

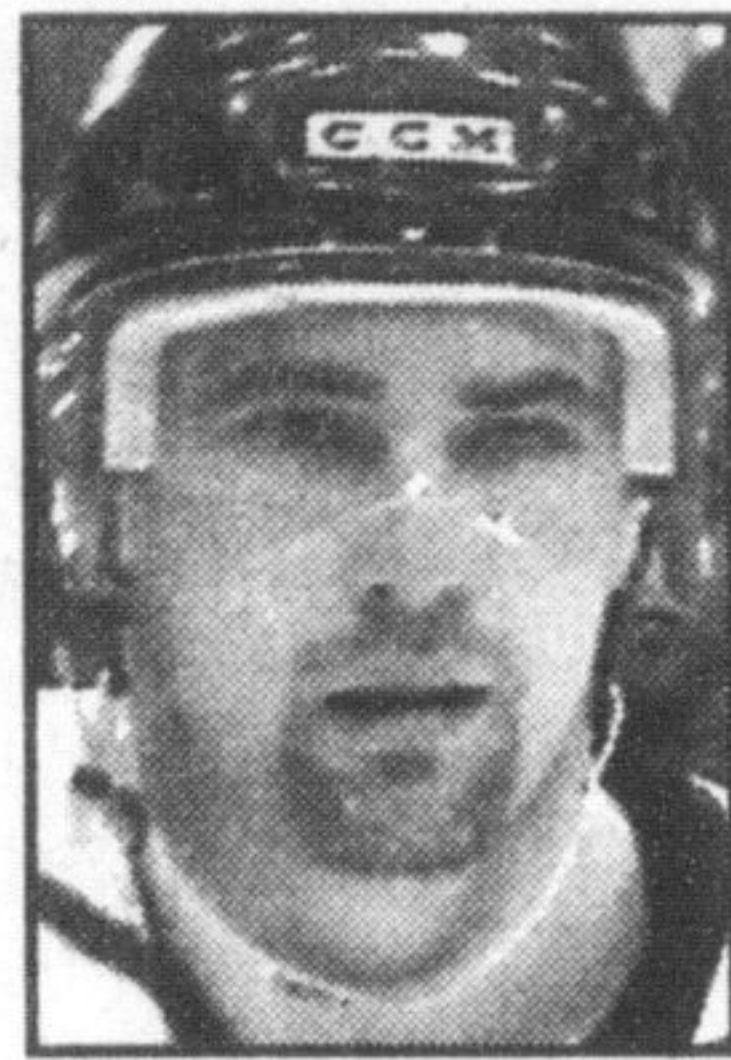
Bertoli and Titans deliver big finish to regular season

Miltonian Scott Bertoli and his ECHL Trenton Titans wrapped up the regular season by reaching a couple of impressive milestones this past weekend.

Bertoli — a third-year veteran of the semi-pro league — broke the 70-point mark with two goals and an assist in the final week, which was capped with Saturday's 3-2 decision over Atlantic City.

Finishing 21st in league scoring this season, the former Milton Merchant and Princeton Tiger collected 25 goals and 46 assists in 69 games. A well-rounded left winger used on both the powerplay and penalty killing units, he ended the year at a plus-24 and amassed 125 penalty minutes.

Meanwhile, his Titans surpassed the 100-point plateau — finishing two points above that mark —



Scott Bertoli

with an undefeated final week. Their 46-16-10 record was good enough for top spot in the Northeastern Conference and second overall, behind Louisiana.

Bertoli — who earned a tryout with the Washington Capitals last fall and has earned three one-game call-ups to the AHL in the past two seasons — will now look to deliver another impressive playoff run.

Trenton begins its quest for a second straight trip to the Kelly Cup championship finals this weekend against Roanoke.

Hurricanes take fourth in OMHA

So close, so agonizingly close.

Just one win — or two goals, depending on how you look at it — separated Halton's AAA major atoms from OMHA hardware late last month.

