

Fighting the dumps

Meeting on dump alternatives set for Tuesday in Stouffville

York Region residents are invited to participate in an information session on alternatives to the NDP dump plan.

On Tuesday July 21, Markham MPP Don Cousens will host a public forum that will include presentations on a Kirkland Lake/Rail Haul proposal. The evening is being sponsored by Mike Harris and the Ontario PC Caucus and everyone is welcome to attend. Gordon McGuinty, President of the Notre Development Corporation is scheduled to give a presentation on the Kirkland Lake issue. Local representatives from Kirkland Lake will also be on hand to take part in the discussion.

Cousens, who supports sending Toronto's garbage to Kirkland Lake, said he wants to take a survey to find out how many community members agree. He said Tuesday's meeting is an information session.

He said it is important that York Region residents keep up their fight against the dumpsites. "If the IWA was dumb enough to select (York Region) sites in the first place, they might just be dumb enough to stick with them."

The meeting will take place at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre at 7:30pm. For more information call Cousens at 325-7730.

Task Force takes fight door-to-door

The Mayor's Citizen Task Force Against the Markham Dumps is taking their message door-to-door.

For the next two weeks, the group is embarking on a major door-to-door fundraising campaign to solicit financial support for the fight against the two dump sites proposed in the area by the Interim Waste Authority.

Canvassers will be wearing T-shirts with a bright green garbage truck and the battle cry "Don't Dump on our Heritage" printed on the front.

Green ribbons distributed

The original lime green ribbons signifying support of the fight against the two proposed dump sites in the Markham area are now available at several locations for a donation.

Ribbons can be purchased at IGA, Living Water Restaurant, Old Fire-hall Sports, Unionville Arms, Yogen Frusz and Bellamy's.

Also, Sunkist Food Market at Hwy 48 and 16th Avenue has purchased three miles of green ribbon, and will be distributing it for a donation on Saturday. All proceeds will go to the Task Force.

First Nations make land claim on 10 of York Region's dumpsites

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A First Nation land claim is being submitted as a reason for the delisting of 10 of the 19 proposed York Region landfill sites.

John McLean from Georgina Against Garbage (GAG) raised the issue of an outstanding claim by the Chippewa Indians in his presentation to the IWA on July 16.

The land claims affect Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham and Durham among others.

Apparently the Chippewa's

are in the process of negotiating with the federal and provincial governments for the same land which the IWA has proposed for dumps.

According to McLean, criteria for the original selection process should have eliminated the majority of sites in the region.

That "no aboriginal land claims are affected" was one of the necessities set out by the IWA themselves, in choosing a site.

Markham MPP Don Cousens said the IWA had bungled its research. "This action) proves that the IWA has violated every rule in the book. It places a black cloud over all 57 sites."

Crime Watch

Bank robber arrested

A suspect was arrested on July 16 in connection with a recent Markham bank robbery.

Police said a suspect in a dark ski mask armed with a handgun jumped the front counter of the Canada Trust branch on McCowan Road and removed \$50,000 from the cage area.

A 34-year old Weston man faces numerous charges including robbery and disguise with intent.

Man faces sexual assault charge

A Markham man has been arrested in connection with a sexual assault.

A 22-year-old female was allegedly raped and assaulted with a knife and belt late in the evening of July 15.

Charged with sexual assault, forcible confinement, threatening death/injury, assault level 1 and two charges of assault with a weapon is a 30-year-old Markham man.

Football tickets stolen

Stouffville thieves disappointed local football fans recently when they stole Toronto Argonauts season tickets.

The thieves also took a camera a home on Aurora Road. The season tickets have an estimated \$1260 value. The camera is valued at \$600.

Stouffville barn robbed

A Whitchurch-Stouffville barn was robbed late in the evening on July 12.

