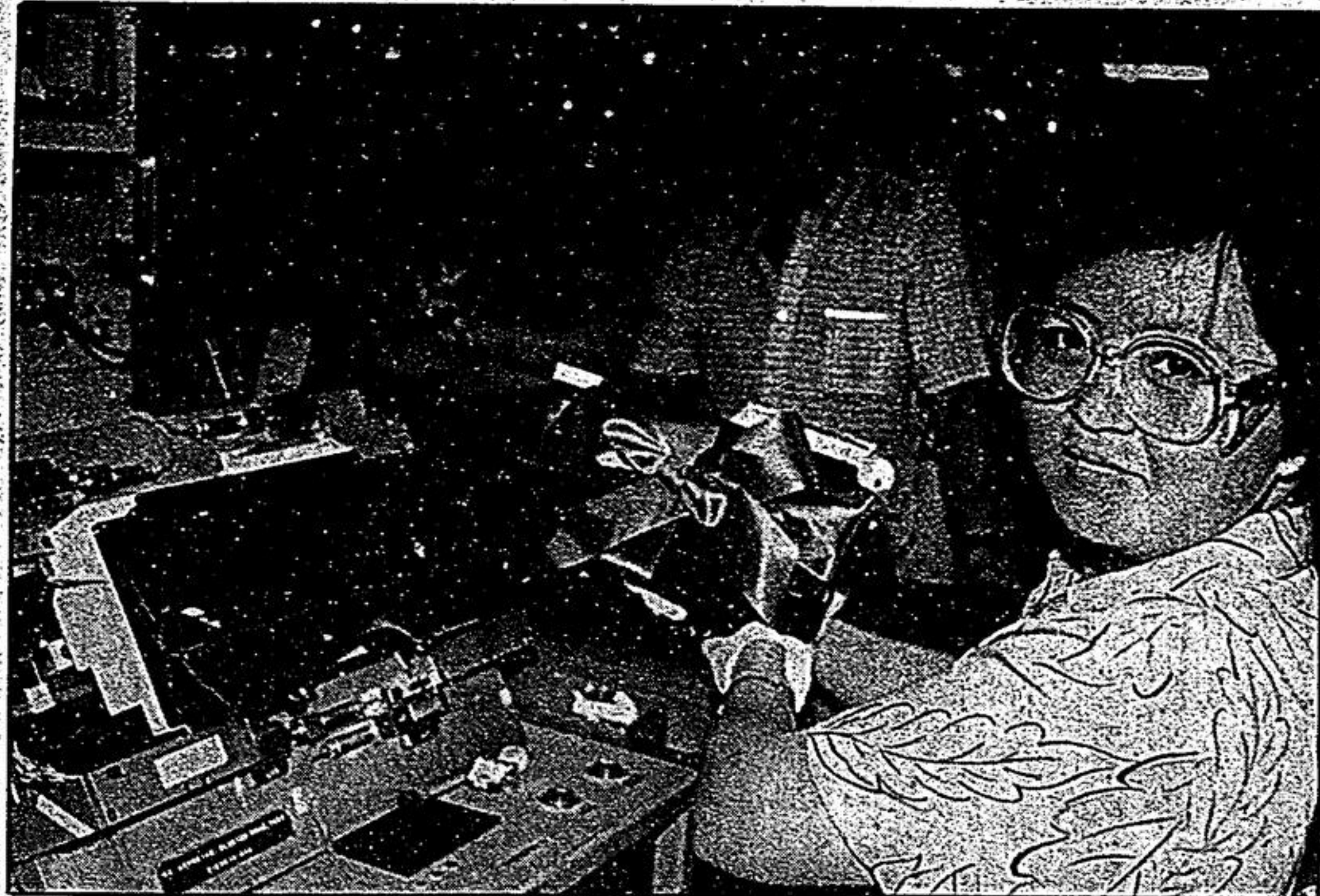


Business Beat



Millionth part from Markham plant

Line Tester Judy Quan is all smiles as she received the one-millionth instrument cluster to be produced at Markham's Ford Electronics manufacturing plant on Birchmount Road last Friday morning.

The \$65-million facility opened two years ago, supplying radios, trip computers and other parts for automobiles, and employing 1,800 people.

— Bill Lanning

Uxbridge man markets distiller

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
Staff Reporter

Tap water in Whitchurch-Stouffville and surrounding communities isn't safe to drink until it's been purified, claims the distributor of a new distilling device.

