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Crime

Vandals wreak havoc in cemetery

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Forty-two grave markers in the Stouffville Cemetery were vandalized on Friday night, apparently by partying youths.

Town clerk Michele Kennedy said smashed beer bottles were found at the 10th Line and Cemetery Lane site, and neighbors reported hearing music.

"Unfortunately, the neighbors heard music and didn't call police," she said. "We're just hoping that if anybody knows anything they will let us know. We'd like to press charges."

York Regional Police, who surveyed

the scene early Saturday, estimated the damage at around \$10,000.

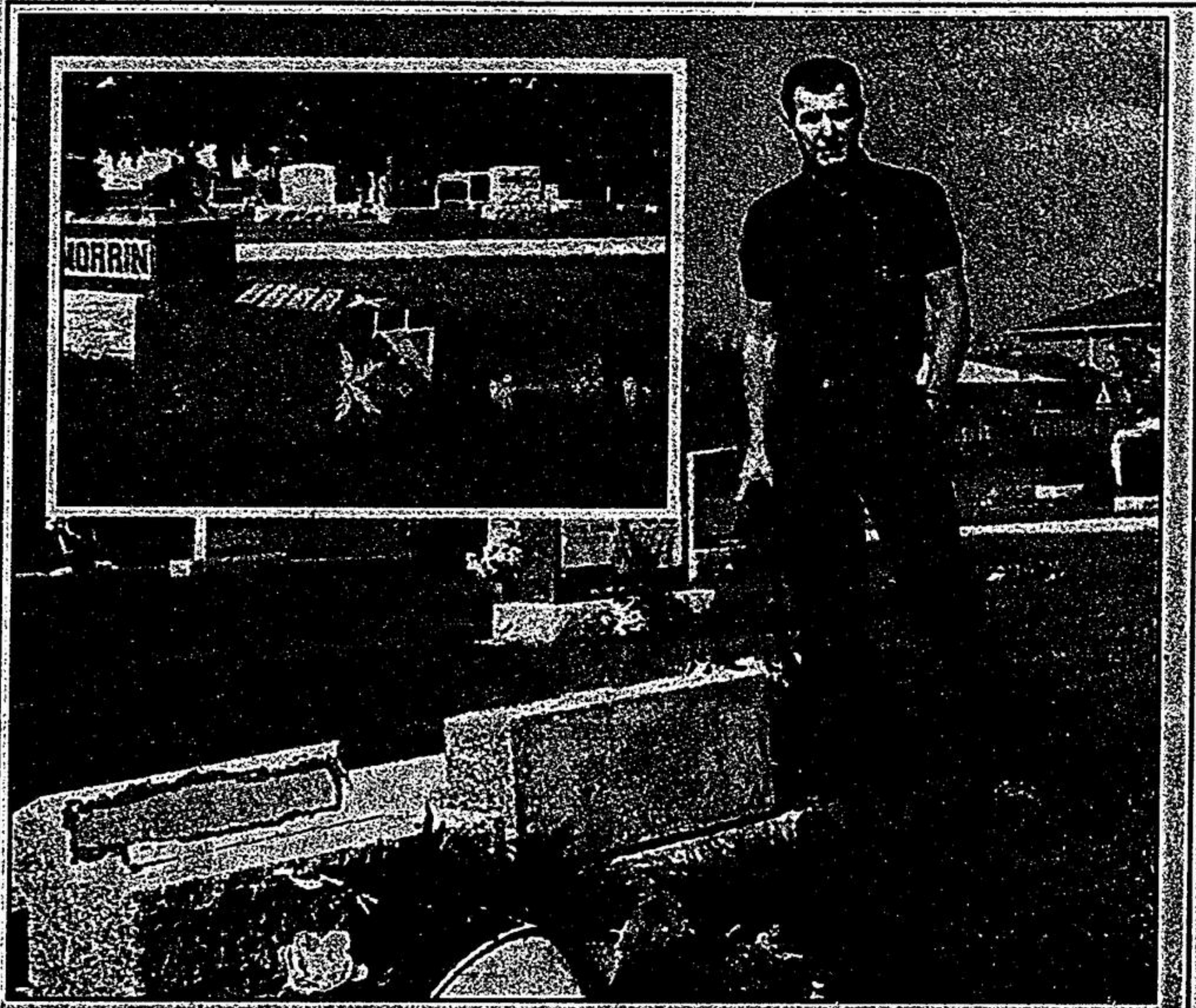
Of the 42 markers damaged, Kennedy said 39 were pushed over, one was snapped off and two had their marble urns knocked off. She said it was the worst incident of vandalism at the cemetery she could remember.

"We've had the odd number (of markers) over, some are needing recaulking and are wobbly, but never like this," said Kennedy.

She said the town would have borne the cost of repairing the markers, but Wayne Marks of Stouffville Monument Works has agreed to do the work for free.

Marks spent much of yesterday in the cemetery working on the repairs, assisted by works department staff. "I think it's great that he's doing

this," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who added he will offer his thanks to Marks on behalf of all residents of the
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Vandals strike

Bob McNeil surveys the damage done to his son Dan's headstone in the Stouffville Cemetery. His mother's grave marker was also toppled along with 40 others. Inset, the damage was extensive on some of the graves.



Help the food bank

The Tribune is once again pleased to be able to assist the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank this Thanksgiving.

The Canadian Progress Club, Stouffville, is placing grocery bags in today's Tribune. Drop your bags with non-perishable food off to The Tribune office, the IGA, A&P or Care and Share Shoppe on Main St. Your contributions will help fill the food bank's shelves for the coming winter.

Health

Hospital wins Canada Award for Excellence

Markham-Stouffville Hospital was a big winner at the 1995 Canada Awards for Excellence.

The hospital was nominated in the Quality-Health Care category in the national awards which recognize excellence in private and public organizations.

The trophy was awarded Monday evening at a ceremony at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The competition was opened to

health care, government and education sectors for the first time this year. The local hospital was one of three finalists in the health care area.

The five-year-old hospital was credited for meeting the current and future needs of the communities it serves.

The National Quality Institute, which sponsored the ceremony, said the hospital has moved from a

traditional hierarchical management structure to a more flexible system to meet the needs of patients. It has created close ties with a number of local health and social service agencies, and ensured active employee involvement in all levels of planning.

This has resulted in lower staff turnover and absenteeism, high employee morale, and consistently high levels of patient satisfaction.

Fairdale

Sarah Robertson and her Alredale Arlo were winners of the best dressed category in the Markham Fair pet show on Friday. The fair attracted over 80,000 visitors. See page 11 for more. Photo: LORI EMMERSON

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