

# Region briefs

## Parents unhappy with proposed boundary change

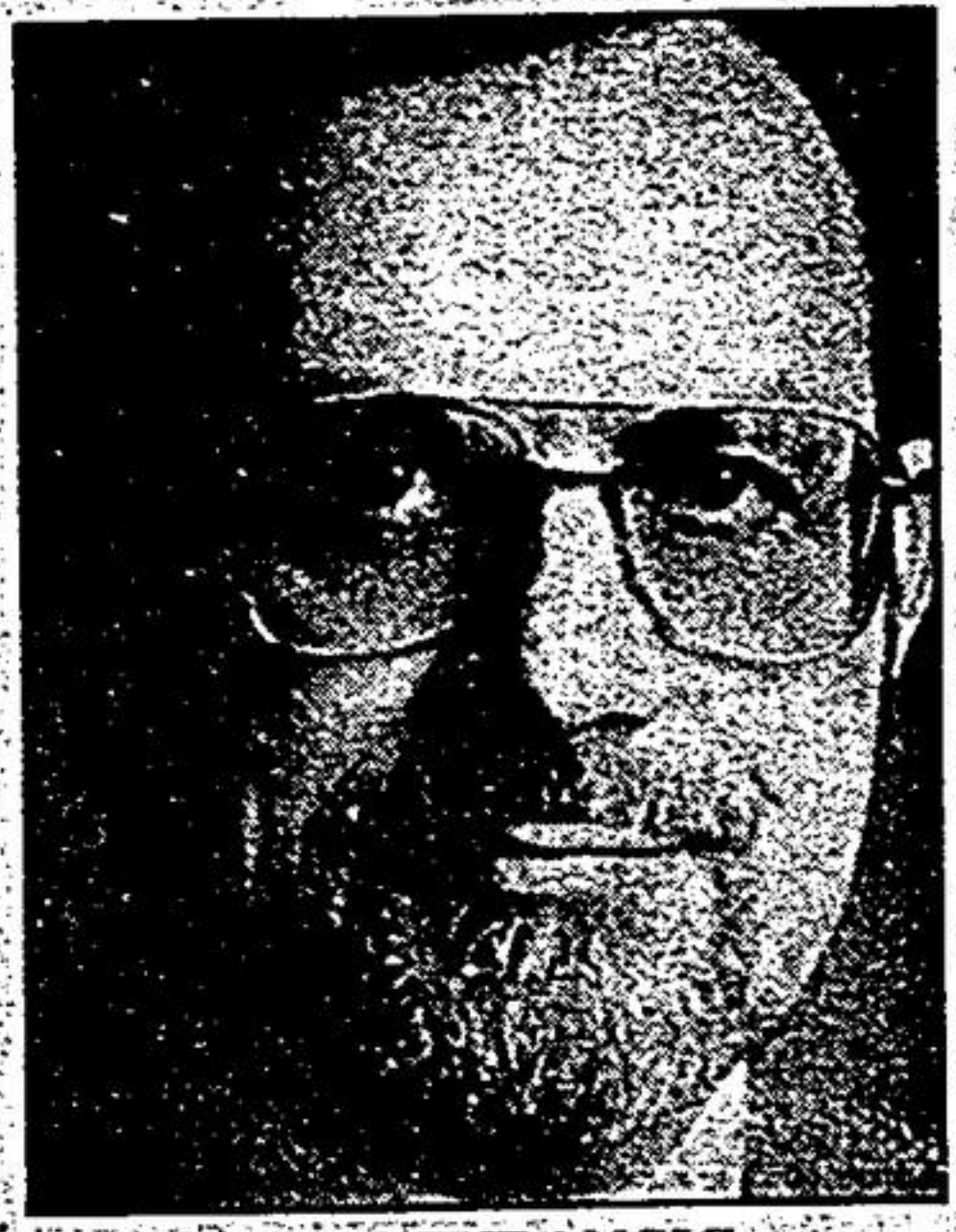
### Hearing date set for Regional HQ

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing to consider debenture approval for York Region's planned \$40 million administrative centre has been set for early next year.

