

~ Council's official line on priorities ~

The following is the official press release from the Office of Mayor on the two-day meeting held recently to outline priorities for capital funding.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson has declared the council/staff planning session held May 15 and 16 at the Maples of Ballantrae a rounding success.

Both members of council and staff all actively participated in this important process of reviewing priorities and clarifying matters of policy.

Staff now has a better understanding

of what issues council wish to be addressed, giving a more focused approach in the delivery of certain services and the resolution of certain problems.

The discussion of major capital projects which are of greatest public interest, resulted in council's top three, in random order, being the Ballantrae Fire Station, the second ice surface and the library expansion.

The concept of being able to combine project such as a firehall/public works depot or a library/pool scenario, was

strongly supported, as was taking advantage of private/public partnerships that may be available.

The council also acknowledged that an improved municipal town hall scenario was overdue, but could only be considered if in conjunction with one of the top priority projects and at a reasonable cost.

Staff were sent to the drawing board to map out a critical path to achieve the goals and priorities of council. A report is expected back to council prior to the summer recess.

Goodwood blitz nabs 130

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A fleet of trucks was inspected. The entire fleet was unfit for the road. A taxi was called. "The trucks were owned by one company so the drivers climbed into the cab and rode off together," said Wooley. One inspection turned up an especially dangerous situation. A truck hauling dangerous chemicals had no hazardous goods sticker. "If Stouffville's beautiful fire department tried to pour water on that truck, there would be one big bang," said Wooley.

One truck was in such bad shape that it couldn't be towed. Rather, it was loaded on a flat bed and hauled away, said Wooley.

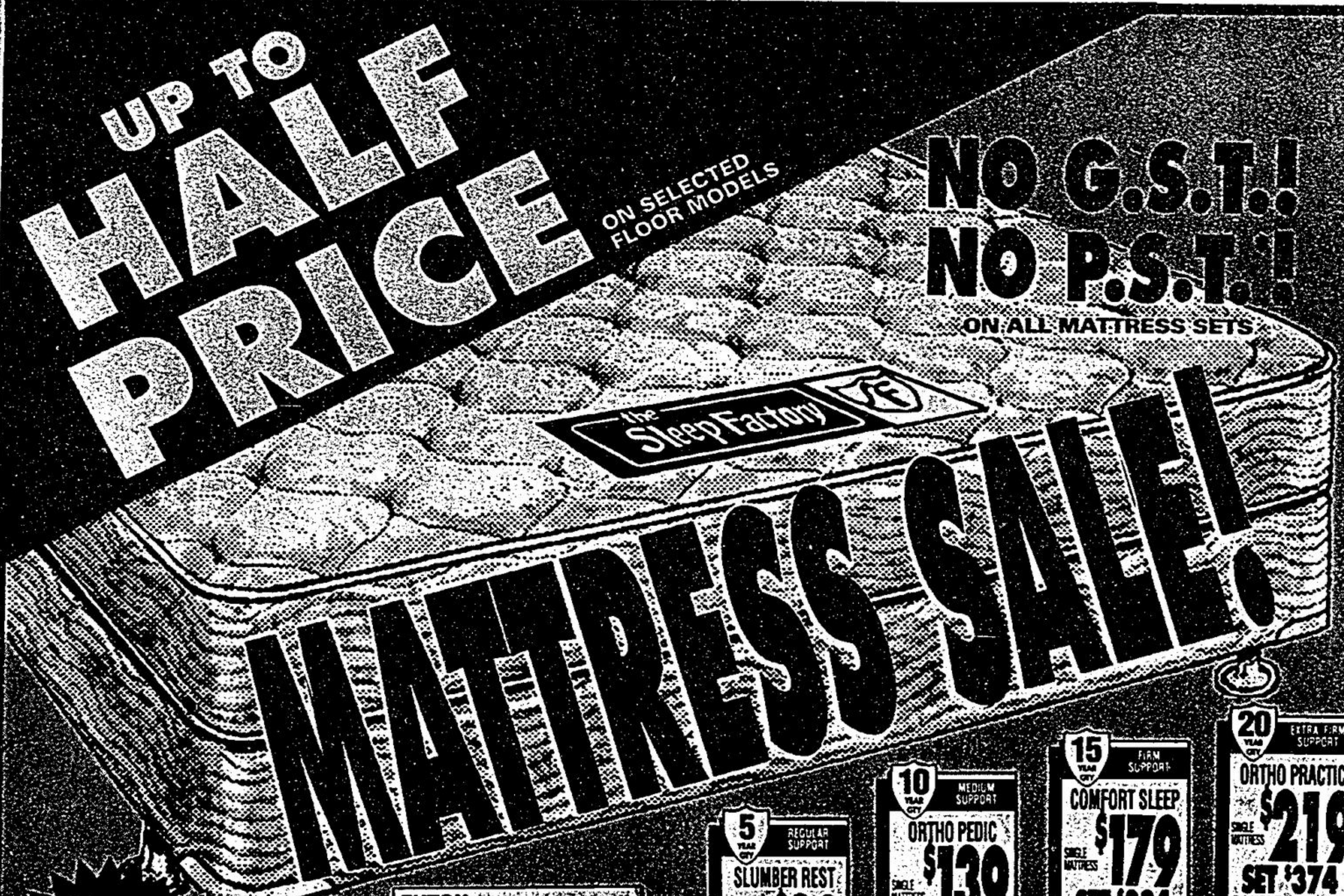
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