



Fraud case starts soon

The trial of a man facing numerous fraud charges in connection with a Campbellville furniture business is scheduled to begin next week.

Opening statements in the case are expected to start after lengthy pre-trial discussions — concerning disclosure and the possibility of a witness acting as co-counsel for the accused — took up most of Monday and Tuesday in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton.

Charles Currie, 43, faces eight charges of fraud under \$5,000 in connection with dealings at the Village Pine Shoppe.

It's alleged that customers left deposits for furniture with the shop, but never received their merchandise.

Incidents are alleged to have occurred over a three-year period, starting in 1997.

Defense lawyer Anthony Bryant told the court Monday he plans to submit an affidavit regarding the case and, subsequently, will have to be cross-examined by the Crown. As a result, he's hoping to act as co-counsel and allow attorney John Bliss to argue matters pertaining to the affidavit.


Pre-trial discussions will continue Tuesday.

Spring colour

Rita Sinn of Kerk's Gifts adjusts a few acrylic yellow tulips at her booth as part of the Spring Craft Show at Milton Mall. The sale continues until tomorrow.

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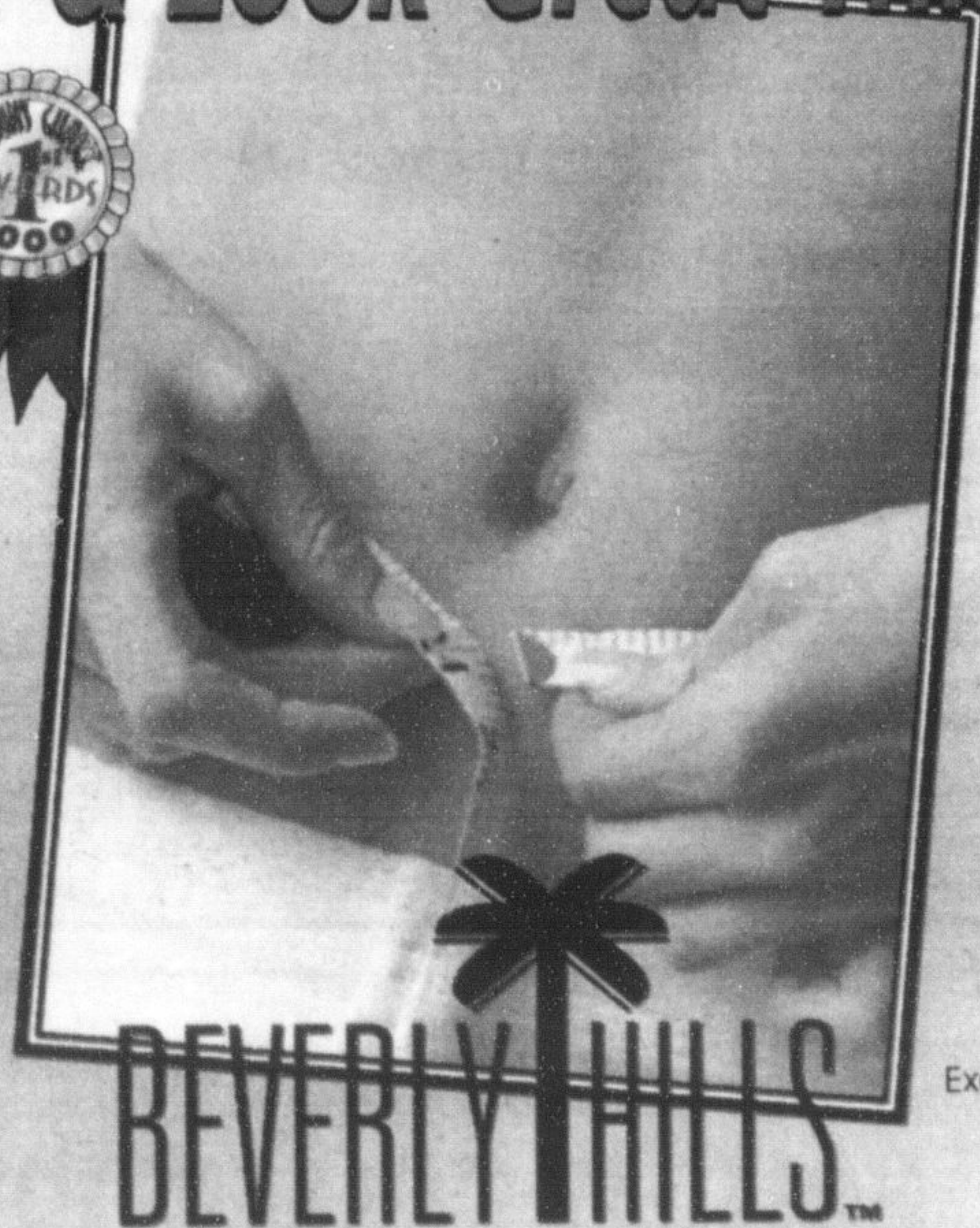
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