The OMB will consider the debenture request while a law team will square off against the town of Vaughan over the new headquarters building.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson warned Nov. 12 that her town would officially object to the headquarters application because the plan "is detrimental to the financial position of the regional municipality."

The hearing date has been set for Feb. 1.



JOHN ZUPANCIC Meeting with parents

new church established, and their parish boundary is Hwy 404.

"Our children have been shoved from St. John XXIII to St. Justin Martyr in portables and we don't want to see it happen again. All of their friends from other Unionville schools will be at Brother Andre."

The Director of Education, John Zupancic, will be meeting with concerned parents on Mon. Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic School to address their concerns.

The projected enrolment figures say it all. When completed in August, 1988, Brother Andre will comfortably accommodate 1,247 students in the core school.

The projected enrolment for the 1988 school year is 1,226. The following year that figure is expected to jump to 1,496, without the St. Justin Martyr students. That is also assuming the Catholic high school in Milliken will be built by 1989.

While the project has been proposed, approval and allocations from the Ministry of Education have not yet been received. By 1989, it is expected that 376 students from the Milliken area will need high school accommodation.

St. Robert High School is not experiencing the same growth problems. In a school with room for 1,222 students, the projected enrolment for 1988 is 1,351 including the 28 Grade 8 students from St. Francis Xavier School. In 1989, however, the enrolment is expected to drop to 1,220, including the new class of Grade 9s from St. Justin Martyr.

### York-wide transit study set for '88

York Regional Council has given the go-ahead for a transit study to help carry area commuters into the 21st century.

The study will examine TTC integration, extended service, bus lanes, and the possibility of a regional transit authority.

Representatives from York and other transit groups will sit on a technical steering committee during the study to reach conclusions.

Projected commuter needs for the next decade will be determined by the study, to be conducted early next year.

### Fire departments fix radio systems

Fire department officials are near completion of a plan to upgrade radio systems in York to end inter-department interference that poses problems during emergency situations.

Members voted last week to establish two emergency base sites as backups for municipal dispatch system failures when the new system is working.

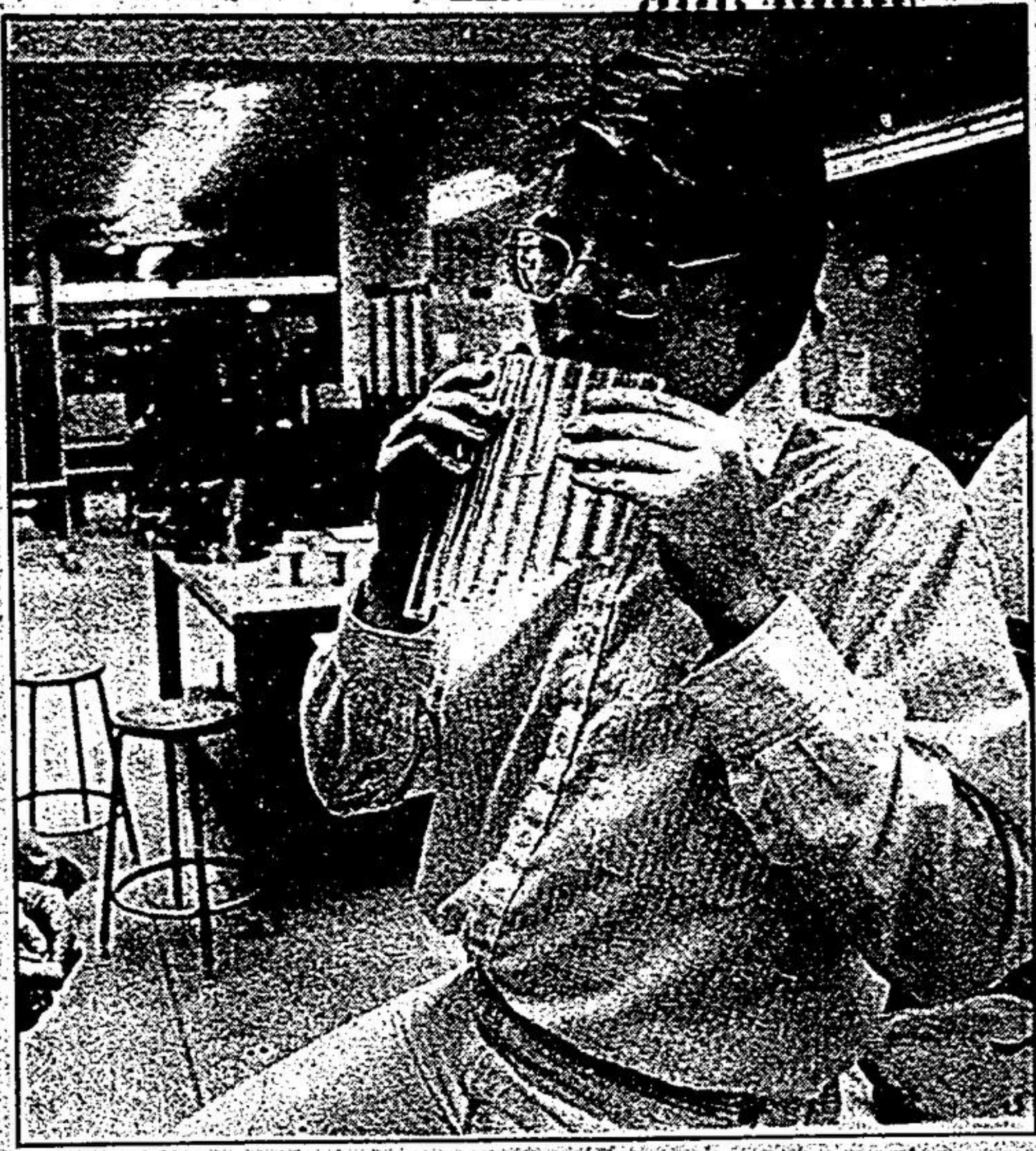
Students graduating from St. Justin Martyr Catholic School in Unionville may be attending high school in Thornhill by September, 1988.