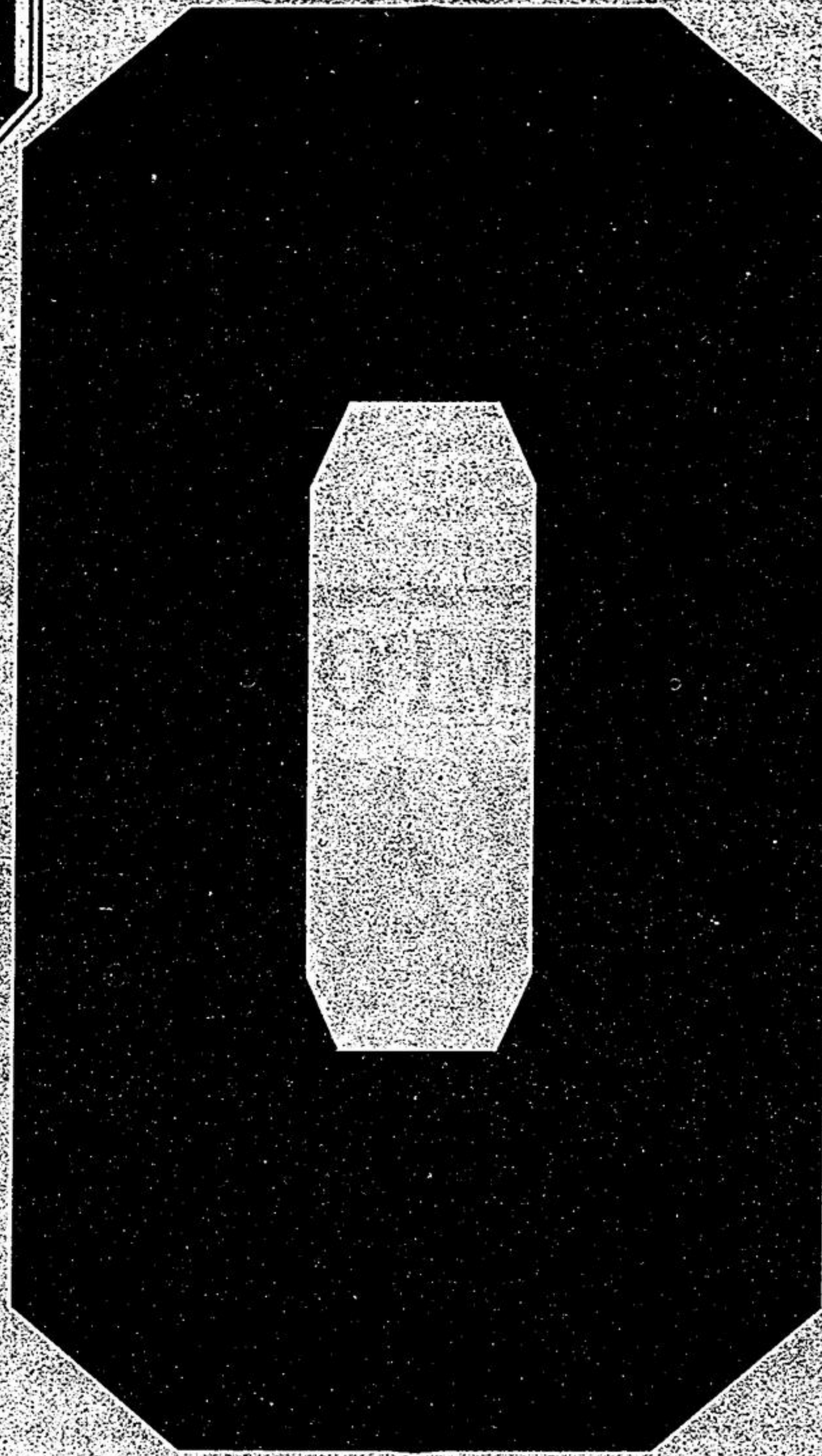
Two saddles were stolen from the tack shop in the barn. The value is estimated at about \$7000.

Golf course vandalized

Vandals caused about \$5000 worth of damage to the Gormley Greens Golf Course on the evening of Saturday July 11, before being chased away by the groundskeeper.

Vandals used tools to start up golfcarts which were driven around the grounds causing damage to trees, greens, fairways and the carts themselves.

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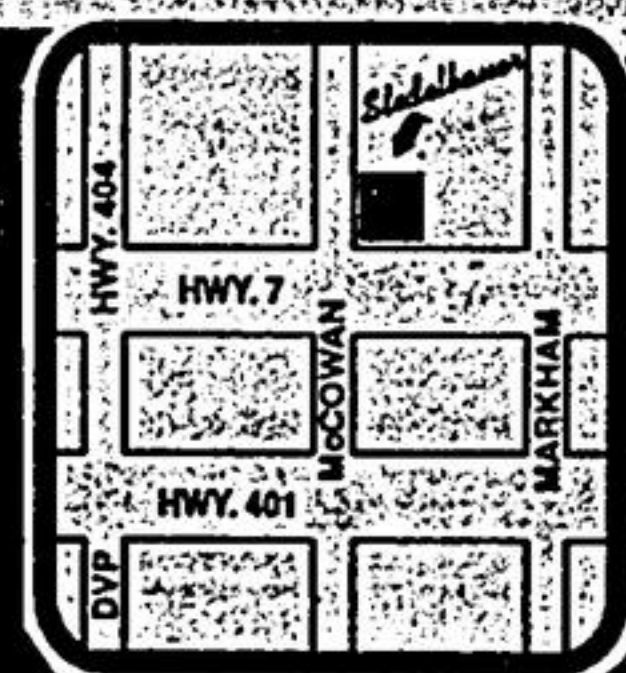
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