

Unionville woman our new cartoonist

It was a hard choice for the judges, but a winner has been selected in the Weekender cartoon contest.

Unionville resident Marie Burch is the winner, and starting this week her cartoons will be appearing on the Weekender Comment page.

Thirty-two aspiring cartoonists entered the contest, many younger people looking for a start in the world of cartooning, while others were more experienced artists.

"The response was overwhelming," said Weekender editor Don Bernard. "I was especially pleased with the calibre of the entries and the number of young people who entered."

Preliminary judging was done by Economist and Sun cartoonist Pat Wheeler, then Mr. Bernard and Publisher Bruce Annan made the final decision on the winners.

Aside from the winner, four entries received honorable mention. They include 10-year-old Robin Kidd of Parkway Ave. in Markham; Barry Walker of Unionville; Tony Publicover of Markham; and John Amos of Markham.

According to Mr. Bernard, all of them showed a high degree of skill and ability.

"It was a difficult decision," he said. "In the end we pick-

ed Mrs. Burch because of her unique style and overall professionalism and humor.

A resident of Unionville for the past 3 1/2 years, Marie Burch has studied graphic arts at St. Lawrence College in

Kingston and Fine Art at York University. She currently works as a part-time freelance commercial artist.

Cartooning is a hobby that she has pursued for a number of years. She is married and has a

daughter, Lindsay, 4. She also competes for two slow pitch teams in the Unionville area and plays volleyball in the winter months.

"I'm thrilled," she said when told she was the contest winner.

Anyone seen Thumper?

Thumper, a 5-year-old black and white long-haired cat, has gone missing in the Markham's McCowan Rd. and 16th Ave area. The family pet disappeared from his Michener Cres. home Wednesday, July 17. The cat is dearly missed by its owners, Sharon and Bill Stewart and their daughter, Kelly, 2 1/2.

Thumper means a great deal to Sharon. She brought him to Ontario with her from

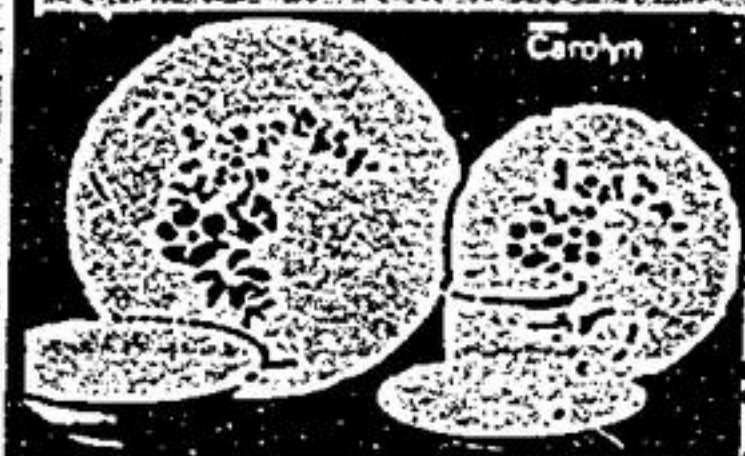
British Columbia, and has had him since he was a kitten.

The animal is extremely friendly, and has been known to wander into neighbours houses and garages.

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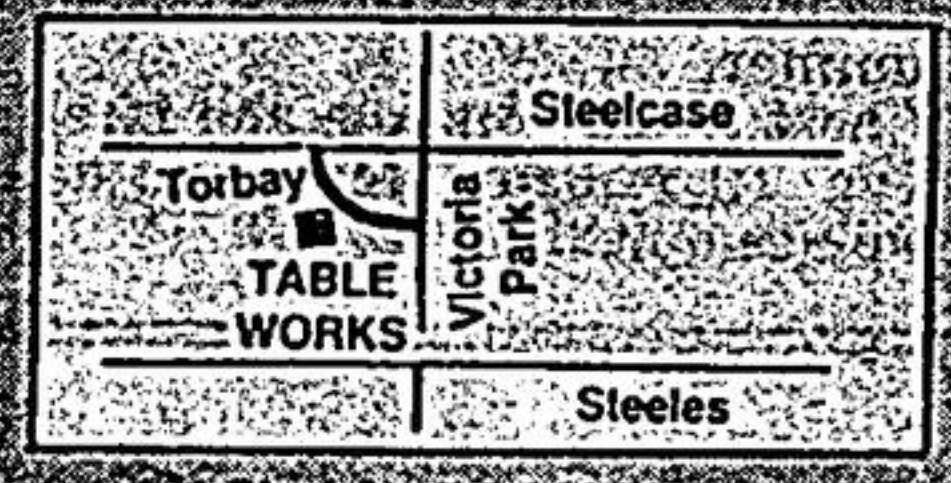
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