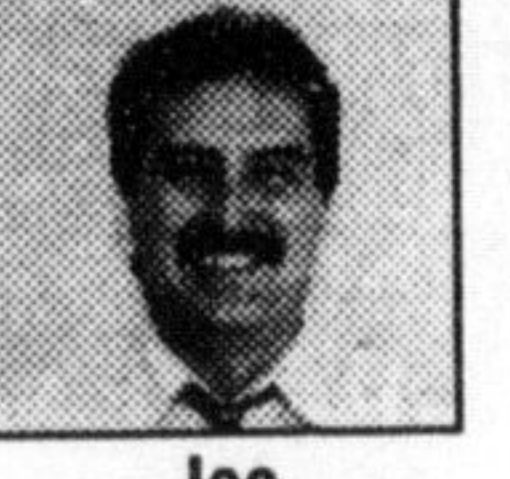
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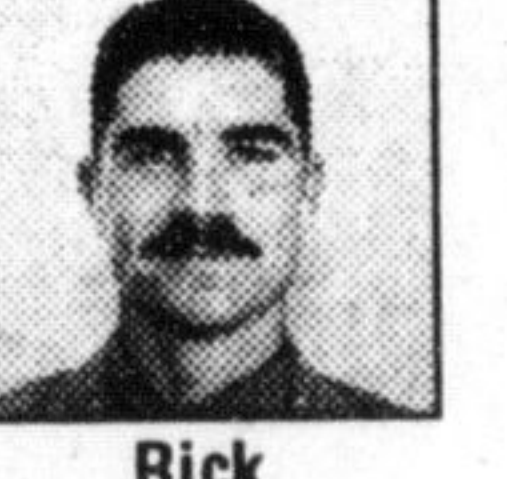
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