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Handicapped clients get restitution in fraud case

By LISA CARTWRIGHT

The Champion

A Milton woman convicted of defrauding handicapped clients of Community Living North Halton was denied a conditional discharge last week due to the mental capacity of her victims.

A conditional discharge would have left Kealyn Howitt, 25, of Milton with a clean record. But Judge William Sharpe denied her request and sentenced her to 18 months probation.

Prior to the February 3 sentencing, Ms Howitt presented Ontario Court (provincial division) in Oakville with \$1,200 in restitution — \$200 for each of the victims.

Court heard she has also fulfilled another requirement of her probation — securing employment. She must also keep the peace and be of good behaviour.

Ms Howitt, who was a support worker with Community Living North Halton for almost five years, pleaded guilty late last year to making unauthorized bank withdrawals from the developmentally and mentally challenged people in her care.

But her lawyer told the court there was no foul play intended.

"My client has maintained that at no time did she have (any) intention of depriving the victims," said defence

lawyer Peter Boushy.

He also said she didn't use any of the money for herself.

Not so, said Crown attorney Laurie Jago. According to Ms Jago, in a statement to police Ms Howitt said "sometimes I use money for my own purchases."

But Mr. Boushy argued his client never said that.

"She is of the opinion that the statement was misconstrued," he said.

In a telephone interview from Toronto, Mr. Boushy said Ms Howitt would dip into one person's account to give money to another and understood that to be a common practise.

"Johnny needs some money, so she would borrow from Jane to give to Johnny and vice-versa," Mr. Boushy said.

When asked where the money went Mr. Boushy said, "She has no idea."

The Crown told the court Ms Howitt shouldn't be granted a conditional discharge because she betrayed the trust of her clients.

"We have to take a look at the victims. They put their full trust (in her), a trust she violated."

Judge Sharpe agreed with the Crown saying Ms Howitt's victims were vulnerable and she broke their trust, as well as the trust of their families.

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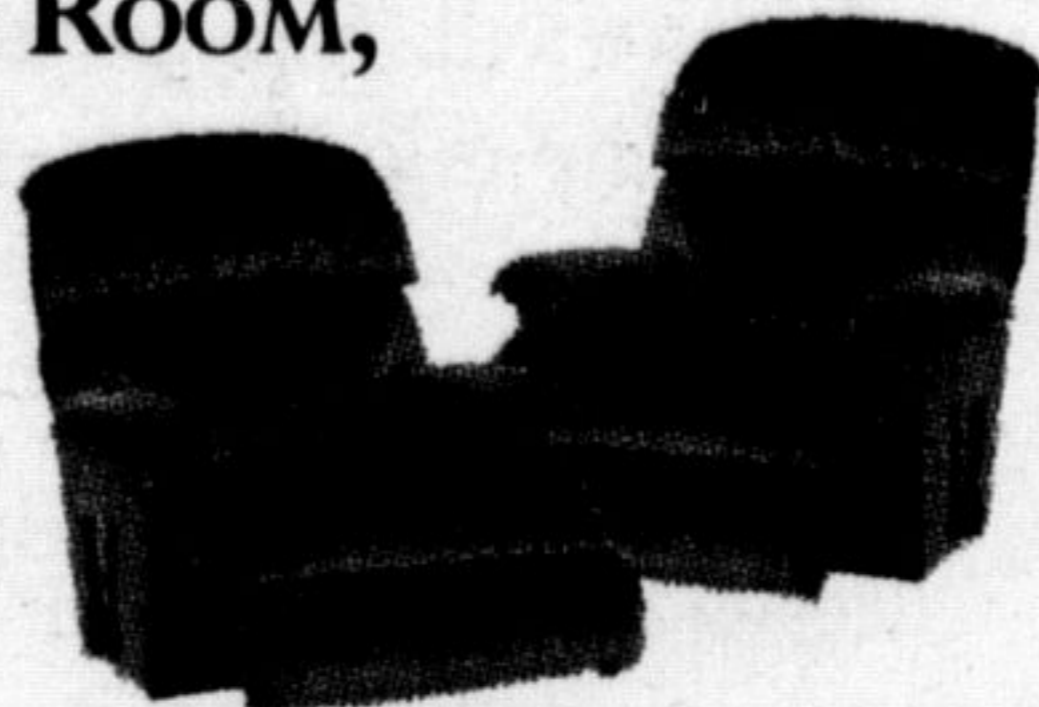
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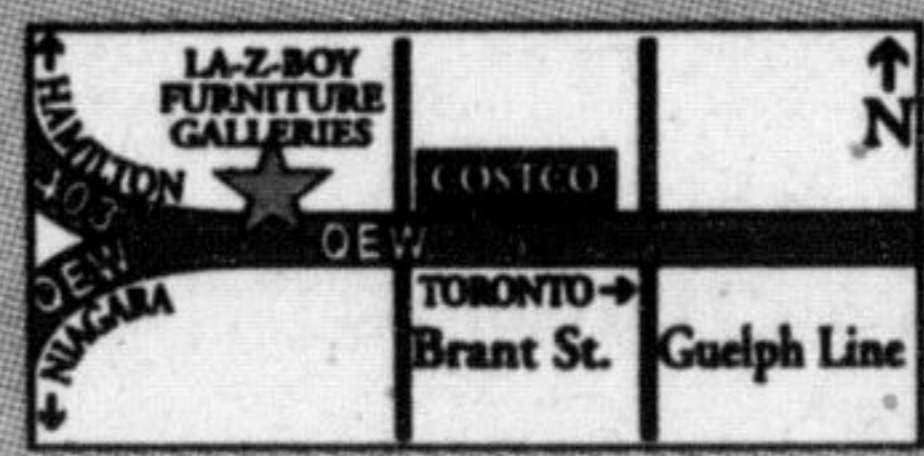