The Barrie Icemen eventually exacted revenge in the bronze-medal clash, trimming the Hurricanes 5-4. Matt Clark scored in the battle for third while fellow Miltonian Ryan Mitchell picked up an assist.

Halton drew within a goal during an exciting third period, but just couldn't sink the equalizer.

The bronze-medal game served as pay-back for Halton's 2-0 shutout victory in the tournament's opening round. Miltonian Ryan Williams delivered dynamite goaltending for the goose egg, while Mitchell was

among the play-makers.

The Hurricanes would manage just one more victory in their next three round robin games, which wasn't quite good enough for a trip to the finals.

They trounced the Clarington Toros 8-3 in the third round — thanks in large part to a four-point performance by Mitchell. Clark potted a single in the lopsided triumph.

Sandwiching this win were 5-4 and 7-1 defeats to the Markham Waxers and Stoney Creek Icebreakers respectively.

The Milton-based trio showed strongly all year to help the major atoms reach the OMHA championship tournament.

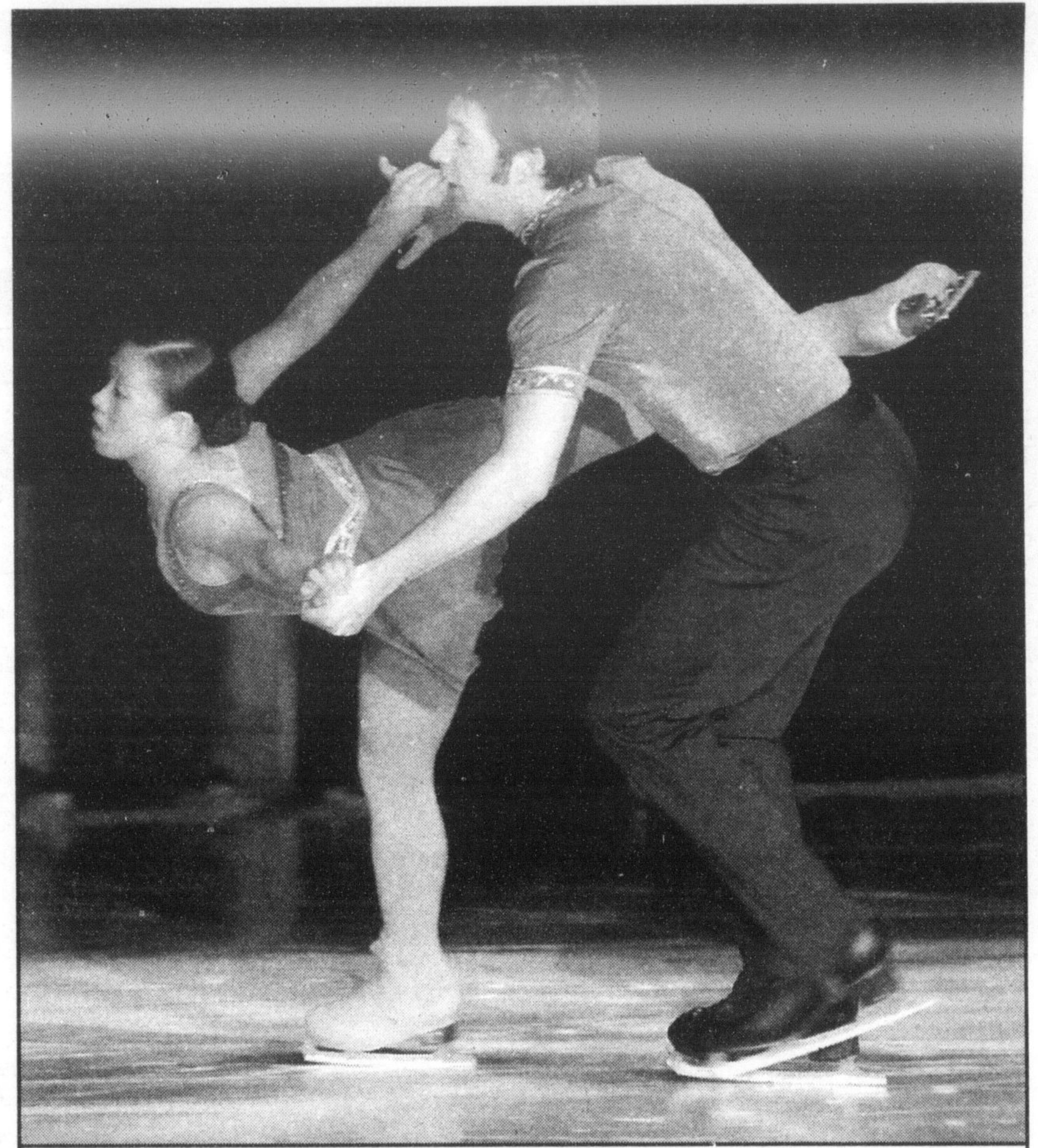


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Fire on ice

Rosanne Salongo and Robert Luciani, who competed in the novice pairs division at this year's junior nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland, were guest performers at the Milton Skating Club's annual spring carnival at John Tonelli Sports Centre. The duo train out of the Arc Training Centre in Mississauga.

