

## New museum

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will house exhibitions of the more than 35,000 artifacts in Halton's possession. As well, Halton expects to get a "quite significant" number of new artifacts, Mr. Attack said.

Currently the regional museum is operated out of an older barn-like structure within the Kelso Conservation Area. It is regarded as a compromise solution at best, given the lack of proper environmental controls to preserve the collection and limited fire prevention equipment.

While a plan to build a new museum has been in place since 1988, the funding has not, and it still isn't certain when the Halton Heritage Centre will become a reality.

Oakville councillor Keith Bird voiced a sentiment many other politicians have expressed in the past. "This is very nice, it's on everybody's wish list. But to sell a \$7 million museum site — if the economy does not turn around, this thing is going to be extended out beyond the term of this council (1994)."

Given the current state of the economy and pressures to flatten tax increases, "this project will be extremely difficult for us to implement," warned regional finance director Joe Rinaldo. "We will look at it," he added. "We will try it."

Mr. Wong said that at an estimated cost of \$140 per square foot, the structure "is in the mid range of Canadian museums. I believe to go lower than that would be unrealistic. Museums are expensive buildings."

Halton's planning director, Rash Mohammed, said the project has already been scaled back due to financial pressures. The archive storage area has been reduced due to lack of funds, he noted.

Mr. Thornley said the museum will emphasize the environment and its relationship to Halton's people throughout time.

