

**CRIME WATCH**

## More women charged in pyramid scheme

*Police nab a total of 27 suspects in GTA*

Two Thornhill residents were among 18 arrested in the latest police sweep of a women-only pyramid scheme.

Police have arrested 27 women since Aug. 31 in connection with the scheme.

OPP Det. Sgt. Rob McKinney said the latest arrests are the second wave of an operation that started with the arrests of nine people on Sept. 1.

In total, 60 women were involved in the scheme, called Women Helping Women, which operated across the Greater Toronto Area, he said.

Women were required to make an initial \$5,000 investment and were told commissions and earnings were dependent upon the participation of other investors.

Participants were required to recruit other women to ante up \$5,000. Participants were promised a return of \$40,000 on their investment.

McKinney said the investigation continues and police anticipate further charges.

The 18 women are to appear in court Oct. 5 to face charges of conducting an illegal scheme and participating in an illegal scheme.

### Drunk suspect charged with stealing wine

A man who was picked up for public drunkenness was subsequently charged with stealing wine during a house break-in the same day.

A 33-year-old man was arrested by police at an Aurora plaza on Yonge Street at 11 p.m. Tuesday, and charged with being intoxicated in a public place.

A witness had seen the same man using a credit card with someone else's name, and officers obtained a search warrant for the man's Woodbine Avenue home and discovered property believed stolen from a Stouffville home earlier that day.

Sometime between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, the Woodbine Avenue house was entered by a thief who smashed a window, police reports said.

In addition to wine, items missing from the house include jewelry, credit cards and two passports.

The suspect is also charged with possession of stolen property under \$5,000 and breach of probation.

**ENVIRONMENT: Tremors recorded at 5.2 on the Richter scale**

## Earthquake felt in York Region

York Region residents felt the earth move Friday afternoon.

Archie Milne thought he was having a heart attack. He was just sitting down to watch Oprah at around 4 p.m. when his armchair began to move.

"My chair shook — not hard, but I thought maybe I was going to have a stroke," said the Aurora resident.

Minutes later, Milne's next-door neighbour called him to report her kitchen table had been shaking.

Soon after, a newscast revealed what Milne and most of southern Ontario had actually experienced was an earthquake — occurring at 3:45

p.m. and registering 5.2 on the Richter scale.

Reports indicate that New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania sustained the most damage in the quake. The earthquake was centred on the border between Ohio and Pennsylvania, reports said.

The tremors were felt throughout the Markham area.

Judy Lamb of Emeline Crescent was on the second floor of her house when she felt the tremor. "The walls and windows were rattling, and the bed was shaking," she said.

Lamb pointed out that one of her

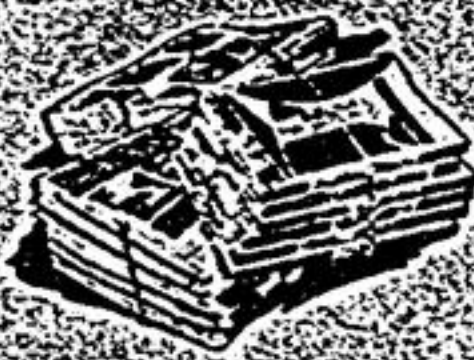
daughters on the ground floor of the house felt the tremor only slightly, while another daughter in the basement did not feel it at all.

Kristin Phillips, who lives in the McCowan Road and Hwy. 7 area, said she thought she was experiencing muscle spasms when the tremor hit. "I was on the second floor and I didn't know what was happening."

Staff at Unionville Insurance Brokers on Main Street said equipment was shaking in their office. "We thought a big truck had gone by," said broker and Stouffville resident Cheryl Johnson.



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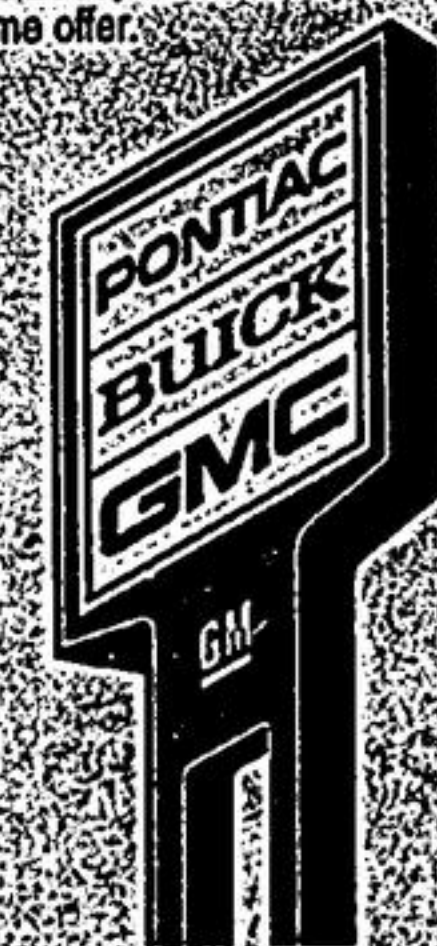
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