

Letters

Town must stop pointless spending

Dear Editor,

Our local politicians and civil servants haven't got the message... yet. We can't afford the pool, the ice pad, the fancy recycling truck or the new municipal building.

Canada, Ontario, Stouffville and the taxpayers are all broke. There is no more! This recession isn't over for most, and another will be upon us within two years. Stouffville is a small community with only about 4,000 households and little industry, to foot the bill. The \$4 million plus Town Hall will cost each of us \$1,000, the Recreation Centre expansion about the same, and the truck another \$30 on top of our already too high taxes. Just as an aside - why is the town buying a truck to give to Miller who are already being paid a huge sum to haul garbage?

Maybe town officials don't know it, but we're in deep financial trouble - we must cut back or risk financial ruin. Canada's credit rating was downgraded, and that means higher interest rates, and less faith by our creditors.

Staff and council have to put their minds towards cost reduction and tax cuts, because the federal and provincial governments will have to increase taxes or pass costs down to the local level in their attempts to cut their (our) deficit. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to keep our jobs, have experienced pay freezes or cut backs. How can the town think about spending increases? We simply can't afford to pay any more. Staff and Council, wake up to the reality!

Donald J. Cameron, Stouffville

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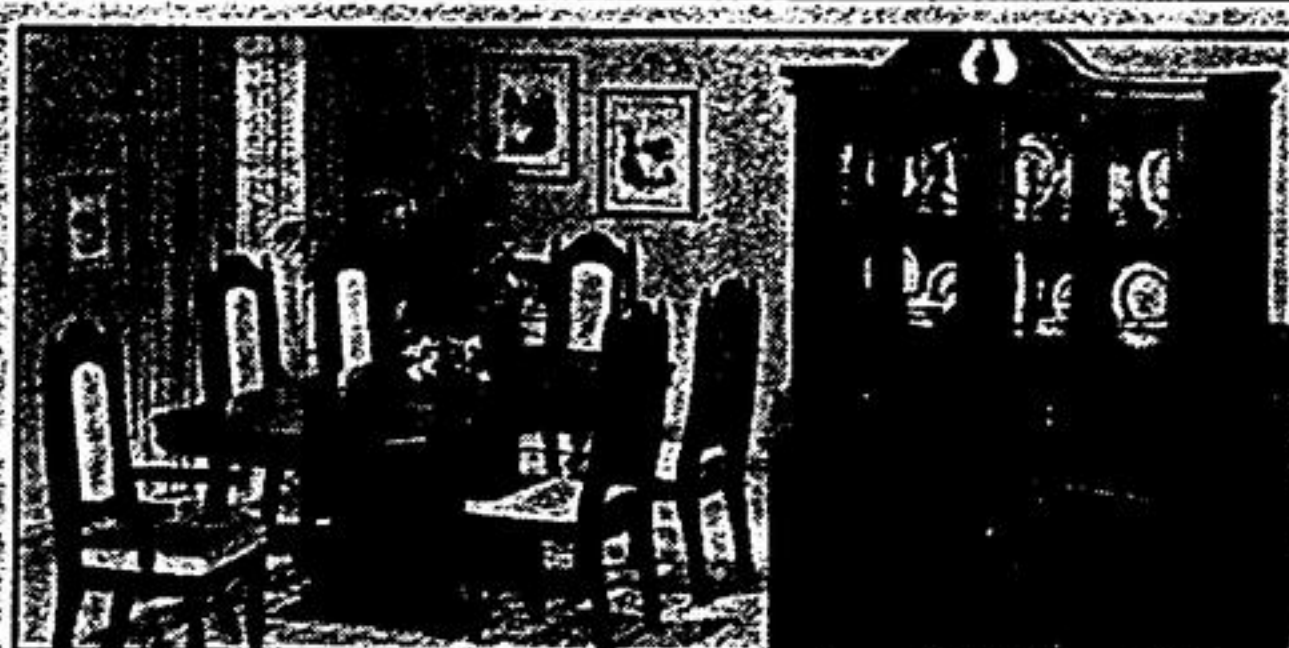