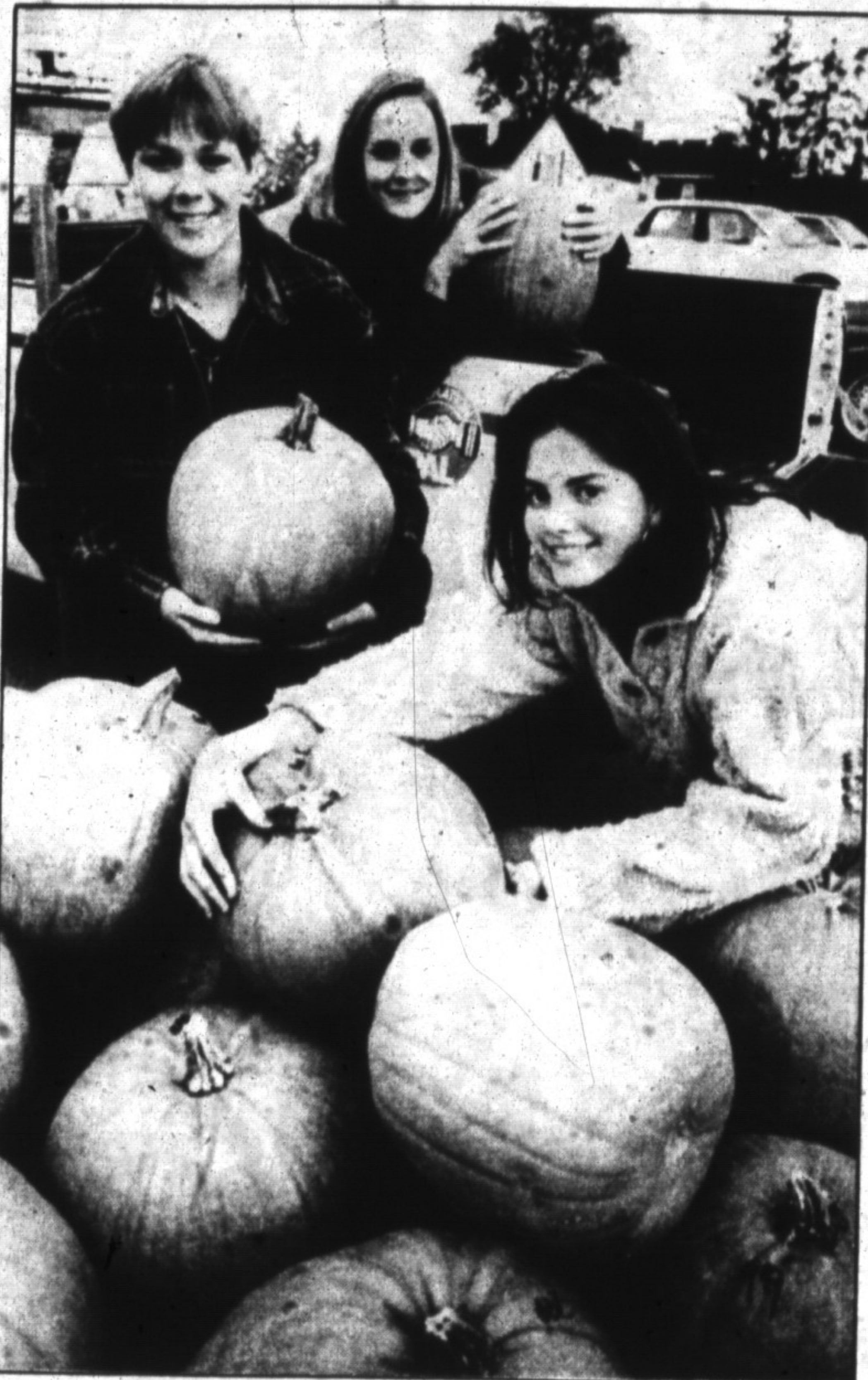


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### Pumpkin recycling

Don't be too quick to throw those used pumpkins in the garbage after tomorrow evening, Milton District High School students will be travelling around town to pick them up during a special recycling program Monday afternoon from 1 to 5 as members of the school's 'Teens for Environmental Awareness' program. The town of Milton will be supplying three trucks for this project. (From left to right) Dodie Morley, Valerie Andrews, and Julie Hildebrand get in some practice.

## Lung Assoc. needs auction items

The Lung Association-Halton Region, is looking for donations to its Anything Goes auction. The auction takes place on Thursday, November 5 at the Burlington Gallery, 481 John St. in Burlington and gets underway at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go to develop a new program for teenagers with asthma. Donors can have their contributions picked up by a Lung Association representative no later than Nov. 4. For details, call 847-1033.

