

Letters

Ministry should help not hinder day care

Dear Editor,
In this day of communication, higher level thinking and the ability people have to problem solve you'd think as a community, as a caring society, we could do better than have a headline "Ministry forces evictions at day care" warrant the front page of any newspaper. The saddest commentary is that this headline is self-defeating. Whether it's the community member who noticed a higher enrollment in the day care, or the mother whose child was asked to

leave, or the caring administration that couldn't say no to another needy mom, the headline doesn't tell the real story. The Children's House is not the culprit or bad guy. Everyone who's been fortunate to have their children attend that pre-school and learn and live with the staff, will attest to the holistic care, guidance and education children receive there. The Ministry of Social and Community Services would do better to upgrade existing day care centre staffs and expectations and

not degrade our children's care, nor force mothers to make choices they cannot be happy with when they have only their children's best interests at heart. That is the "no-win" situation. Let us investigate improving community care for our children, realizing early childhood education is paramount and help train caring individuals who wish to teach, care for and support the "first learners" of our future society.

Mrs. D. Rochon
Muselman Lake

Boycott lawyer candidates: reader

Dear Editor,
When we need them, lawyers are the better of two evils but to many they are a menace. They have used their position in the political arena and in the judicial system to transform what was once simple law into a complex jargon which only another lawyer can interrupt for us at \$200 to \$500 an hour. Once dissected, we learn that everything is grey and nobody is 100 per cent wrong except the suckers who pay their financial rape-type legal fees. Since less than three per cent of cases ever reach court, lawyers are nothing more than high-priced salespeople negotiating deals. In the next election we can do something for our society by boycotting lawyer candidates. Vote for honest candidates from our own ranks whom we can at least hold accountable.

Al Yetman
Stouffville

Ready to walk

Marilyn Newton, left, is chair of this year's leukemia walk. With her are Judy Scala, Wayne Scala and Cliff Dunkeld who are all helping prepare for the fundraiser set for June 11.



