

Understanding needed

By SCOTT FENNEL
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Over the past few years, I've been extremely interested and involved with the concerns of victims of crime because of a close friendship with one Don Sullivan of Ajax.

Don was the original founder of the organization, Victims of Violence, and even though he's suffered personal tragedy, he's taken this experience and helped many people whose lives have been similarly disrupted.

Don recently visited Ottawa. He presented a Brief before the Leg-

islative Committee on Bill C-89.

On Nov. 5, 1987, the Minister of Justice introduced Bill C-89 to the House of Commons to amend the Criminal Code with respect to victims of crime. This Bill, when passed, will make the criminal trial and sentencing process more sensitive to the needs of victims.

The court will be permitted to impose a surcharge, (fine), on a convicted person in addition to the punishment. The money obtained from these surcharges, will be used for victim assistance programs.

Victim Impact Statements will

be allowed at the trial to tell the Judge the effect of the crime on them for sentencing purposes. As well, it will eliminate the need for victims to give up their property until after the trial or to appear as witnesses by permitting photographic and certificate evidence.

Restitution provisions will be strengthened and the courts will be required to consider restitution in all cases.

I believe this is a good Bill, one that will finally take into consideration the rights of innocent victims when the perpetrators are sentenced.

Outdoors encounter with 4H involvement

By KATHY SIMPSON

Get ready for a challenge. Can you light a fire with only one match? Predict the weather? Set up a shelter? Survive safely in the outdoors? How about testing some photographic and cooking skills?

If this appeals to you, sign up for the 4-H Encounter the Outdoors project.

This new project is for young people aged 12 to 21. The Encounter the Outdoors project will be starting in April. Leader training workshops will be held Friday, April 8 at the Kortright Centre, Maple and on Saturday, April 9 at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food boardroom in Newmarket.

For more information on the project or how to join 4H, contact Kathy Simpson, Rural Organization Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Newmarket Plaza, Newmarket, or phone (416) 895-4519 or 1-800-263-3241.