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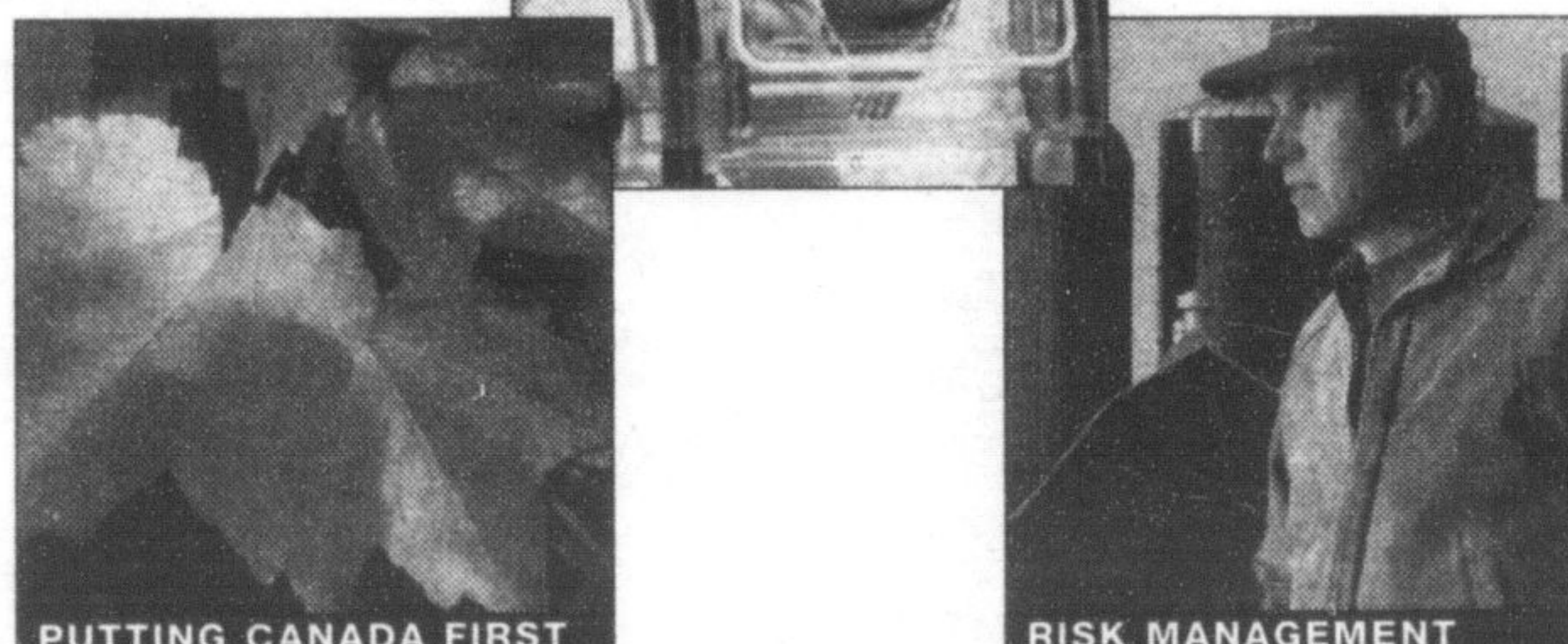
