

Pinball law recommended

UNIONVILLE — The objections of some residents to pinball machines may result in a bylaw controlling them.

Markham Councillor Carole Bell particularly objects to pinball machines in corner stores and small restaurants, within easy reach of children.

"They should be on a commercial area or amusement park," she says. If it is possible, she would like to see a law placing them a mile away from any school.

She says the police have told her there are studies showing the machines have a habit-forming effect, and that children may steal from parents, brothers and sisters to play more games.

There is also betting among children on games, she says. The town will be drafting a bylaw to try to license the machines.

Hill requests pinball report

RICHMOND HILL — Richmond Hill council, like Markham, has been asked by some residents to control or restrict pinball operations.

After a brief discussion at Monday's meeting, councillors asked for a report on the subject from town staff.

Staff is to investigate whether the town does have authority to regulate the operations, and to make a recommendation on whether or not they should be regulated.

Although some towns and Metro Toronto boroughs are working on such bylaws, there is still some question whether municipalities have the legal right to do so.



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Tuesday, October 12th at 8 p.m.

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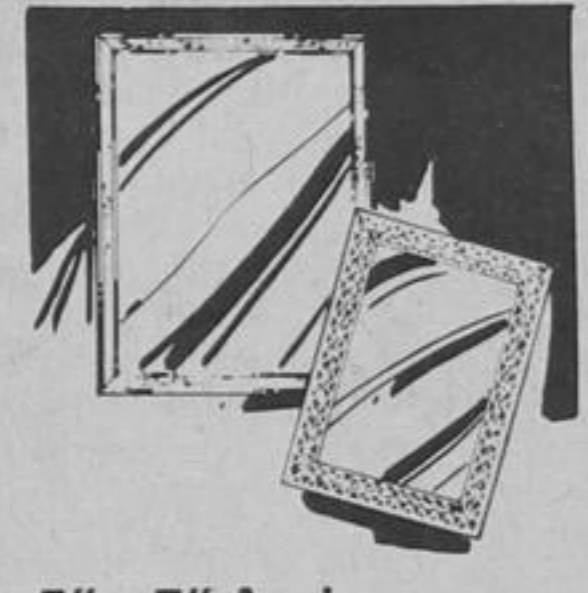
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