

FACE TO FACE

GRADE EXPECTATIONS 940-1944



Grade Expectations is a learning centre that offers individual programs for students based on their needs and caters to all ages - from kindergarten to OAC.

Owner/director Amy Shotbolt, says each student is paired with a teacher who can fulfill their requirements for improving their academic standing, preparing for an exam, or simply nurturing better study habits and organizational skills.

"There are a maximum of three students per teacher which really makes for an environment in which the students can thrive," Amy says.

Grade Expectations houses a resource room with computers, games and an educational library at the students' disposal. They are located at 105 Main St., Unionville. For more information call 940-1944.

THE SCHOOL FINE DINING 477-1161



The dining experience at The School restaurant in Markham simply can't get better. The lovely ambience provided by the dozens of large bay windows, Victorian-era chairs and furniture, and various rustic artifacts, provide a luxurious setting and reflect the time period in which the School House was built. The two-level dining room has a 120-seat capacity as well as private dining room facilities for 20-200 guests.

Owner Nick Zarafonitis and chef Louis are pictured above. In addition, the 24-ft. ceiling in the room which houses the piano bar, features the room's original oak beams. Add the huge chandeliers and you have a special atmosphere for light lunches and appetizers and a romantic setting for before or after dinner drinks.

Experience the gourmet cooking and beautiful surroundings at The School, located at 4121 14th Ave.

HARTMAN MCKAY Men's Clothiers 470-8066



Hartman McKay men's clothiers offer a range of clothing lines and accessories to suit men for almost any occasion.

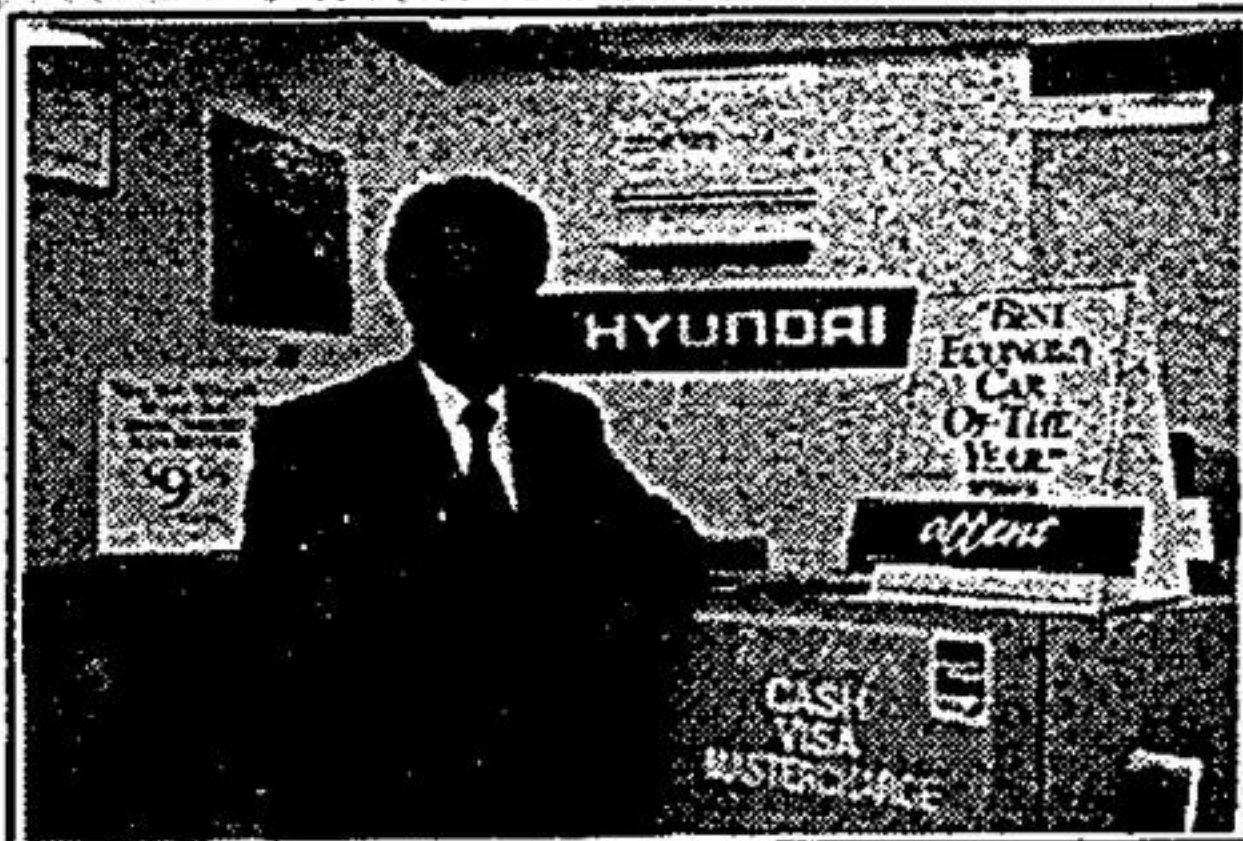
From business suits, sporty looks to weekend wear there's something for just about everyone in the store.