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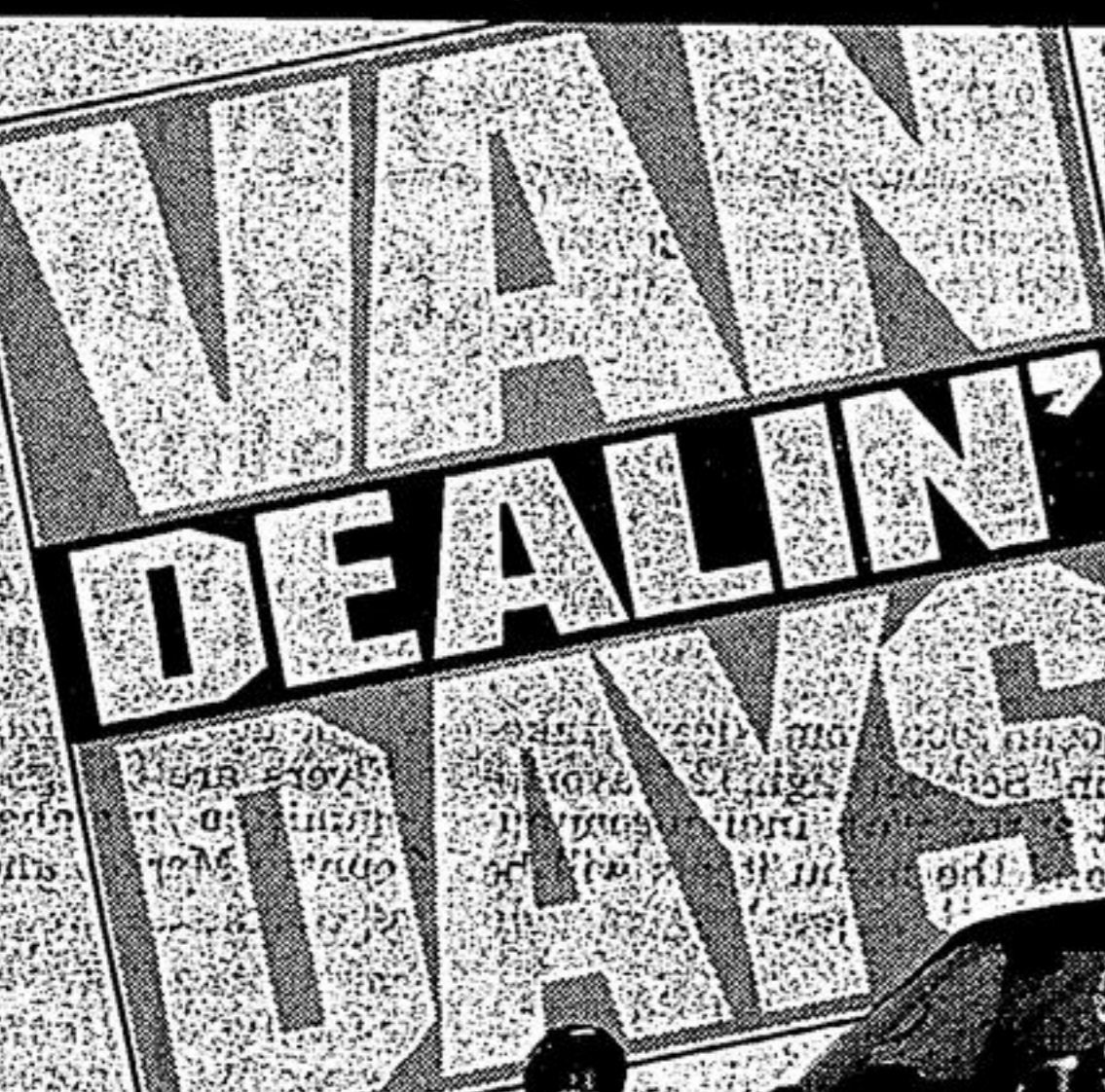
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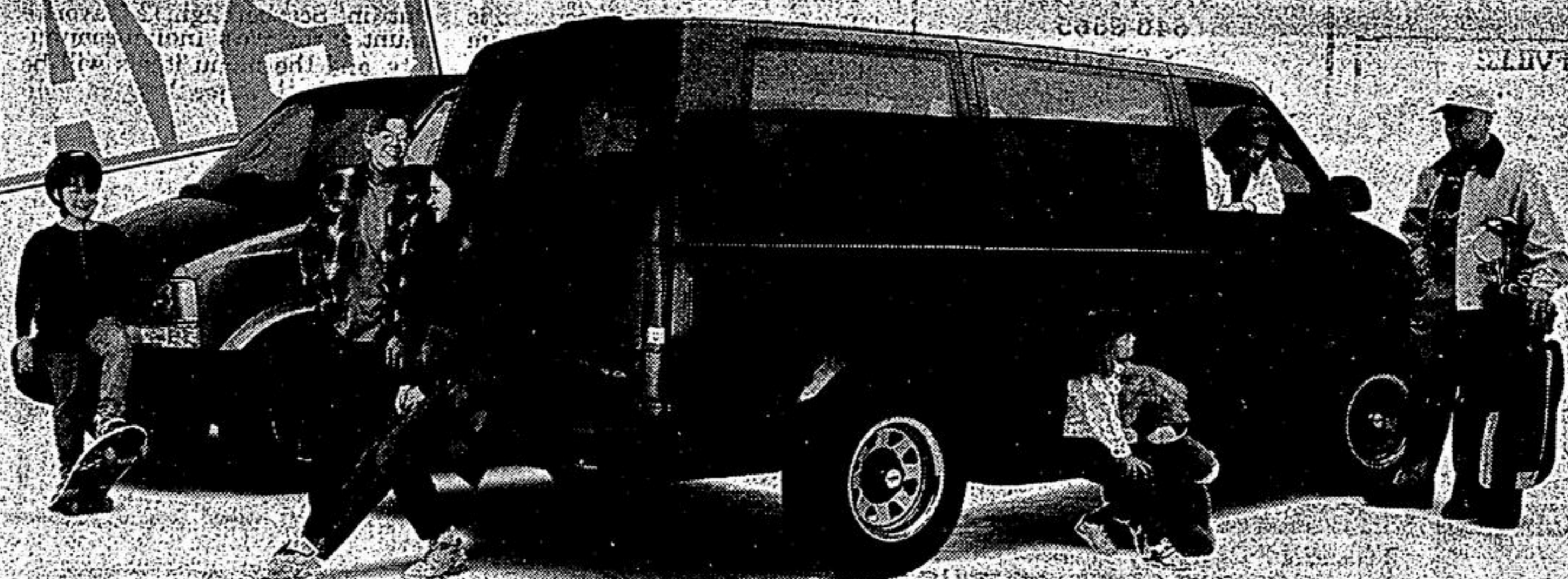


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