

# Inter-regional transit line could be created

A Regional Official Plan amendment that will help make way for a proposed inter-regional transit line parallel to Hwy. 407 will soon be brought forward for public comment.

At its meeting Wednesday, Regional council directed staff to proceed and finalize the amendment that will implement land use designations along Ninth Line to support the development of an inter-regional transit line, which could be a road designated for buses and emergency vehicles.

Council endorsed the Ninth Line Corridor Protection and Land Use Study in June, which recommended land use options in the 876-acre study area framed by highways 401, 403, 407 and the Ninth Line, abutting Mississauga.

The study also identified proposed transit stations through the corridor — at Britannia Road, with 400 parking spots and six bus bays, and Derry Road, with 800 parking spots and five bus bays.

The intermodal/GO Rail station at highways 401 and 407 would have 2,000 parking spots and five bus bays.

But a contentious part of the document discussed the possibility of a transit station with up to 800 parking spots and five bus

bays at the corner of Lower Base Line and Ninth Line.

It identified the land around that intersection as a 'Special Study Area' — something that was opposed by the Ninth Line Owners' Association.



Subsequently, Regional staff had discussions with local municipalities and Provincial agencies on the issue.


"Both the Ministry of Transportation and GO Transit indicated that they did not see the need for a 'full blown' transit station in the Lower Base Line area," a report from Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Peter Crockett explained.

"It is their opinion a smaller transfer station, providing a link to the future Ridgeway Station in Mississauga, would adequately serve commuters."

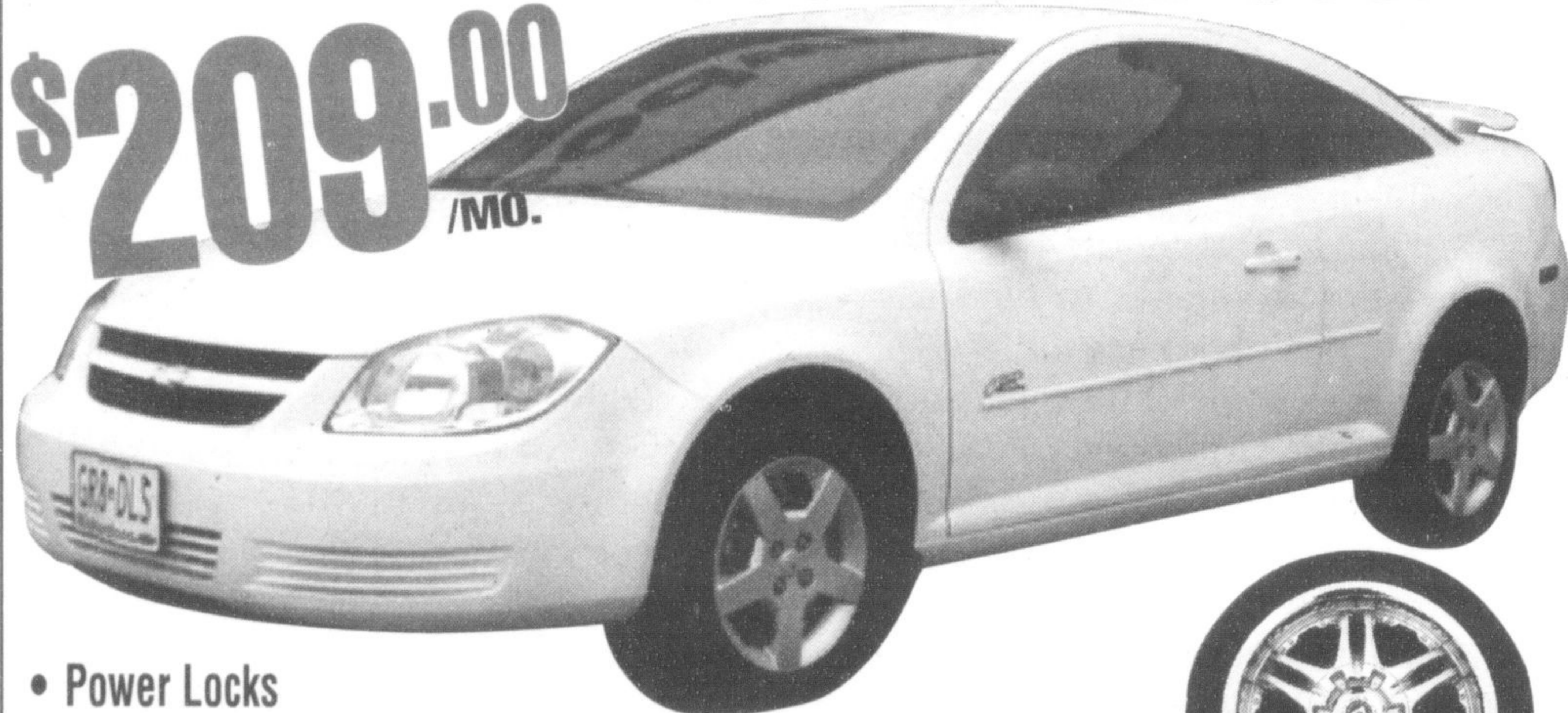
Now, the private lands at the north and south side of Lower Base Line, west of Ninth Line, are to be designated as 'corridor complimentary' land uses, and Provincial lands south of Lower Base Lane will be a transit study area.