Lines carried include the popular Nautica, Cambridge and Lipson.

The owners, Dan Hartman and Vic McKay (pictured above) are both from the Markham area and Dan emphasizes their home town was their choice setting for the clothing store.

Between them, the duo has over 15 years experience in the business and say their key to success lies in customer service. Visit Hartman McKay at Warden Avenue and Hwy. 7 in the Markham Town Square.

MARKHAM HYUNDAI 472-5525



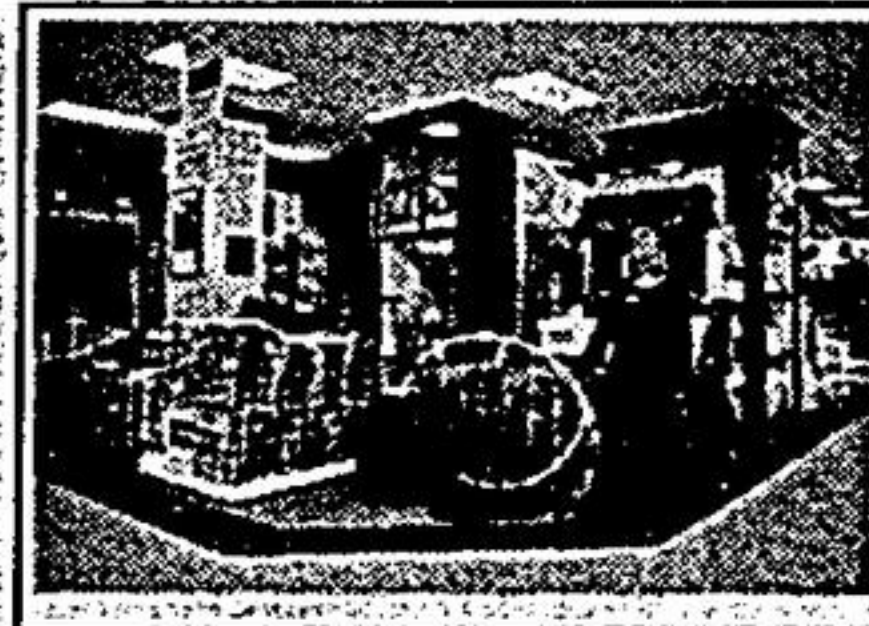
The newly opened Hyundai car dealership in Markham boasts quality service and a highly respected product. Owner Tony DeRose, has been in the business for over 25 years and says he firmly believes in this products which is why he chose to open the dealership a few months ago.

Parts and service manager, Ray Dhanji, (pictured above) is at the helm of the service centre. He brings with him over 20 years of experience and clients can feel assured they're receiving top-of-the line service and expertise.

"We do service all other vehicle makes," Dhanji says. "In addition, we're presently offering a special opening discount of 15% off on parts and labour."

Visit Markham Hyundai at 5829 Hwy. #7, E. For more information call 472-5525.

PACIFIC LINENS 940-9538



If you're looking for linens, you can get all your needs fulfilled at Pacific Linens.

"We are a one-stop shopping destination," says store manager, Cindy Boukema (pictured above). "Pacific Linens recognizes the fact that many people no longer have the time to go from store to store to shop for items. Our 20,000 sq.ft. store alleviates that problem. There's something for all tastes, styles and price range here."

The company's motto is "Better Linens for Less" and indeed, with brand names such as Springmaid, Fieldcrest, Martex and Laura Ashley, they certainly fulfill their promise on quality. Also, prices are great because the U.S.-based company buys in large volumes for their many locations and are able to then pass the savings on to the customer.

Pacific Linens is located on the lower level of the Markville Shopping Centre at McCowan Rd. and Hwy. 7.

