

✓ Another \$1.5 million in Town coffers with latest slots payout

Town coffers are \$1.5 million fuller after the receipt of a third-quarter payment from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC).

The cash is the Town's portion of profits from 750 slot machines located at Mohawk Raceway on Guelph Line.

So far, the Town has earned \$5 million from slot machines this year.

And about \$7.5 million in revenue has been collected by the Town since slots began operating in Mohawk last August.

Under its agreement with the OLGC, Milton receives 5 per cent of gross slots revenue from Mohawk's first 450 machines, and 2 per cent for all

others.

In the most recent quarter, \$37.9 million in gross gaming revenues was earned.

Both the track and the horse industry received 10 per cent, or \$3.7 million, of the gross.

According to an OLGC press release, more than 4,000 visitors trooped through Mohawk daily in the past quarter.

The latest cheque arrived in the midst of the municipal election race, during which slots revenue, and how to spend it, has emerged as a hot local issue.

Though the revenue has currently been allocated, it's subject to yearly council reviews.

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Derby Brown

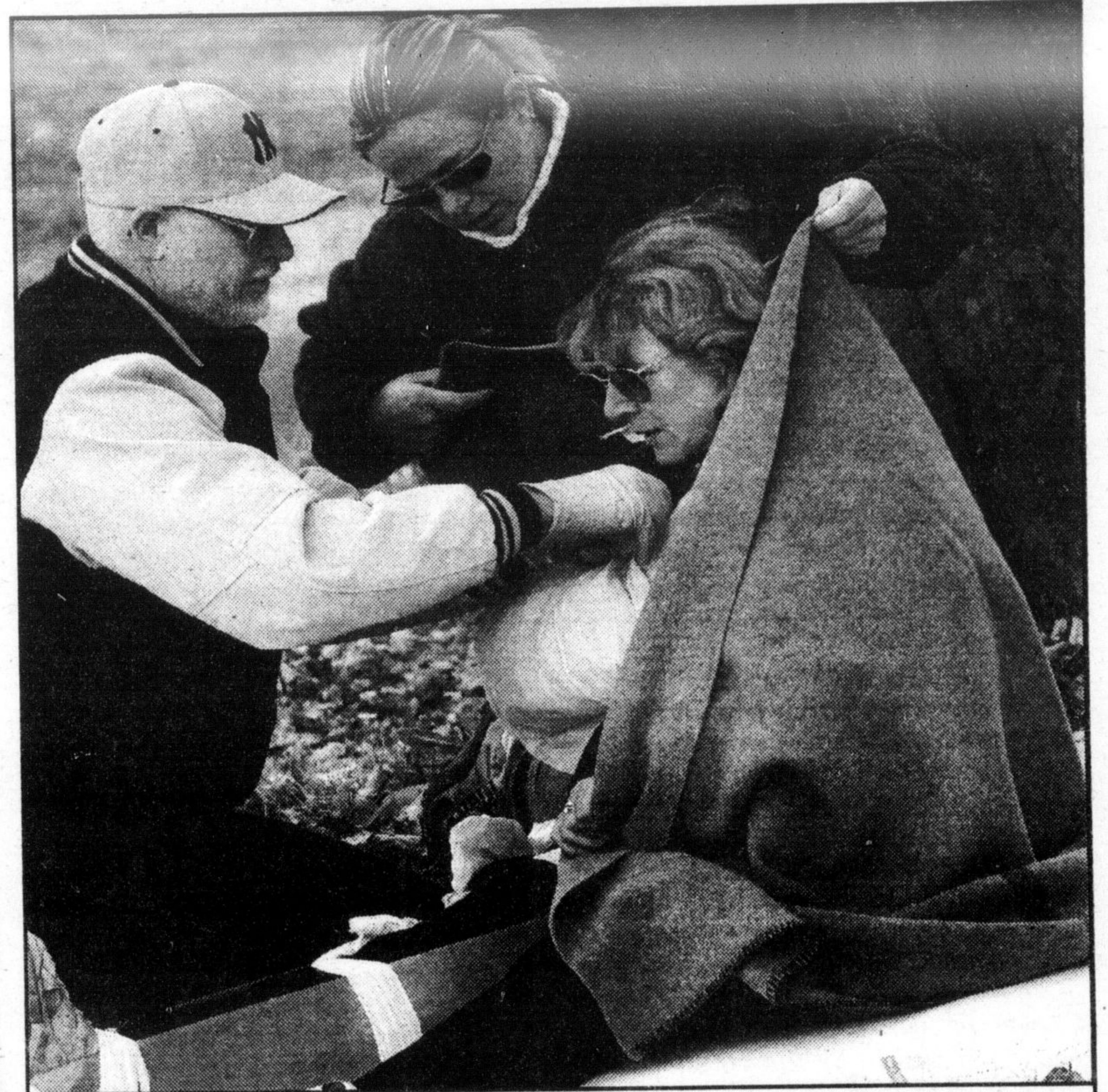


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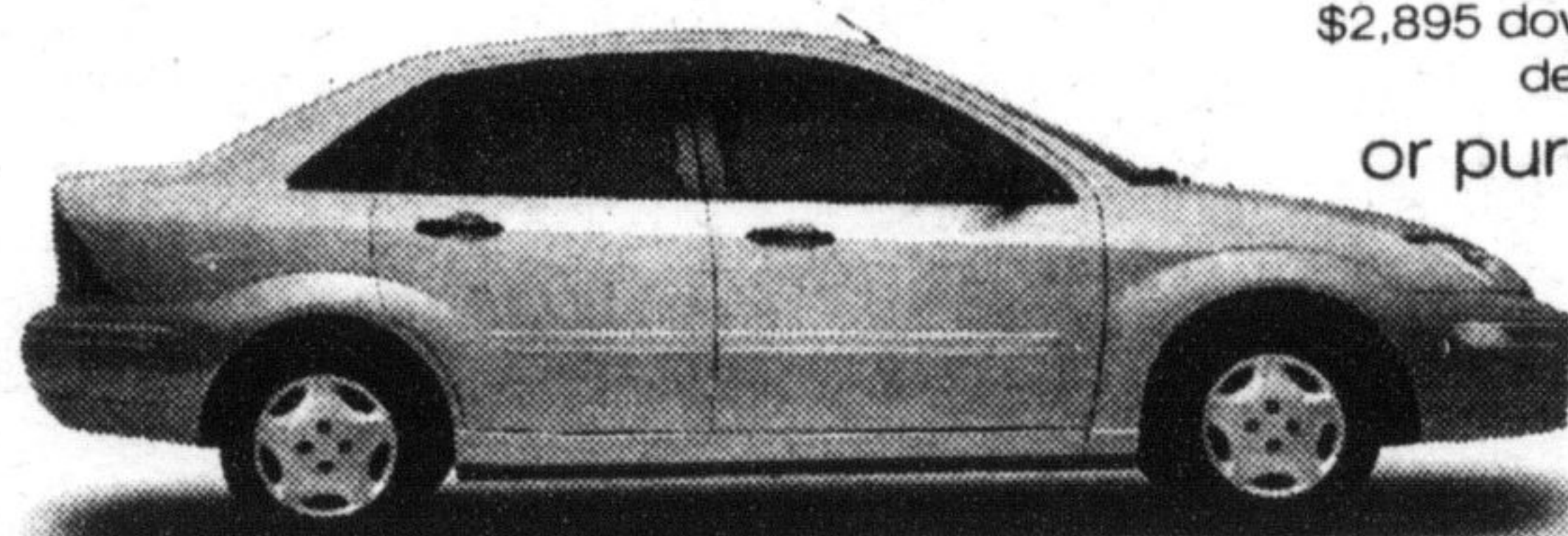
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