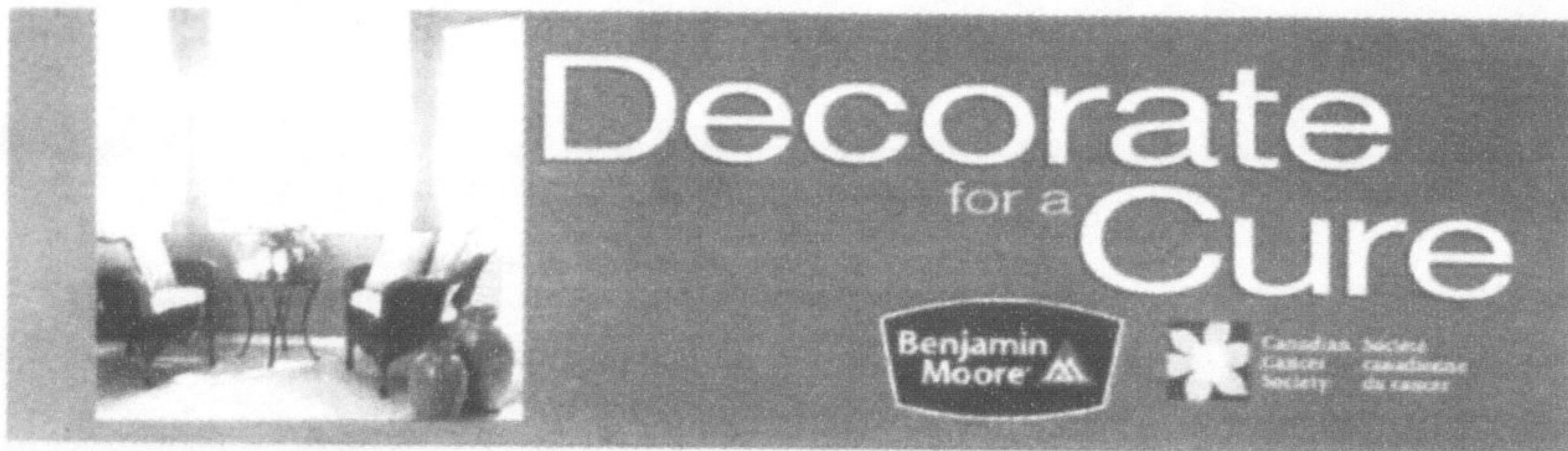


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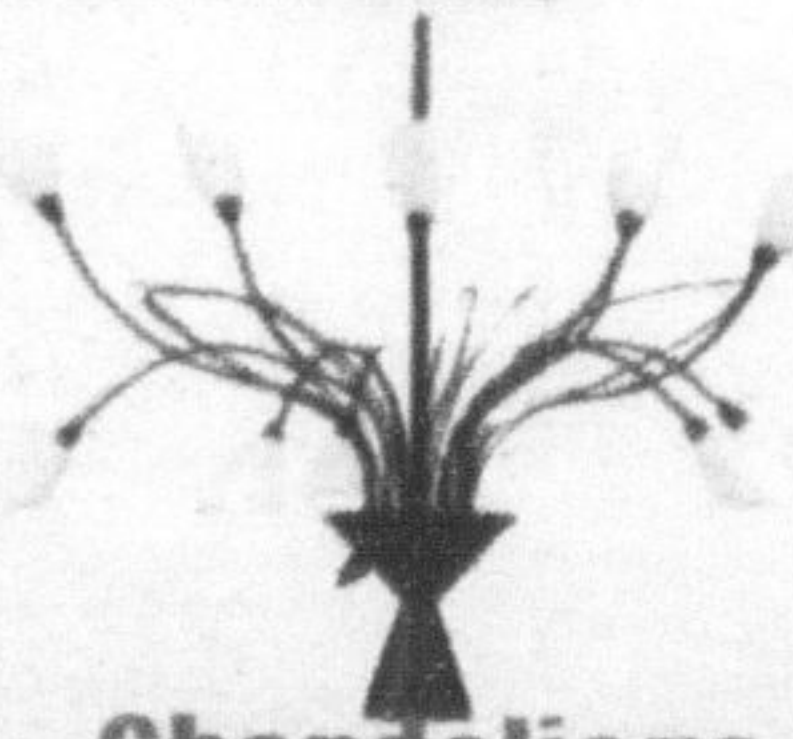
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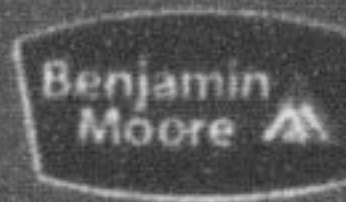
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Wish I could get in on these lottery winnings

Excuse me, but has everybody in Milton won a lottery of some kind recently except for me?

Not quite fair, is it? I've been buying lottery tickets in this town for more than 20 years and my biggest win so far is \$3, which isn't really a win because that's how much the ticket cost.

I'm scratching a Crossword card right now and I aim to win the \$50,000. After three scratches I already have an E, a T, and an N. Very good letters.

At least with me sharing my big victory, those few of you who haven't yet won will get an idea what it feels like.

Next letter? M, and I've got four of them. Next is an F. Two of those.