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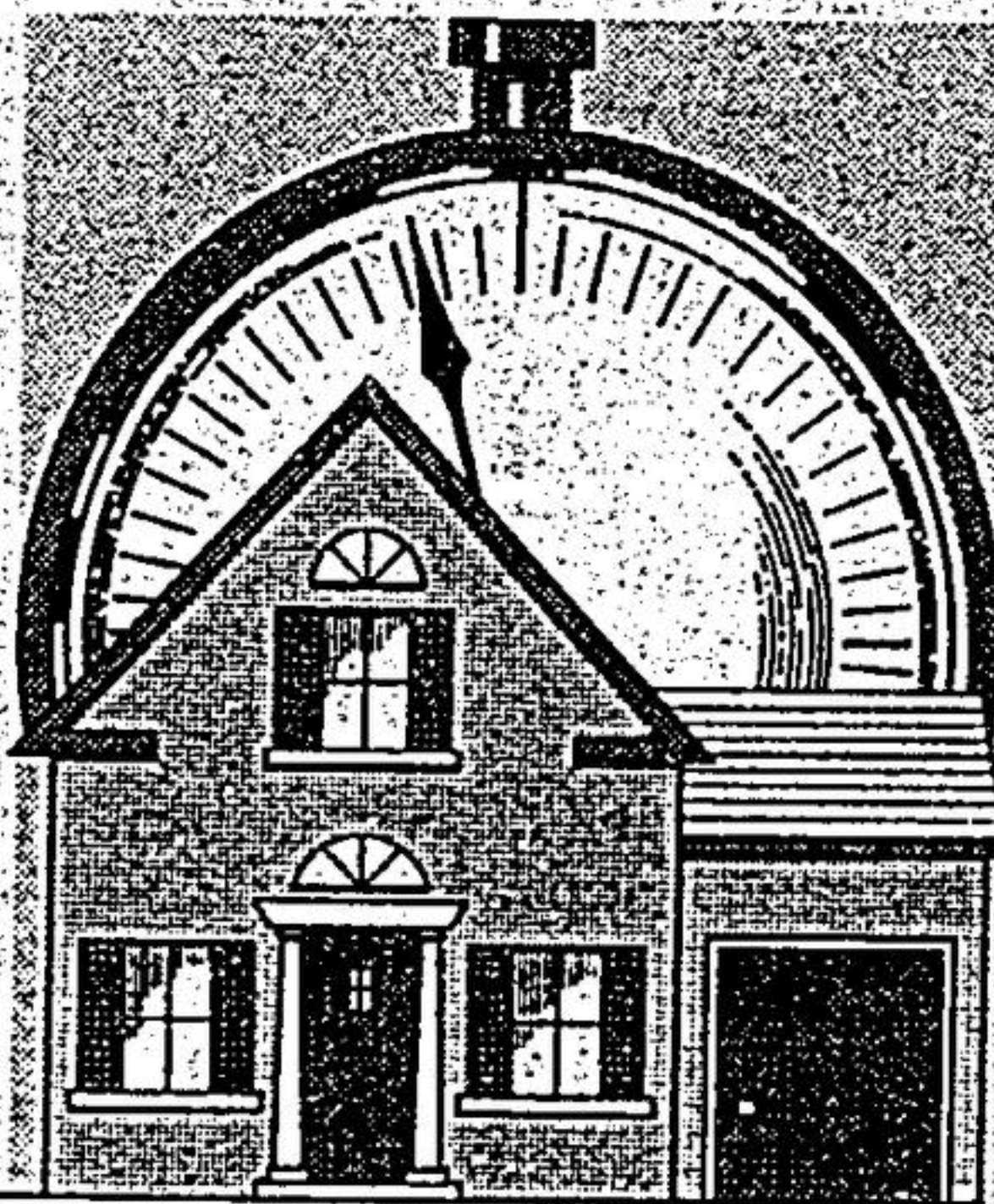
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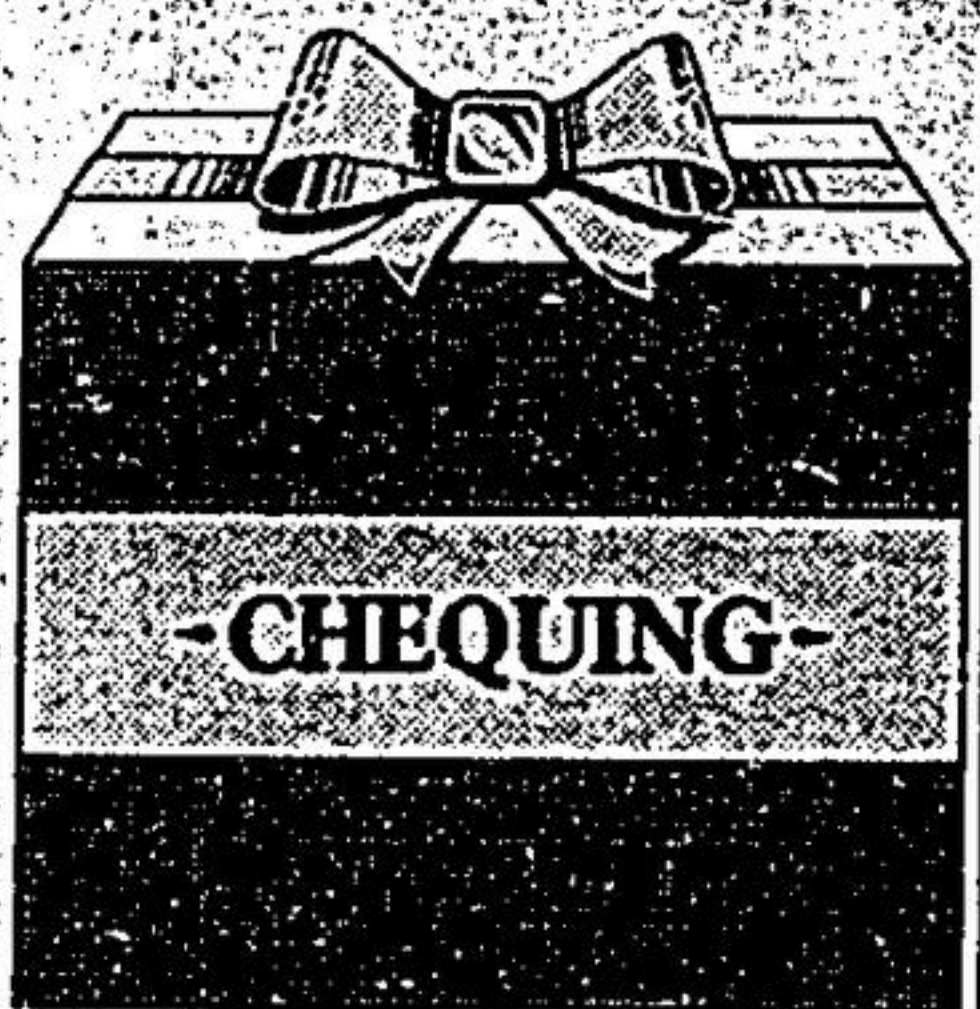
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