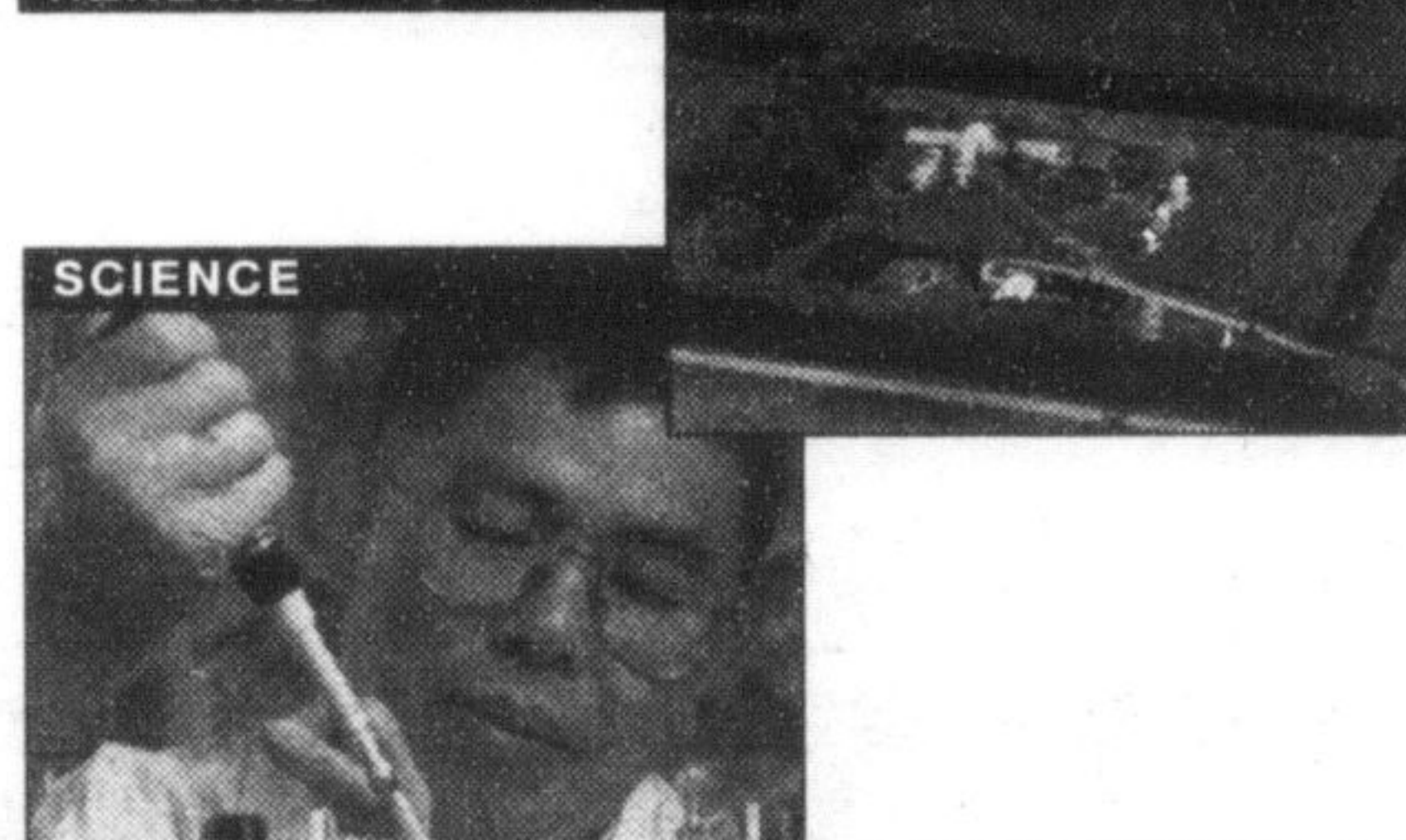
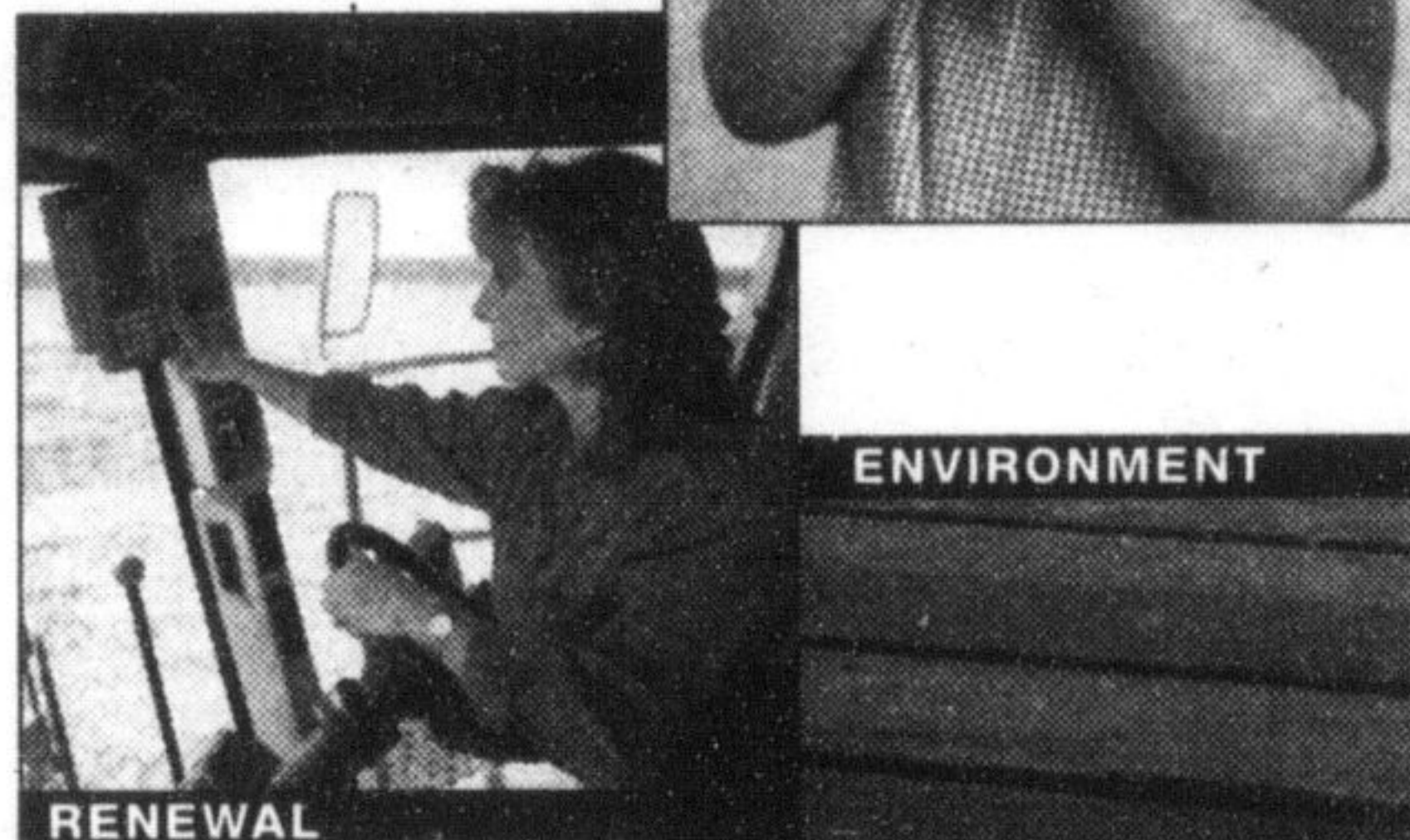