Now I have to start thinking of what I'm going to do with my \$50,000 when I get it. I don't want my name in the newspaper if/when I win, so this will be the only place you'll see it, and I don't want you telling anyone. If I owe you money, just consider this a work of fiction.

Only one H and one D, but not to worry, lots of letters left.

It's not just one place in Milton that's winning, it's spread out like an epidemic. People like to go to a place that had a winner, but my feeling is that lightning isn't likely to strike twice at the same place. Mind you, I haven't had lightning strike at any place, so maybe that's the way to go.

I scratch an A, which gives me three words needing just one letter, and I've got 10 letters remaining. An R itself would give me two words. An X and a K — got one of each.

Maybe we should put up a sign:



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Mind you, the Milton Marauders didn't feel very lucky. We've got tons of money from the slots in a community fund, and they couldn't get a cent to help send players to the national football championship. They couldn't even get a reply after doing all the necessary paperwork and providing the proper documents. How many teams do we have, or have ever had, playing for the national championship of anything?

I've got a Y, a good letter, followed by a V, not so good.

Now that I think about it, \$50,000 is chump change compared to the millions and hundreds of thousands others are winning in Milton. You know the odds on these scratch tickets aren't all that great. I think it's only about 40 per cent that's returned in winnings. Slot machines are a lot better than that, plus some of the revenue comes back to the Town to be handed out to deserving parties who aren't playing

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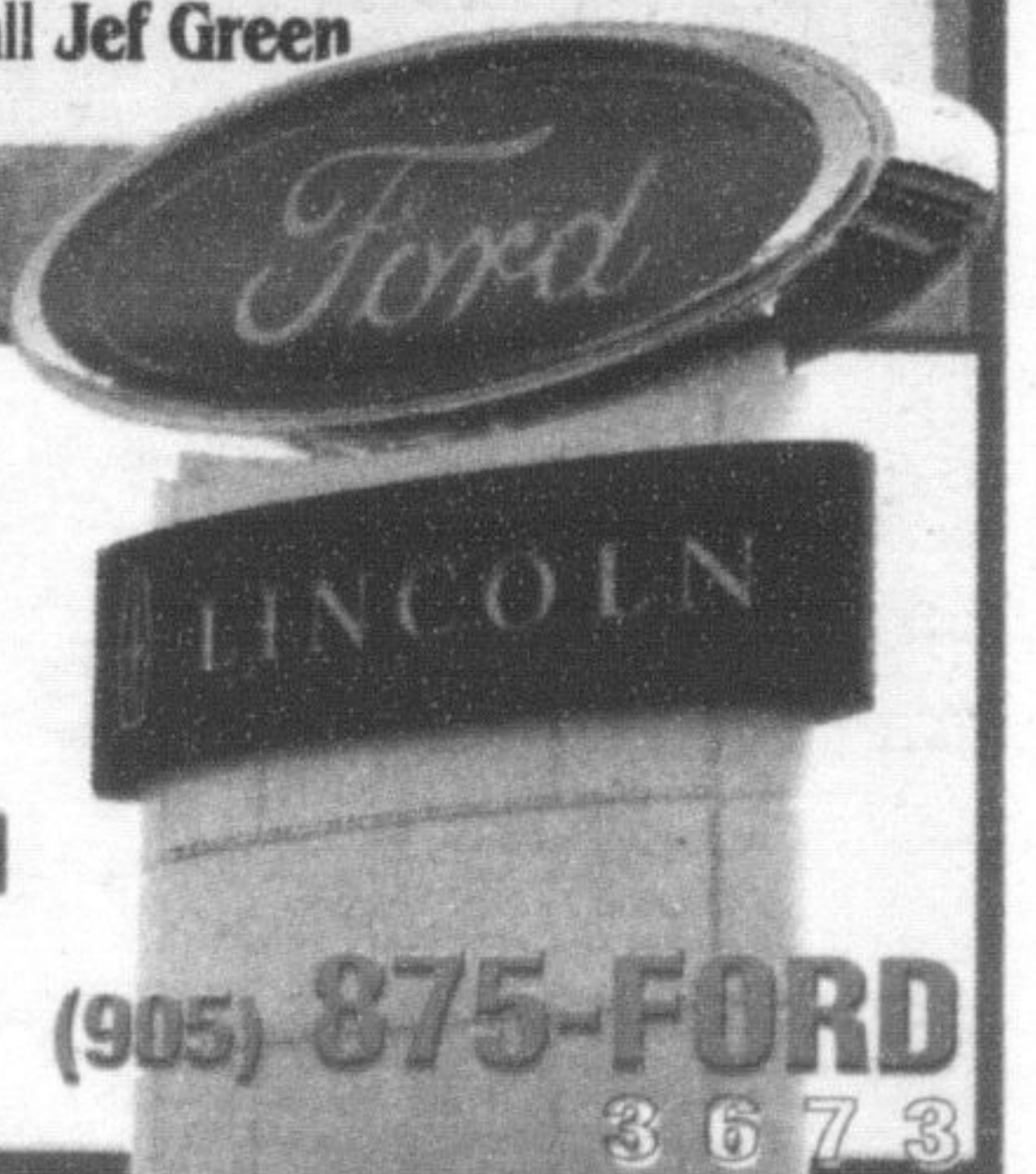
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