VILLAGE BOX MEATS 471-5260



Debbie Mitchell, owner of Village Box Meats in Markham (and picture above) started out as a loyal customer of the frozen food outlet she now operates.

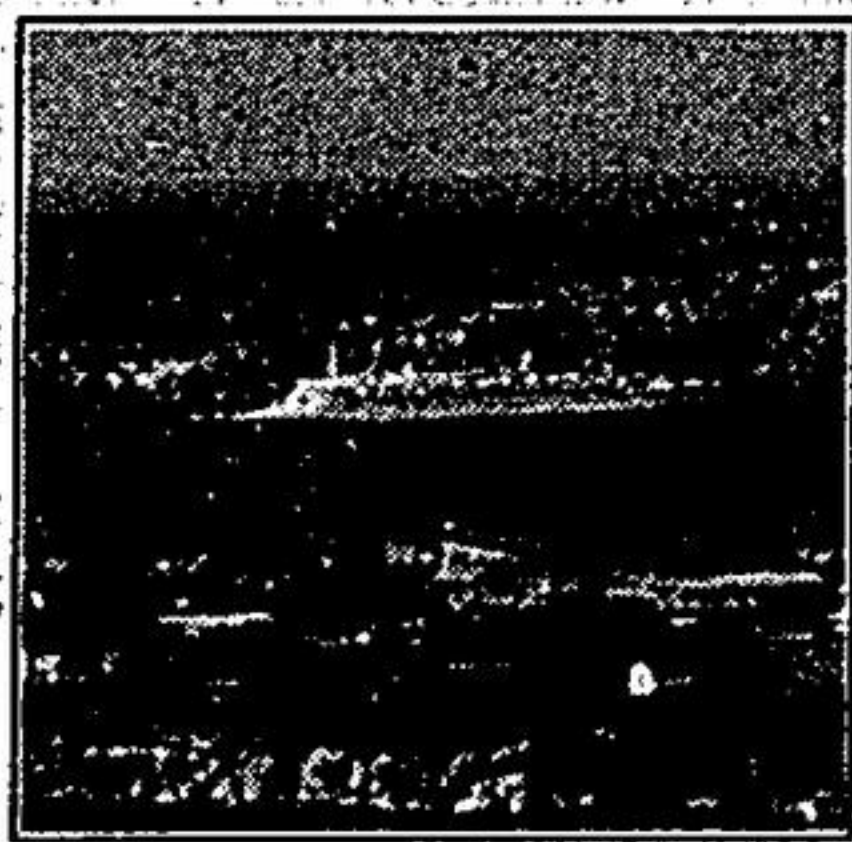
She liked the concept of buying food items in bulk therefore saving some money on groceries, and soon after became a part-time employee of the store. She moved to managing the location and just last January became the full-fledged owner of Village Box Meats.

The popular store stocks a variety of frozen meats, french fries, and vegetables, among other items.

"Every staff member samples any new products before we sell it in the store," emphasizes Debbie. "We all have to agree that it is a quality product before we bring it in."

In addition to the price points and quality of the products sold in the store, it is the service with a smile that keeps 'em coming back, Debbie says. Visit Village Box Meats at 8555 McCowan Rd. (at Hwy. 7).

CRUISE HOLIDAYS 472-8072



Cruise Holidays is a unique travel service in that they offer personalized consultations to ensure the vacation package you choose is perfectly suited to your tastes and expectations.

Owner, Ping Lee, adds Cruise Holidays represents all cruise lines in the world and there is a trip to satisfy every age group and lifestyle. The team of experts at Cruise Holidays have a broad base of knowledge and work with each individual client to organize a trip they will never forget.

"The great thing about taking a cruise is that everything is included in your price - all meals, drinks, entertainment, and activities," says Lee. "It's a great alternative to a land-based trip and in many ways it can be more rewarding."

Cruise Holidays is located at 5293 Hwy. #7.