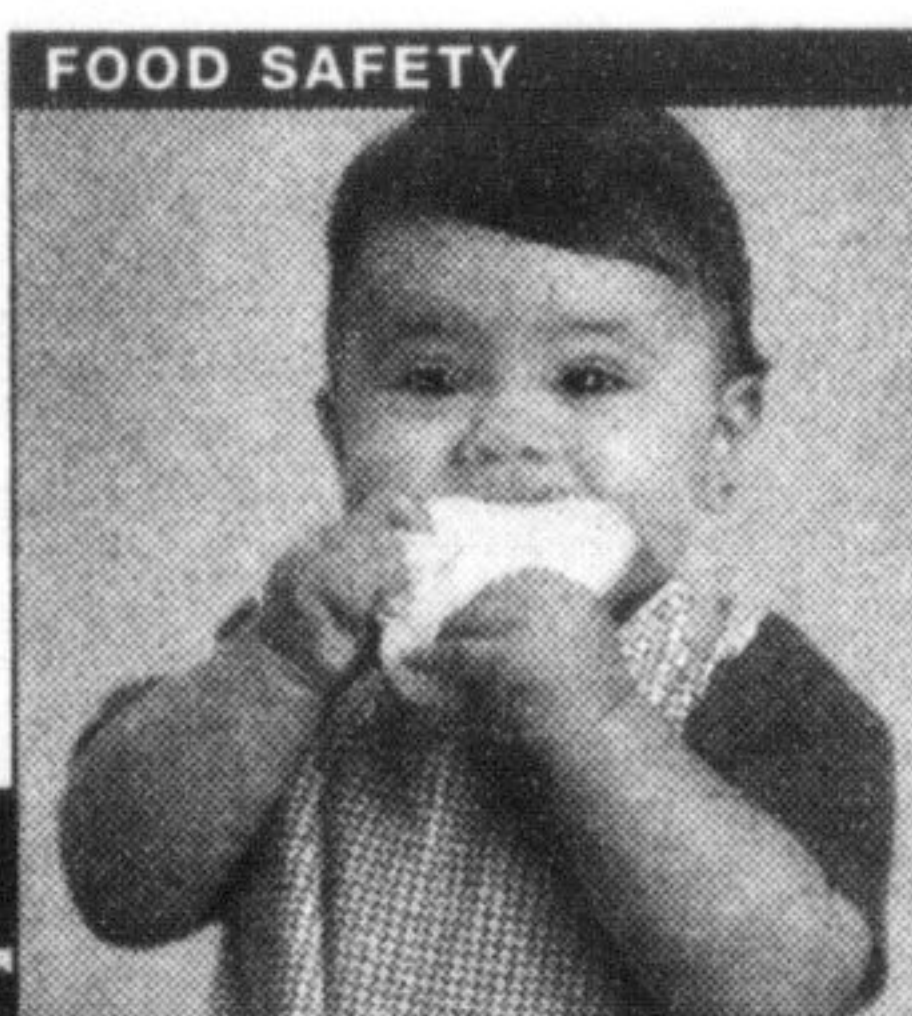
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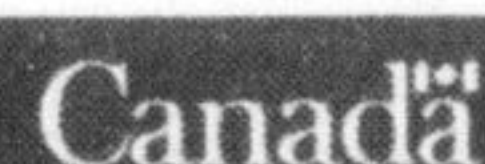
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