

Baby Jacob arrives one day late to become first child of new year



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Sharon and Jamie Arnold of Cambridge are proud parents of Milton's 1996 New Year's baby, Jacob, who was born Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

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The new year brought a bundle of joy to Sharon and Jamie Arnold.

The Cambridge couple are proud parents of the town's New Year's baby, a healthy eight-pound, four-ounce baby boy who was born at Milton District Hospital January 4. His name is Jacob.

The new parents didn't know until they got to the hospital's obstetrics ward that their soon-to-arrive child would become the first baby born in town in 1996. Ms Arnold said.

"We both figured that a (New Year's) baby would have been born already," the pleased mother said from her hospital room Friday. The couple was still deciding on a middle name for Jacob.

Ms Arnold, 30, an office worker at the former Milton company KML Food and Confectionery Brokers Ltd., arrived at the Milton hospital at 2:15 p.m. But Jacob didn't come into the world until five hours later.

He was born a day late of his estimated January 3 arrival.

Mr. Arnold, 26, an automobile mechanic who hails from nearby Kilbride, works in town at Hunt Plymouth Chrysler Ltd.

The couple said they decided to have their baby in Milton since they both worked in town and could attend doctor's appointments more conveniently.

The company Ms Arnold worked for has since moved to Oakville.

The Arnolds said they plan to move east, possibly to the Halton area.

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can always put my hands on them.

Health problems kept him from celebrating Christmas at Milton churches for the

first time in 22 years.

"It's not a pleasant thought that I probably won't be able to continue my regular service in the community, I love Milton and its people. Even though I haven't been here very much over the last year, I've been praying for you and I hope you'll pray for me too."