UNIONVILLE APPLIANCE 472-0021



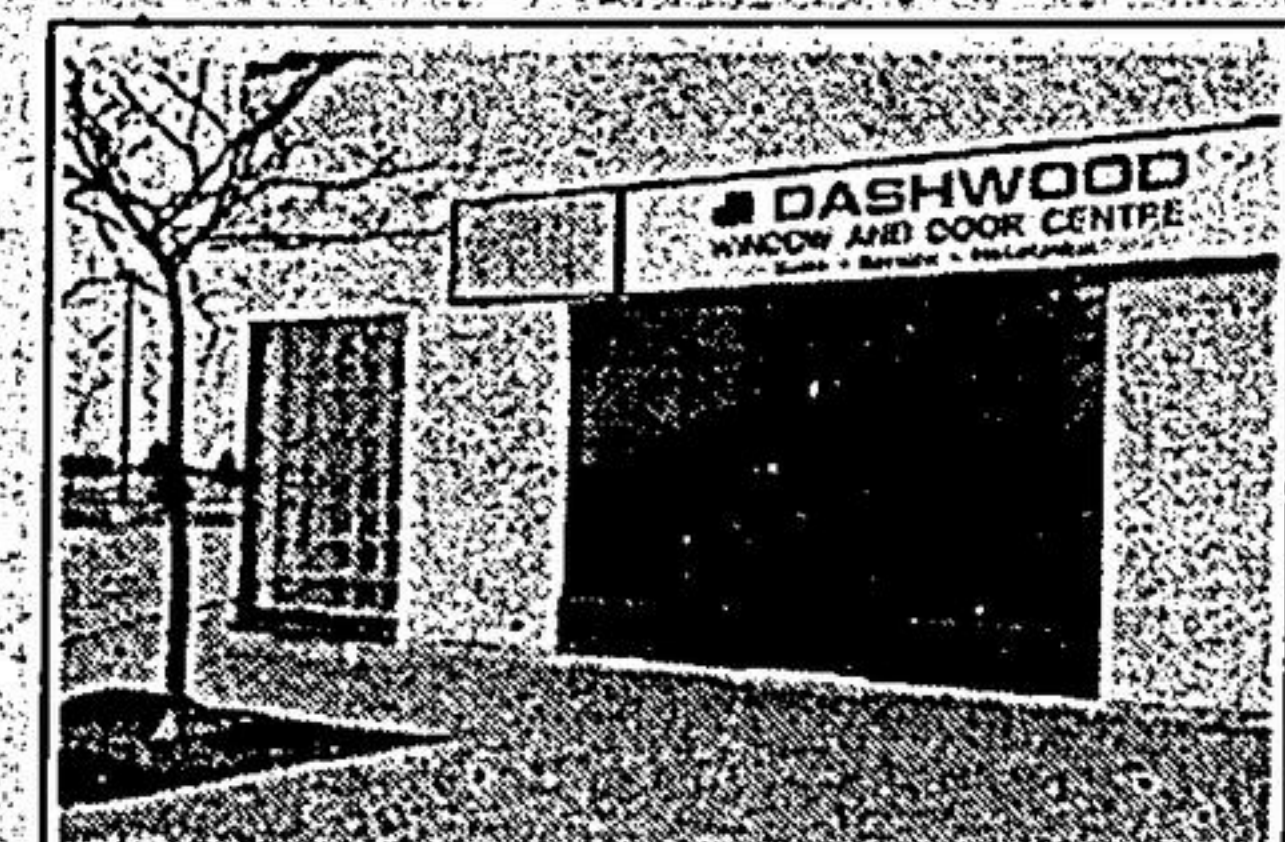
Unionville Appliance owners (picture above) are a band of brothers who take pride in their family-run business.

Corrado, Sal, and Rob Malandrino have been offering appliance repairs, maintenance, dryer cleanings and sales of used appliances for over five years.

Sal established the service out of their home but it soon grew into a full-fledged business, says Rob. Their focus has been on building a reputable name and providing top quality service. In addition, the brothers are open to helping do-it-yourselfers with some over-the-phone advice and will provide a telephone estimate for their work so clients have a realistic expectation of the cost factor.

Unionville Appliance is a member of the Better Business Bureau. They are located at 166 Bullock Dr., Unit 2.

DASHWOOD WINDOW & DOOR 294-4691



Dashwood Window & Door Centre is the oldest window manufacturer in Canada. Owner of the Markham location, Dave Moore, says their services include providing a wide variety of decorative glass for door, high efficiency windows, skylights and interior (i.e. French) doors.

"We provide sales and information services as well as installation of all of our products," Moore says. "In addition we provide a free estimate for these services."

Brochures and the showroom give clients a good indication of what they're getting for their money and there's a wide range of styles for the most discriminating buyer.

Dashwood Windows is located at 50 Andersen Ave., Unit 4. For more information call them at 294-4691.