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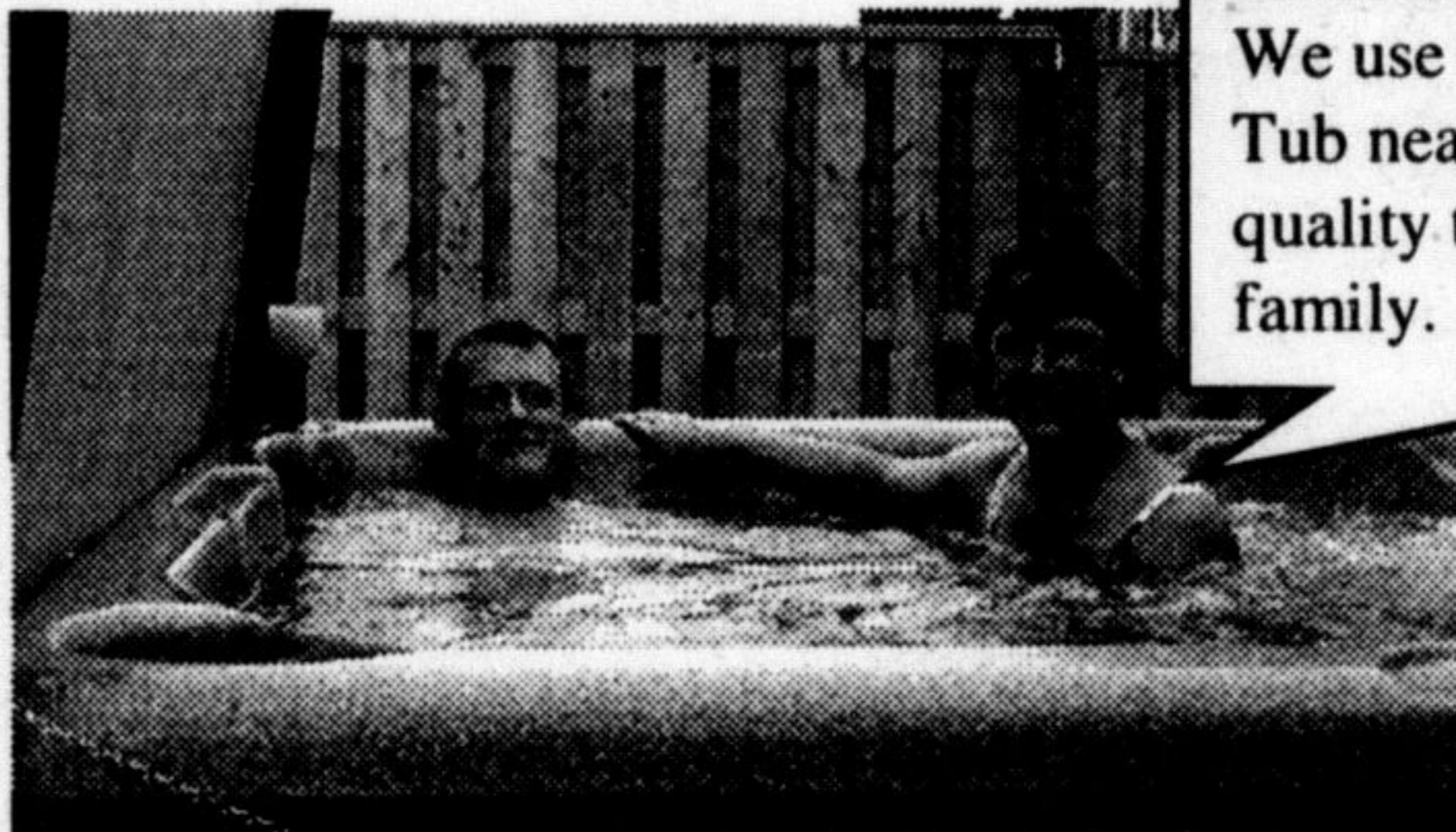
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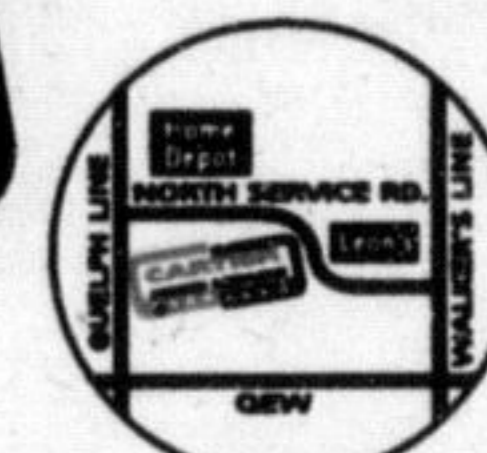


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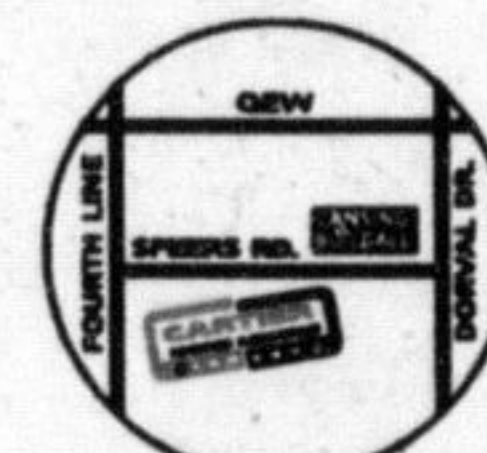
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