A public meeting on the Official Plan amendment will be held as part of the planning and public works committee meeting November 9.

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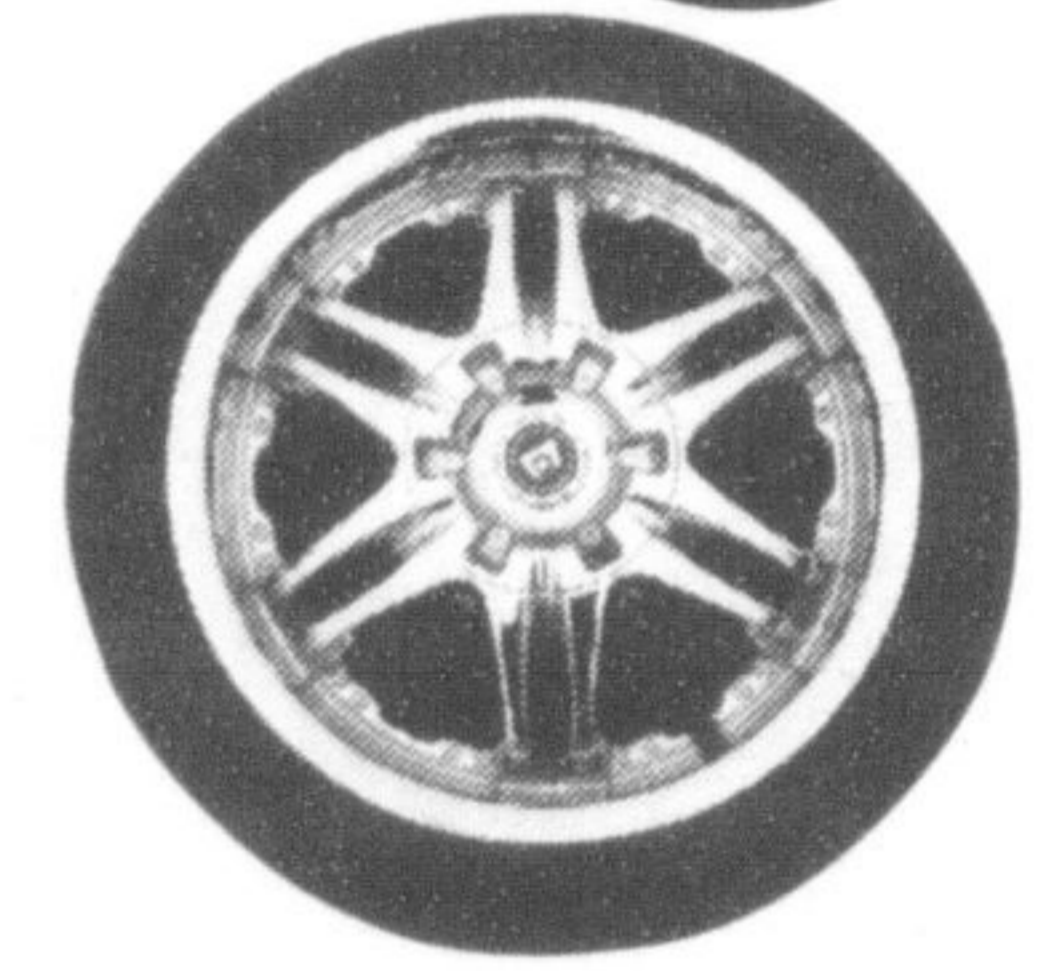
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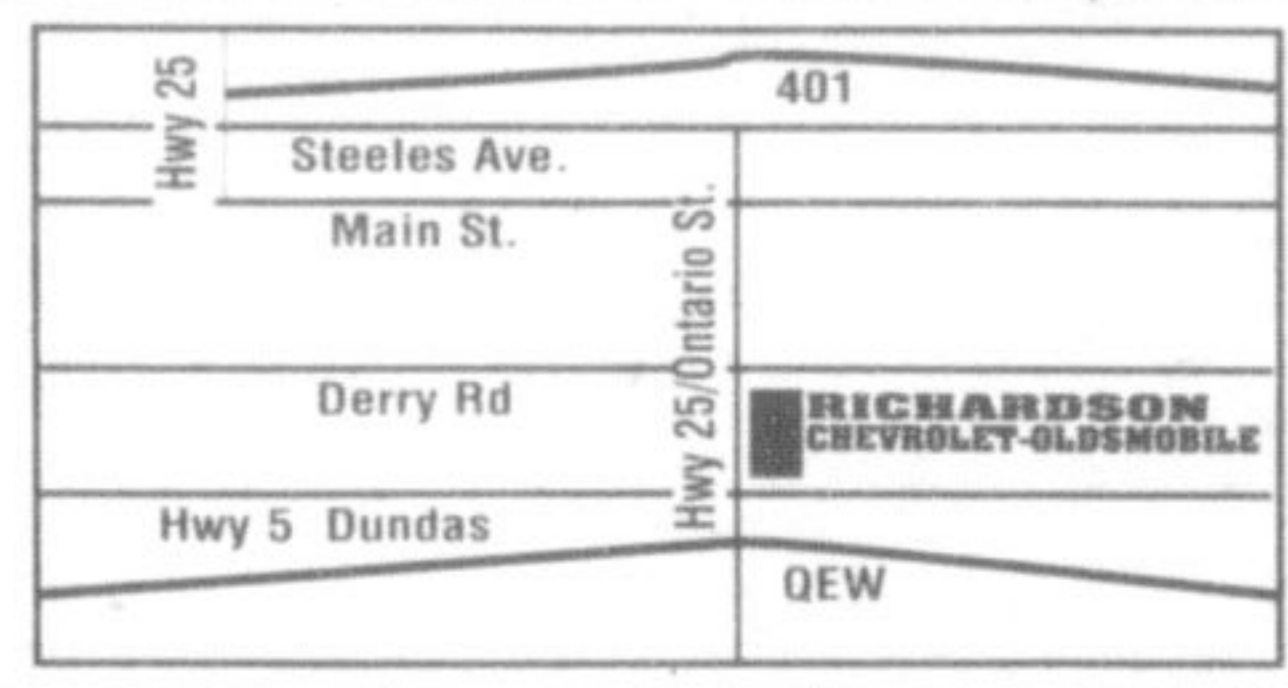