"I think the water everywhere in southern Ontario is not safe to drink but for Stouffville in particular, I've talked to some people who have told me stories you wouldn't believe," said Uxbridge Township's David Robertson.

And he added many of these so-called horror stories — including some that blame 'hard' municipal water for causing bodily joints to become painfully stiff — have been substantiated by comparison tests conducted by himself and others.

Mr. Robertson recently began marketing a home water distiller that he feels will help solve the problem.

"It's as pure (approximately 96 per cent) as you can get," he explained of water treated by the

CWA unit, which closely resembles a stainless steel coffee urn. It can produce about a half gallon of distilled water per hour while using \$2 worth of electricity over a 24-hour period, according to the distributor. This boils down to about 25 cents a gallon, considerably less than the retail price of distilled water.

The product — developed and manufactured by Downsview's Water Distillers Inc. — uses a process of condensation to remove unwanted contaminants and gases from normal tap water.

Mr. Robertson's first contact with a distiller came about three years ago when, as Pickering resident, he discovered assorted impurities in his family's drinking water.

"I looked into the different types of water purification and I found that distilling produced the purest form of water," he recalled.

The businessman claimed the process has proven effective in the removal of a long list of pollutants, including radioactive particles.

Mr. Robertson, who works full-time in the computer field, admits the \$499 CWA device hasn't yet attracted the local interest he anticipated.

But he's confident public education will make a big difference in his part-time business, which was partly inspired by water concerns stemming from the now-closed Hwy. 48 landfill site.

A provincial study is now determining the long-term health effects of toxic substances originating from that garbage dump.

"I believe that in 10 years from now public awareness will be great enough that everyone will be purifying their water in one form or another," Mr. Robertson said, adding that health benefits are a major plus.

"I have no evidence that I'm any healthier, but I feel better," noted the 31-year-old father of two. "It's not just the immediate benefits (of distilling water), but the long-term benefits as well."

Business show in Markham

State of the art business equipment will be showcased at the Office Products 86 show, May 21 and 22 at Markham's Chimo-Hotel.

Sponsored by OPS Business Systems in Markham, the show will feature the latest equipment from firms such as Toshiba, Olympia and Brother, according to Herman Murphy, OPS regional manager.

"It is so people will know we are serious about the business we're in," Mr. Murphy. "It will show the state of the art technology."

Admission is by invitation only and there is no charge. The show opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

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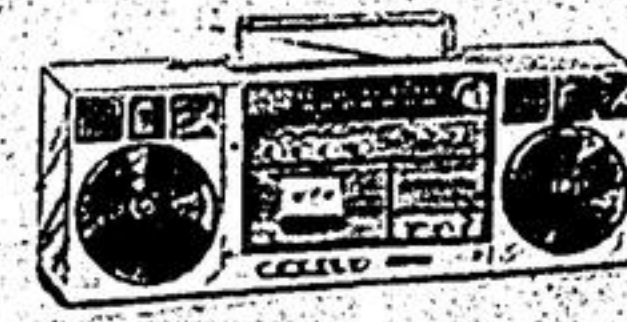
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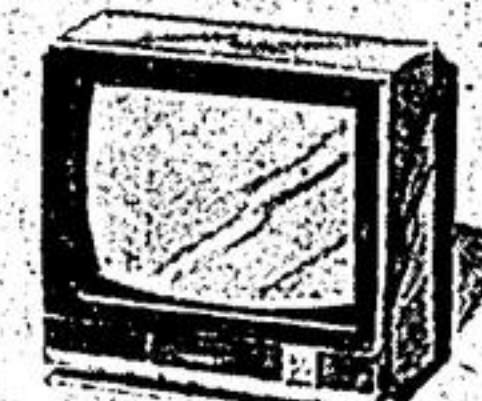
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CORRECTION

On the Simpsons flyer in today's publication, the base-bar on page S-24 is incorrect and should read:

Merchandise in this section at Simpsons Downtown, Yorkdale, Cedarbrae, Fairview, Sherway Gardens, Scarborough Town Centre, Shoppers World Brampton, Hillcrest Mall, Oakville Place, Warden Woods and Woodbine Centre. Delivery in our regular area may incur a slight extra charge; ask at your nearest Simpsons store. Merchandise in this section available while quantities last: FROM WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 TO SATURDAY 17, 1986. ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO: The Toronto Star and selected Suburban Newspapers, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1986 (#604-3). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.