



# Smelt run on Lake Simcoe could commence soon

Although smelt fishing hardly resembles traditional angling methods, with a rod and reel, the two have some similarities.

For starters, said Wil Wegman, a spokesman from the Ministry of Natural Resources' Aurora District Office, there are no guarantees that each time you go out that you will experience any success.

The guys that are successful are those who go out to check to see if the smelts are running six, seven or eight times and of that you might get one or two good nights," he said from past experiences in pursuing these little delectable delights.

With El Nino's invasion into our neck of the woods bringing about a rather early spring, the traditional smelt run on nearby Lake Simcoe could be an early one this year.

Wegman reported that the "ice out" on Lake Simcoe took place on April 1. This is much earlier than the last two years, which saw the ice completely leave the lake around late April. In those years, the smelt run was late if not non-existent.

Wegman is optimistic that the early "ice out" could produce a smelt run that is earlier than normal. A friend of mine from Oshawa once told me the traditional time-frame for getting smelts on Lake Simcoe was anywhere from April 15-25.

However, with the weather differing from the norm this year, the only way to find out when they are running is to get out and check for yourself or call any locals that you might know who reside on the lake. Once you hear that they are run-



## Outdoors

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ning it's a matter of putting everything that you are doing on hold and getting out there because the run does not last that long.

"There's no secret recipes for success in

smelt fishing," noted Wegman. "But don't wait for the proverbial time clock. They're governed by ice going out or water temperature. And then it's just a matter of getting out and trying it."

Traditional places to go along

Lake Simcoe's eastern shoreline include public piers at Jackson's Point, Beaverton, Gamebridge and Brechin (Lagoon City).

Other places to check out are the numerous creek mouths that empty into the lake. Here, smelt

with congregate and go upstream to spawn. Those wishing further information in monitoring this year's run can call the ministry's Lake Simcoe Fisheries Assessment Unit office in Sutton at 905-722-5512.

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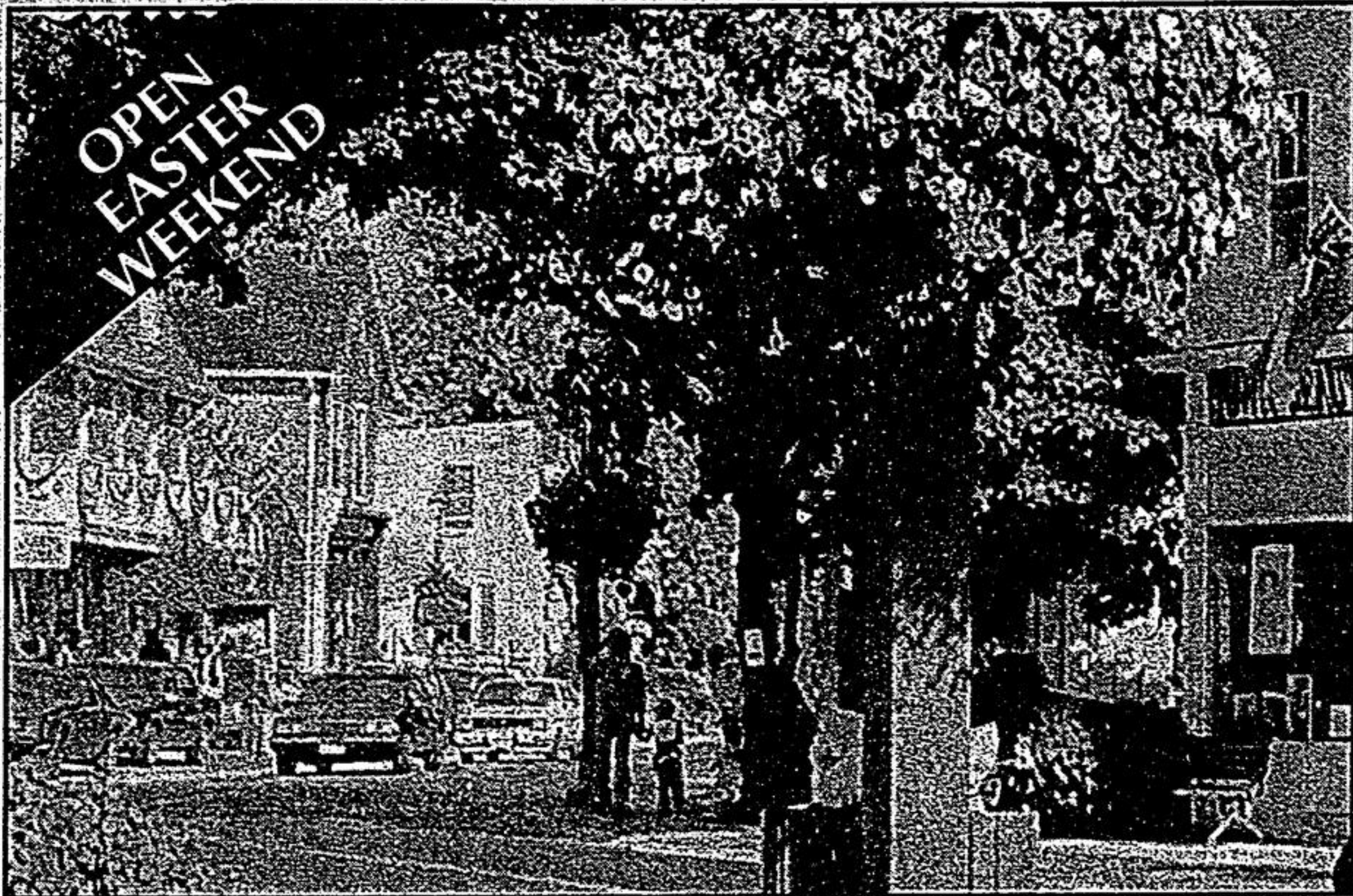
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