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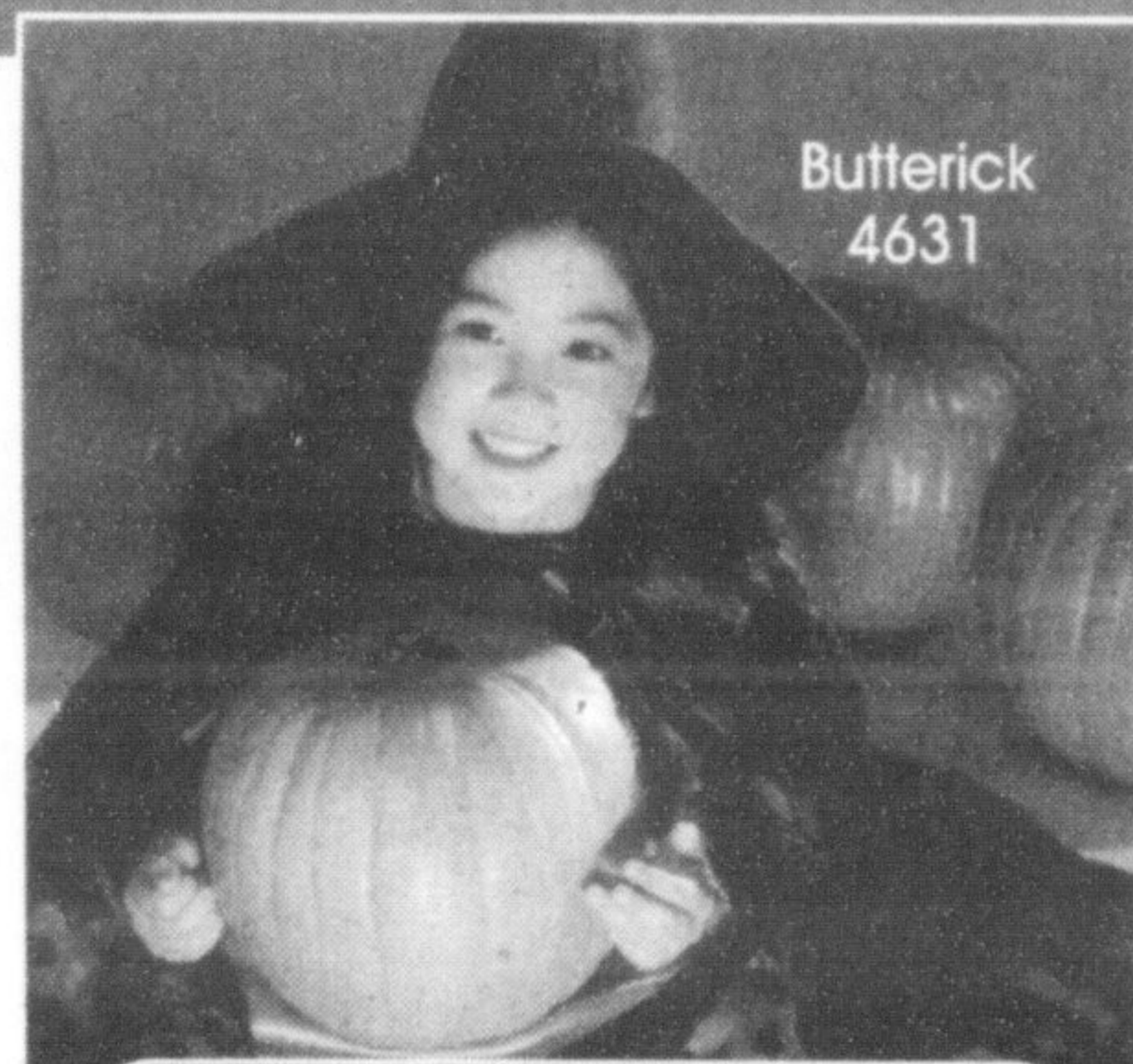