Due to high predicted enrolment figures, the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board is proposing a change of boundaries and, if approved at the January board meeting, Grade 9 students will attend St. Robert Catholic High School on Leslie St.

Graduates of St. Justin Martyr are now sent to Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham.

This proposal has not met with favor from parents of children attending the elementary school. At a meeting of the management committee of the York Region Separate School Board Thursday, Penny Anderson, president of the PTA, stressed the importance of having children attend school in their own area.

"We propose making the boundary Woodbine Avenue, or the 404," says Anderson. She explained that the group she represents is presently trying to get a



### Piping hot

Visual arts students at Unionville High School created working musical instruments out of pieces of piping during a six-week program which combined visual arts with music. Here, teacher Jerry Walker watches as Eli Nikkanen tries out a pan pipe he created. Other students constructed a mandolin from plywood and a xylophone, each of which apparently makes beautiful noise. Sjoerd Witteveen

## MP Tony Roman mum about PC nomination

By STEVE HOUSTON Staff Reporter

York-North MP Tony Roman is remaining coy this week about reports of his plans to seek the local Progressive Conservative nomination for the new federal riding of Markham.

Roman said in Ottawa on Wednesday that he hasn't made a decision to drop his independent status in favor of running as a Tory in the next call to the polls. But he said he will likely decide election plans in the new year.

He won the federal seat in 1984 as an independent candidate after defeating former Tory MP John Gamble. Roman was carried to victory by a coalition of Tories and Liberals dissatisfied with their '84 candidates.

But Roman confirmed statements made in an Ottawa paper

recently, saying it was unlikely that voters would choose an independent candidate a second time.