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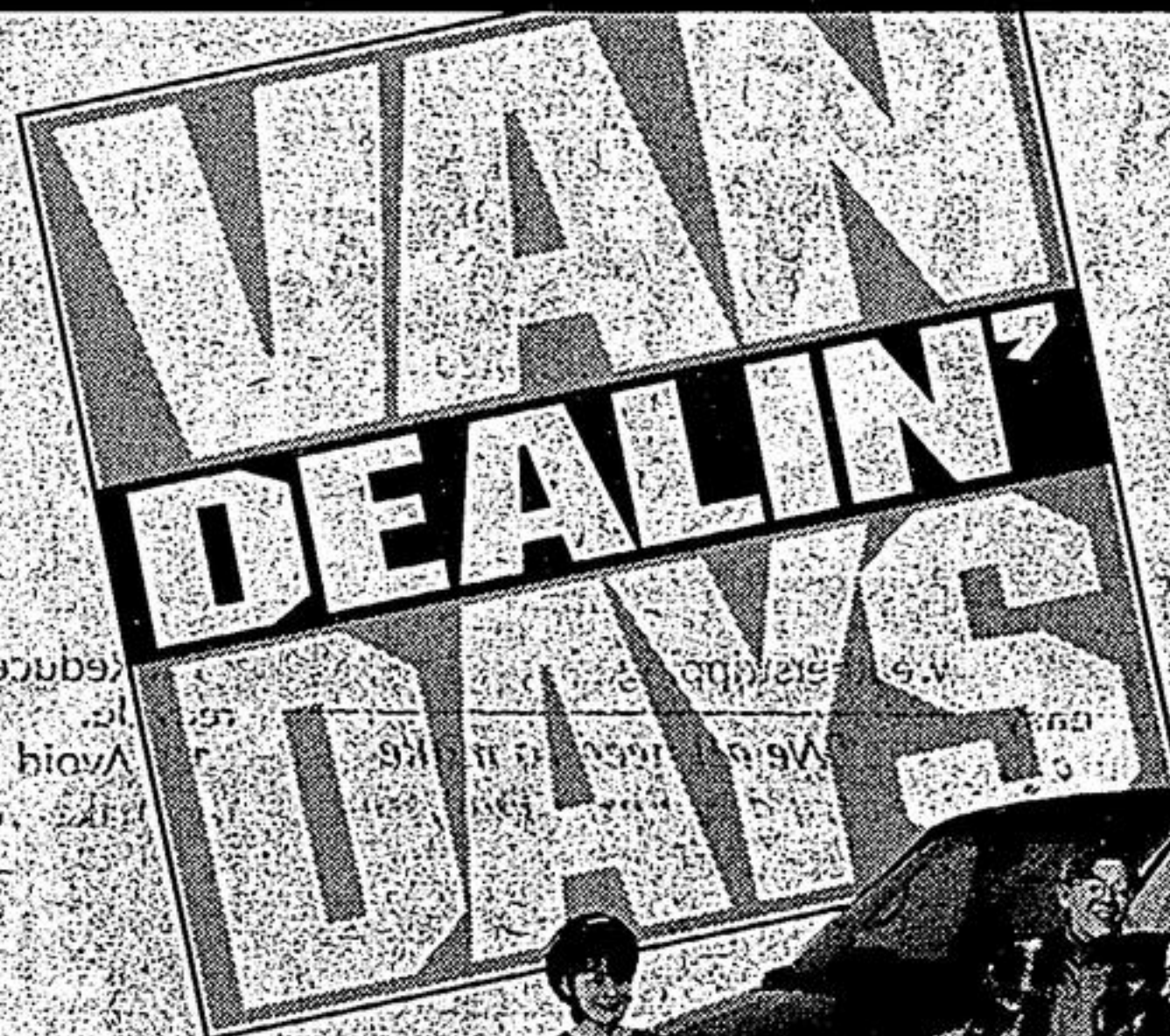


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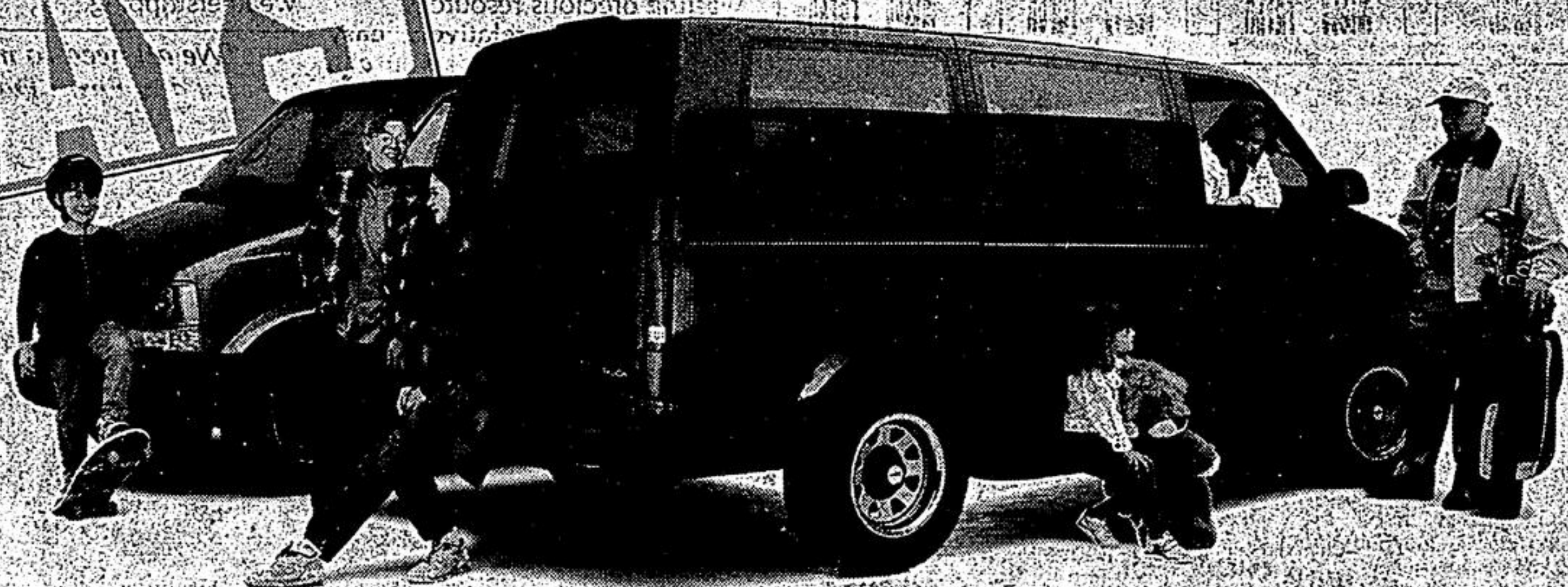


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