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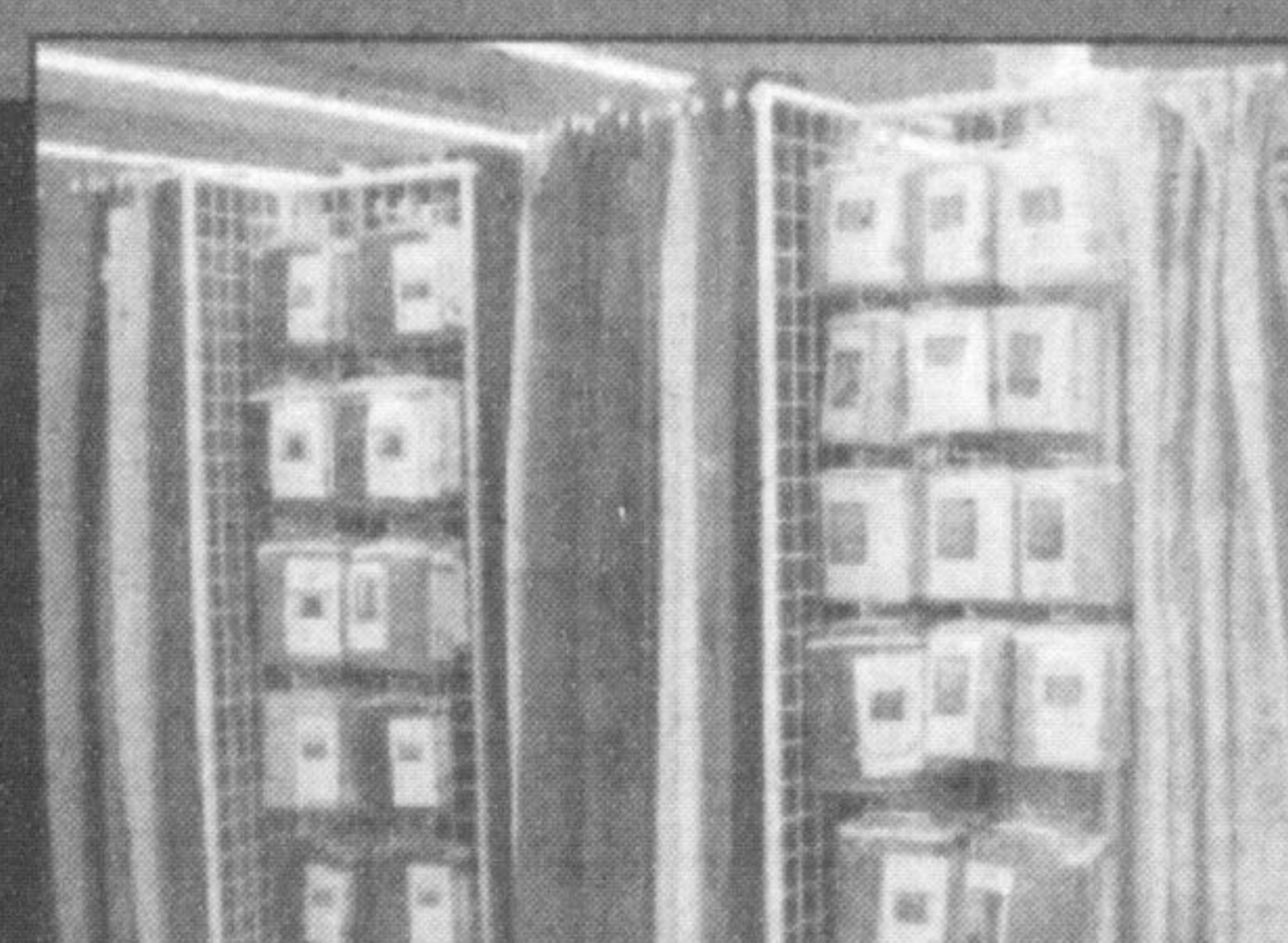
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