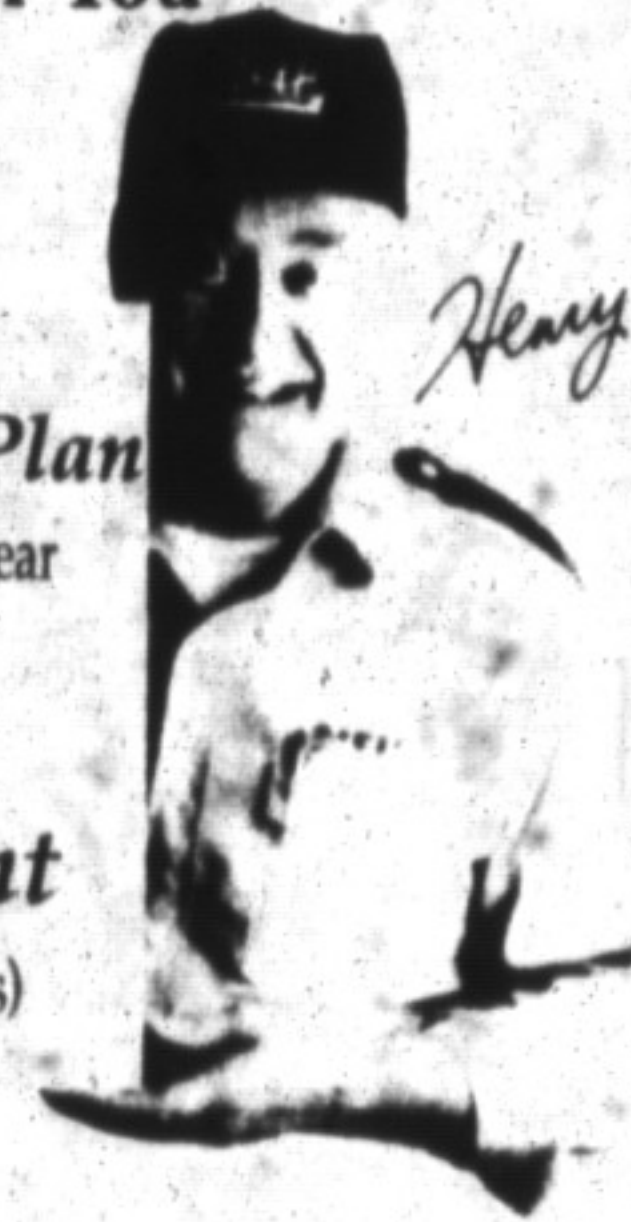
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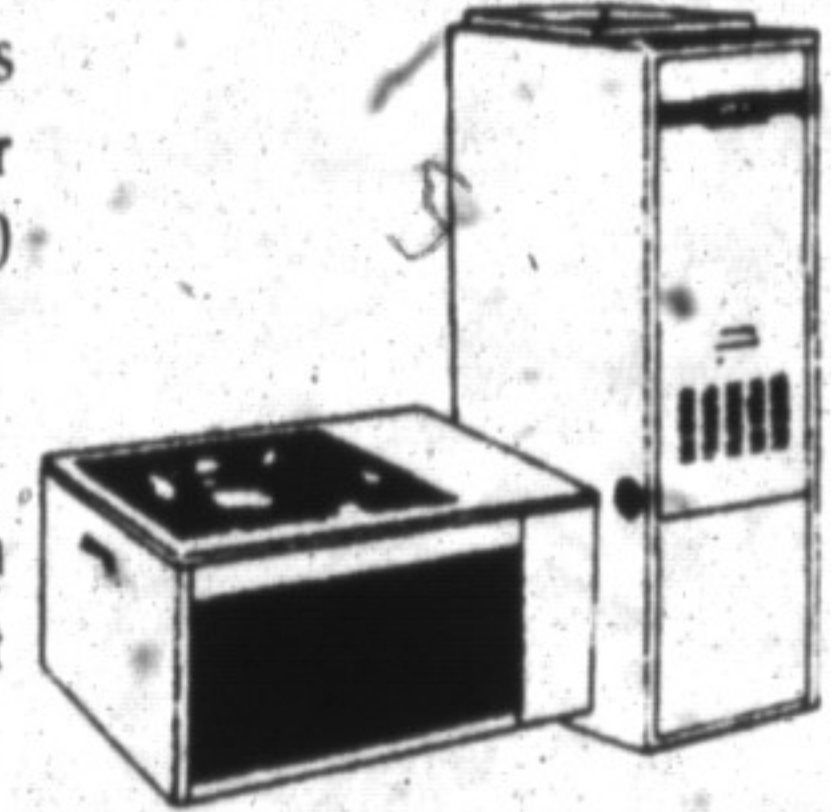
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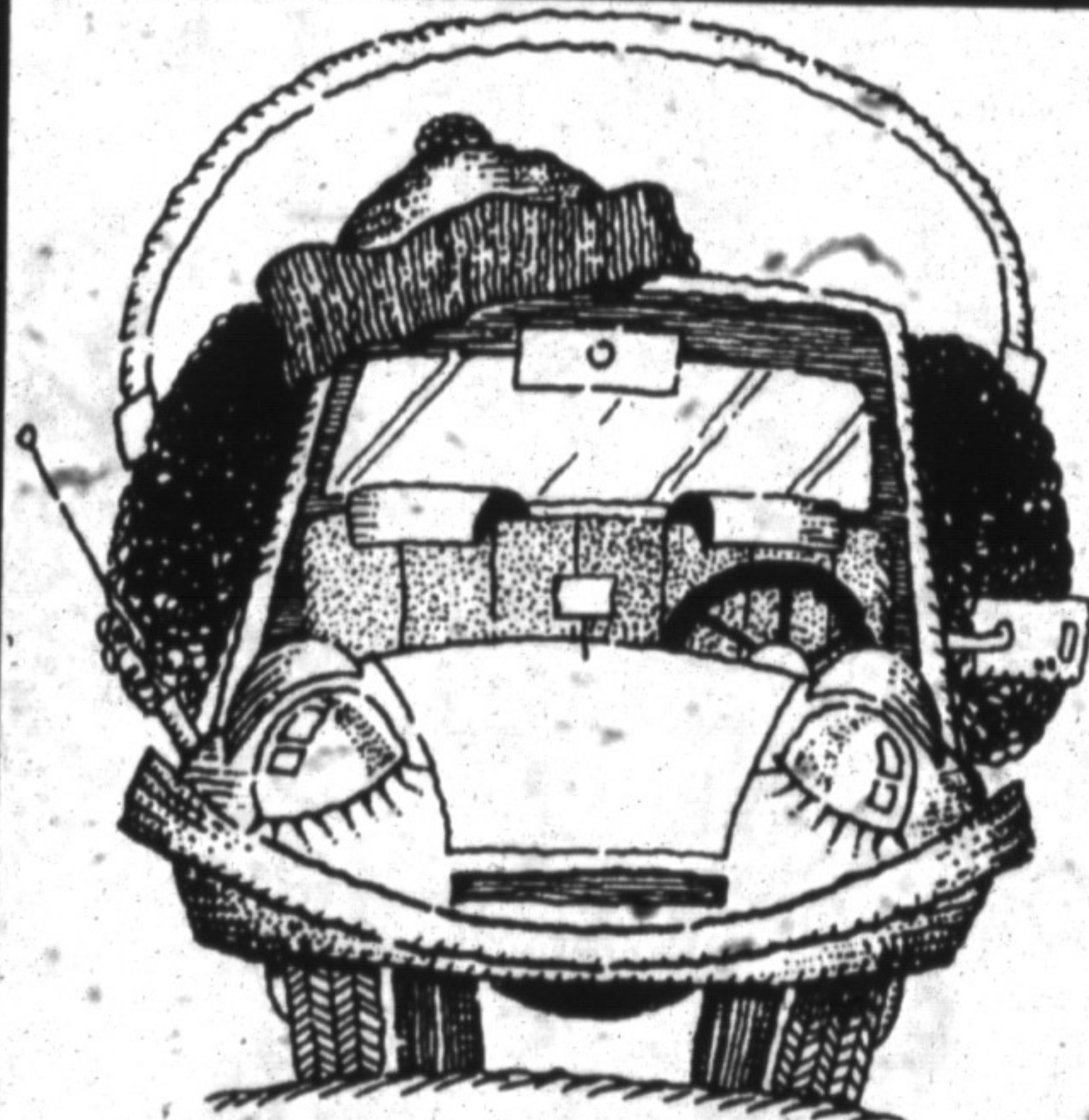
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