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Pipe bombs seized from students

Cardboard cylinder filled with gunpowder

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
 Staff Writer

Two 16-year-old boys could face up to three years in prison after a student manufactured two pipe bombs, brought them to school and sold them to another student for \$15.

Markville Secondary School principal Reet Patterson alerted police after a student reported two teens were showing off the bombs to other kids. Witnesses told police they intended to set the bomb off in school.

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More than a dozen officers, including the York Regional Police bomb disposal unit, responded after Patterson found the bombs in a classroom. The explosives, a mixture of gunpowder and potassium nitrate, were contained within a cardboard cylindrical container. Both were disarmed and removed.

There was no indication of any other explosive devices at the school, said Det. Frank Taylor.

Taylor said the teen accused of creating the bomb got the recipe from the internet and built it at home.

Police obtained and executed a search warrant at a Markham home Tuesday and discovered

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ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION RELEASES REPORT CARDS TODAY

Busy hospitals take knocks

BY JENNIFER BROWN
 Staff Writer

It's report card time, but it's not students who are being graded — it's York Region's hospitals.

At 10 a.m. today, the Ontario Hospital Association will release a report card of how every hospital in the province is performing in four key areas, including patient satisfaction.

York Region hospitals are expected to receive average marks in most areas, but one administrator warns that overburdened hospitals such as York County in Newmarket may not receive top marks for patient care.

"My gut feeling is, if you're a busy hospital, these surveys are going to be punishing," said Dan Carriere, president of York County.

"If you're talking to a patient who waited five hours in emergency before receiving service, the bottom line is you can't expect those people to be satisfied with that — and they shouldn't be."

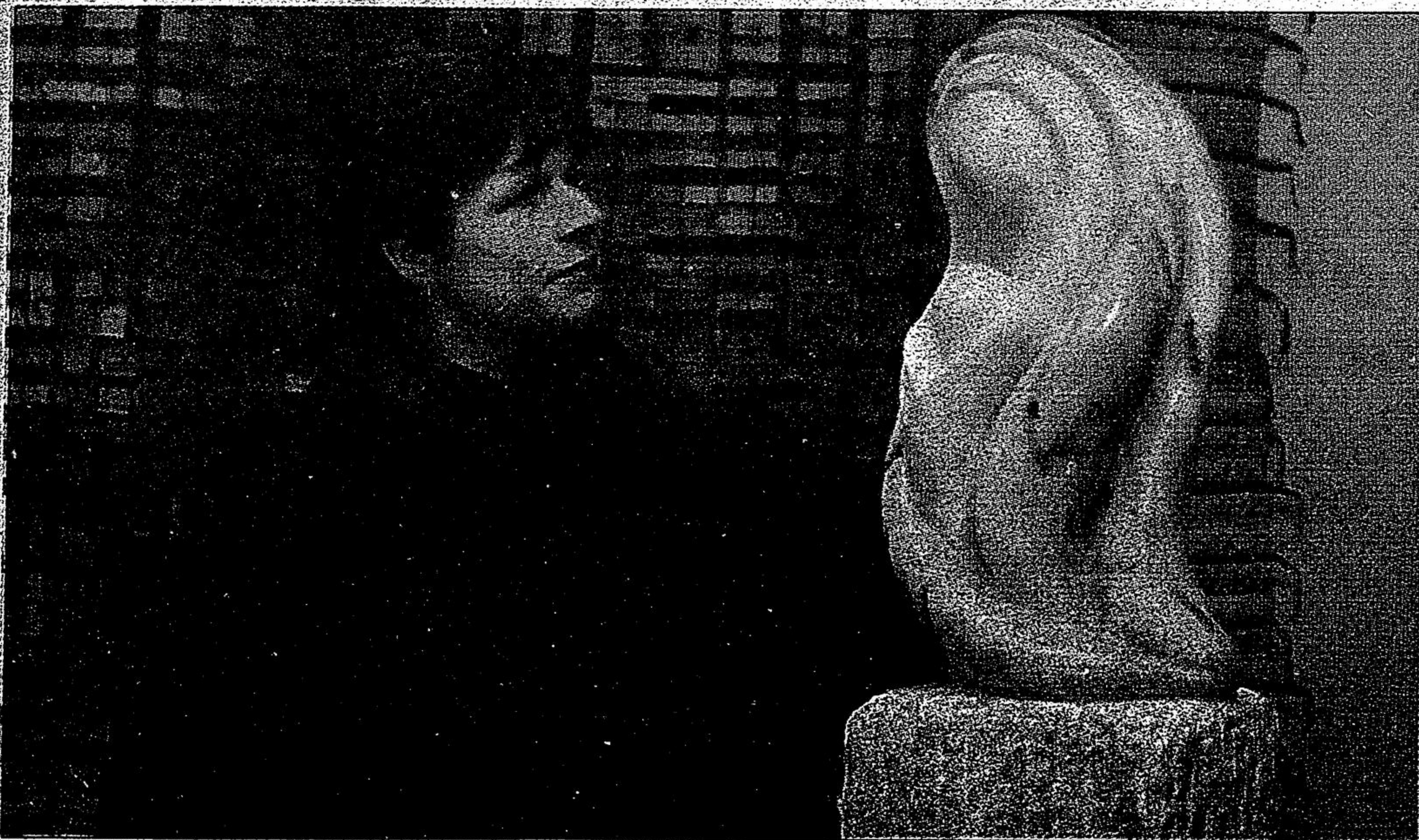
Hospitals are being graded in four categories, including patient satisfaction, financial performance, clinical outcomes for select procedures (i.e. length of stay) and ability

of an organization to adapt and change.

Information on the four components of the review was requested at different times throughout the year and, in some cases, reflects data from two years ago.

"Of the four sections, the one people will focus on is patient satisfaction."

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MARBLE MADONNA

Ingrid Andraelle visits Latham Gallery during the Collectible Crafts show and sale. Here, she admires a sculpture, Marble Madonna, by artist Wynn Walters, and in the background is a quilt by Judith Tinkl. For more on this show and the Beyond Craft show and sale, please see page 21.

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