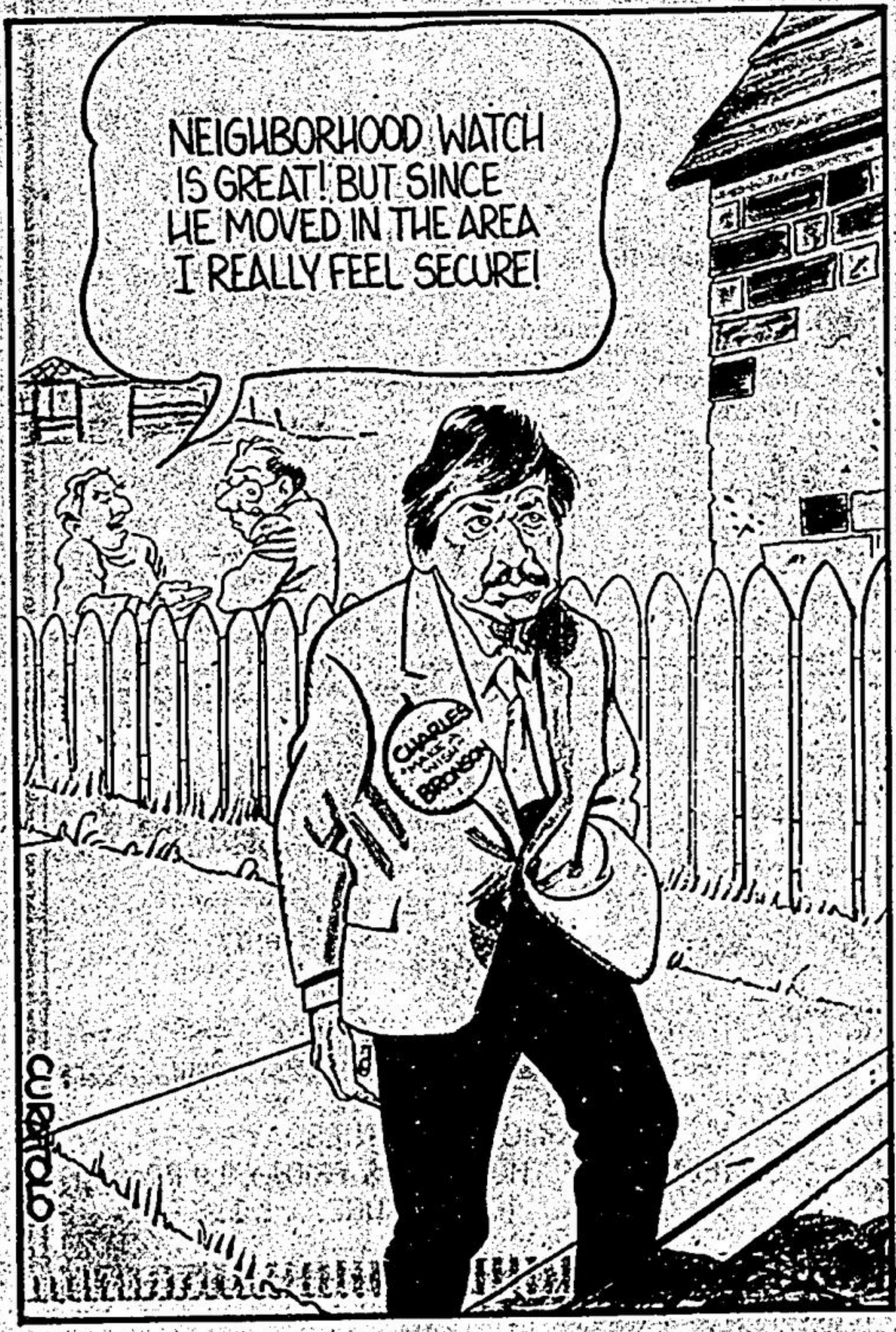
He denied specifying which party he would consider joining, though he is known as a longtime Progressive Conservative supporter.

Roman would only say "the option still exists," that he would join the Tories.

"We're going to sit down and discuss exactly what Anthony Roman is going to do," he said.

But the stage will be set if he does decide to seek the Markham Tory nomination — Gamble recently confirmed his intention to do so in an Economist and Sun story.

"It's too early to decide," Roman said. "Sometime after the new year we'll be sitting down."



TONY ROMAN Keeping mum

### St. F-X opening delayed

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Milliken Mills is not expected to open this month, as scheduled.

The York Region Roman Catholic School Board said the project, which has been plagued with delays, is expected to open January 31, 1988. Students are currently accommodated in the relocatable wing of the school as well as in portables.



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