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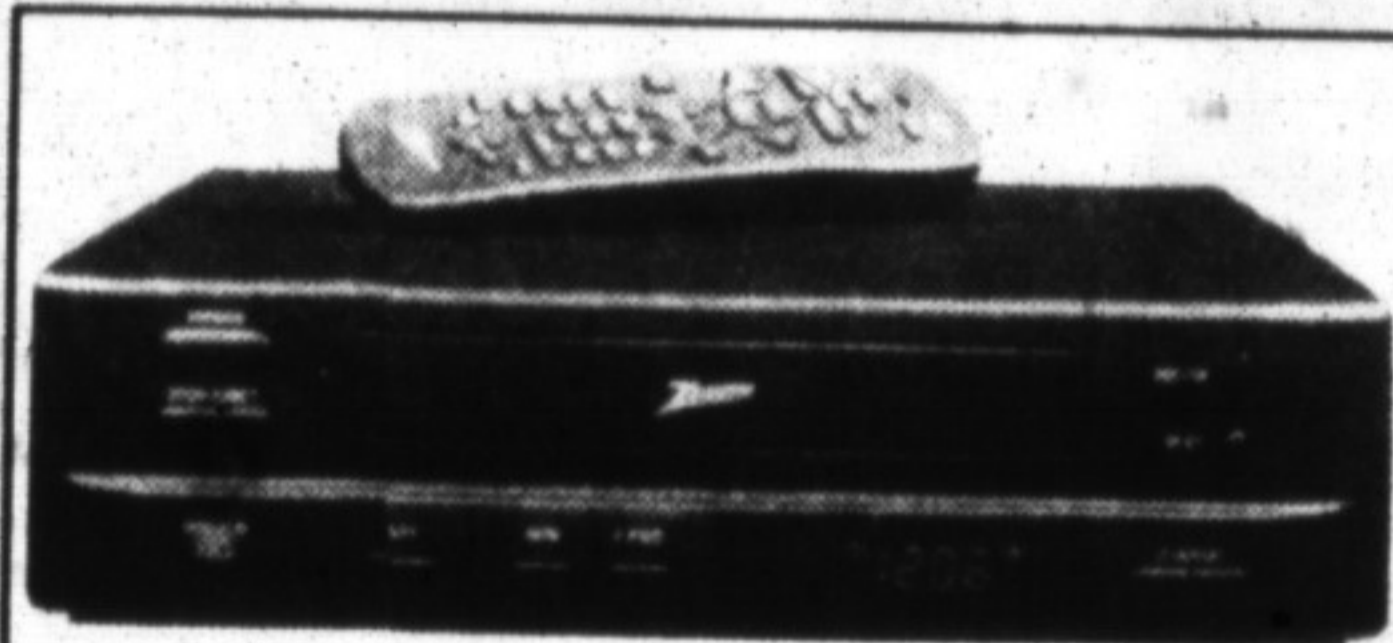
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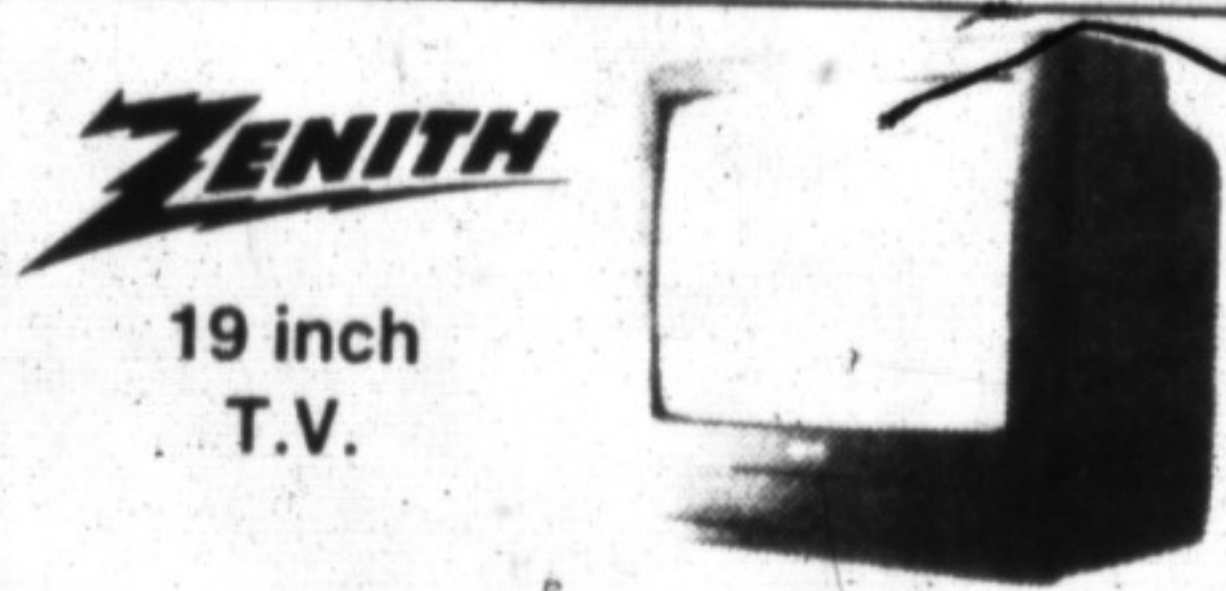
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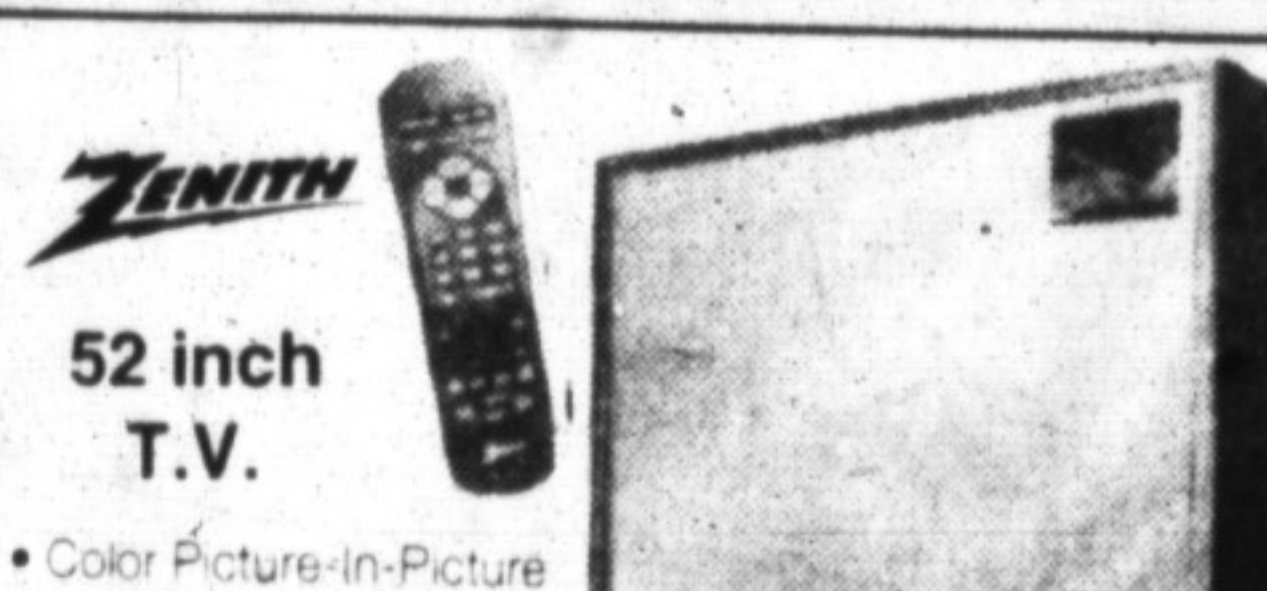
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