

Markham firefighters pried open a section of the roof to douse flames from a fire at C&M Products on Bullock Dr. Thursday afternoon. It took firefighters 30 minutes to extinguish the blaze which caused an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 damage. — Sjoerd Witteveen

Paint machine catches fire

By ROBERT DONNELLY
A paint machine burst into flames at a Markham factory Thursday afternoon. The fire at C&M Products on 189 Bullock Drive occurred when an electro-static paint machine caught fire sending columns of dense black smoke billowing into the air. Three pumper trucks, an aerial ladder, rescue truck and ambulance

responded to the alarm. Firefighters doused the smouldering cinders by prying open a panel adjacent to smoke stacks on the roof. The fire occurred at 3:50 p.m. while workers were cleaning up at the end of their shift. One employee, working in the paint booth at the time, first noticed the smoke and said he was unable to turn the paint machine off.

Markham Deputy Fire Chief Bob Reid said the blaze was caused by a faulty electric switch which ignited the vapors from the cleaning solvent. Damage was estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000. The company President Dudley Moore stated that assembly lines will likely be shut down until either Monday or Tuesday. No injuries were reported.

'Obscene' calls to U.S. not toll free

It's too easy for local children to phone "obscene" telephone shows in the U.S. says a Unionville resident.

The woman, who asked not to be named, says she wants to alert parents about sexually explicit shows advertised in adult magazines and made available by dialing 900 series numbers.

"It's what they're being exposed to," she said. "It (the show) is set up like a fairy tale but what they are doing in the fairy tale is not for the ears of students."

She says a family she knows recently had five charges on their phone bill, all from calls their child made to a show in New York.

"It's not just high bills," she said. "They shouldn't be listening to that garbage."

Though the number of complaints have tapered off, Bell Canada is still receiving calls about children phoning the shows, according to assistant information director Rick Martin.

"People said we should control and block calls," Mr. Martin said. "But it's pretty difficult for the phone company to act as a truant officer."

Because the messages originate in the U.S., there is little Bell Canada can do except warn people of the problem, according to Mr. Martin.

He says accompanying phone bills in March were notices that outline the 900 service and include warnings about some of the features that may be unsuitable for children.

"There are a lot of very beneficial services. It's not just the so-called porno-service."

Mr. Martin says the problem peaked across Ontario in February and March, when the company received about 250 complaints of youngsters calling the shows.

He says bills for the calls ranged between \$20 to \$100 and added that the shows themselves,

which usually are about a minute in length, can cost less than a dollar.

"In our view it's one of those issues that calls for wide-spread public knowledge," he said. "We share the concern, but our position is the messages are only available if someone phones them. They constitute a private conversation."

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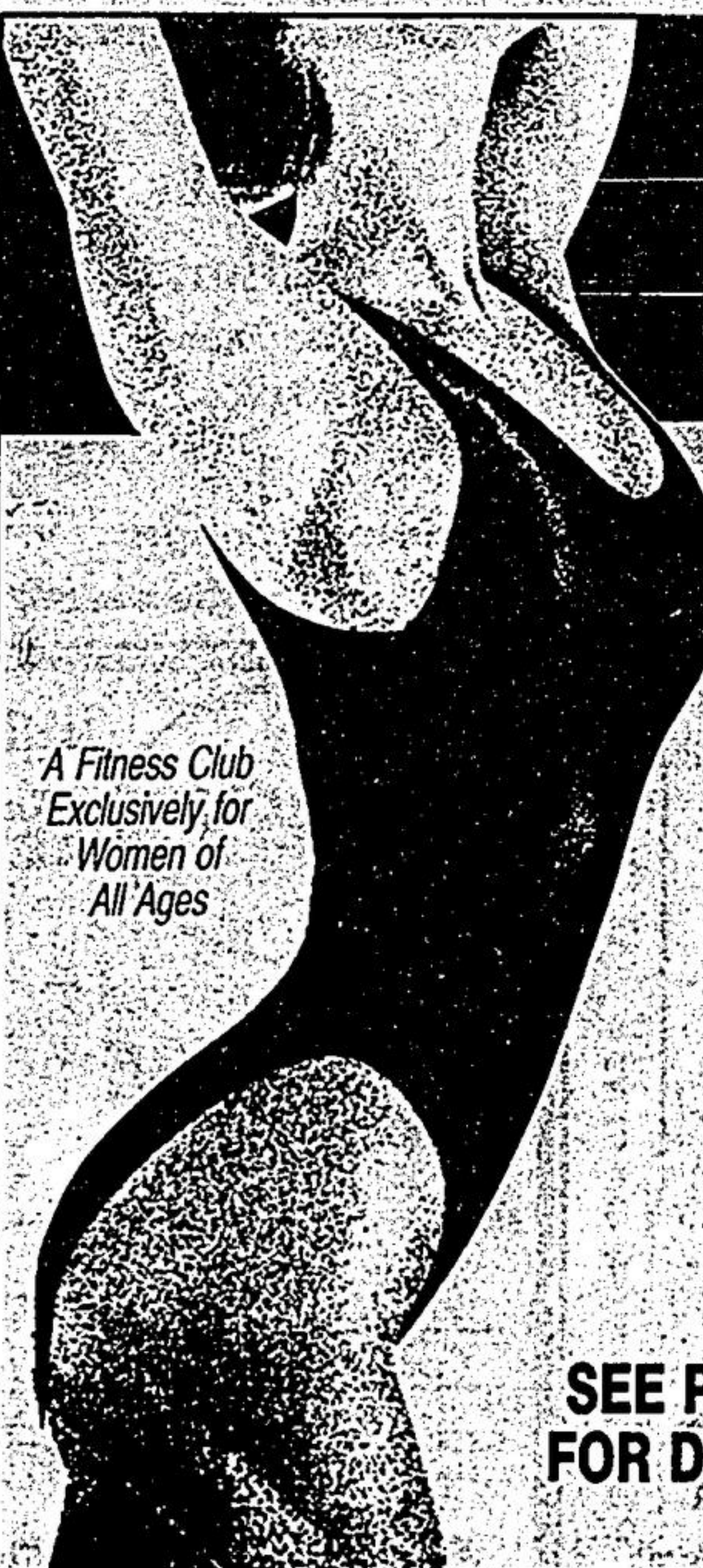
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Police said the man was struck on the head with a stick by two men as he walked along a walkway towards Duxford Cr. en route to his home.

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