

Excessive speed blamed for fatal crash

A Scarborough man was charged Tuesday in a crash that killed a Richmond Hill woman Nov. 7 on Woodbine Avenue.

The 21-year-old turned himself in on the advice of his lawyer at Newmarket Provincial Court just before 9 a.m., Sgt. John Sheldon said.

The morning of the fatal crash, the man was driving his Acura north on Woodbine Avenue, just north of John Street, when he hit a Honda turning left out of a plaza.

The Honda's driver, Fiona Chan, 22, was pronounced dead at York Central Hospital shortly after the 11 a.m. crash.

Sheldon said the investigation revealed excessive speed was a factor in the collision.

"I don't use the word excessive lightly," Sheldon said.

"To elaborate would be getting into evidence and I don't wish to do that, but I can say it was more than double the speed limit."

The driver of the Acura faces one count each of criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm for minor injuries to his passenger.

He is set to appear in court Jan. 17.

Driver dies of injuries

A Scarborough man critically injured after losing control of his car in the first snow storm of the season has died in St. Michael's Hospital.

Cheuk-Man Au, 46, remained in a coma and on life support since the Dec. 14 collision in Markham. He succumbed to his injuries Monday.

Au was driving his Honda Prelude south on Markham Road when he lost control.

His car slid into the path of an oncoming mini-van near 14th Avenue about 11 p.m.

Au was transported by ambulance to Markham Stouffville Hospital, but was almost immediately transferred to Toronto with serious head injuries.

The driver and the passenger in the mini-van suffered minor injuries in the crash.

They were treated in hospital and released.

York Regional Police are continuing their investigation.

Pellet gun and drugs seized

Several police cruisers responded to a Stouffville Main Street address Monday after a man was reported to be shooting a gun from a balcony.

Police received the tip just before 3:30 p.m. and discovered a 26-year-old man in his second-floor apartment.

A search uncovered the gun — which turned out to be a pellet gun — and 23 grams of marijuana, worth about \$150, in a plastic bag on the bedside table.

He has been charged with possession of an illegal substance, and is scheduled to appear in Newmarket Provincial Court Feb. 7.

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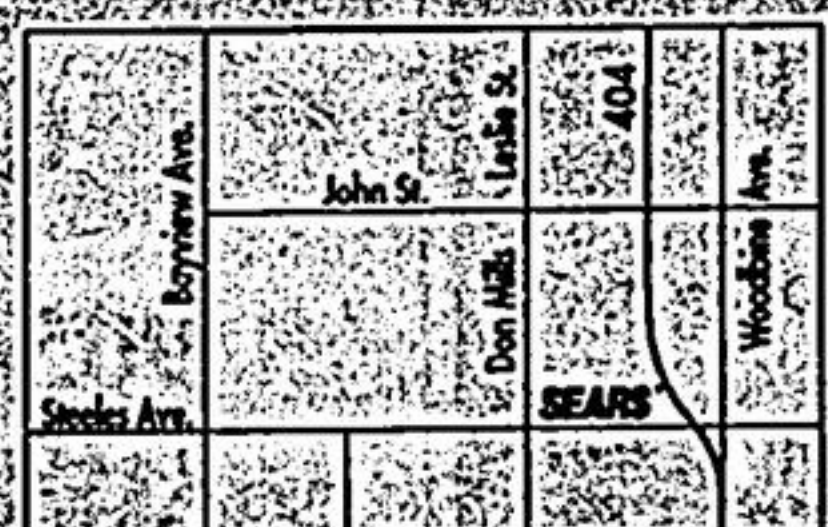
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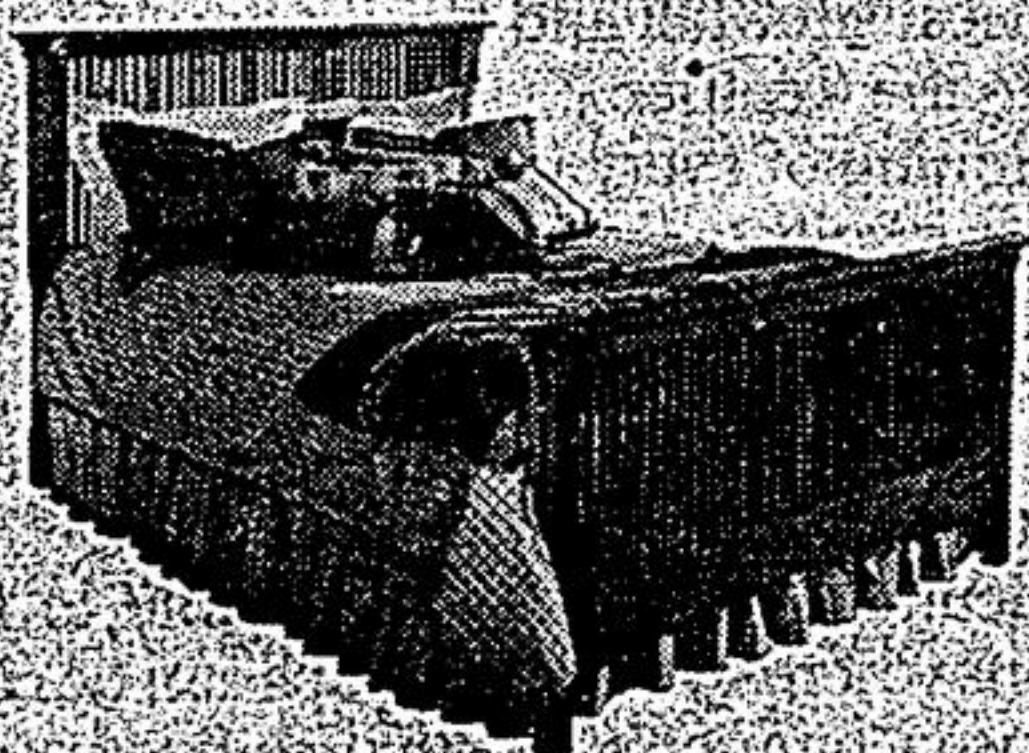
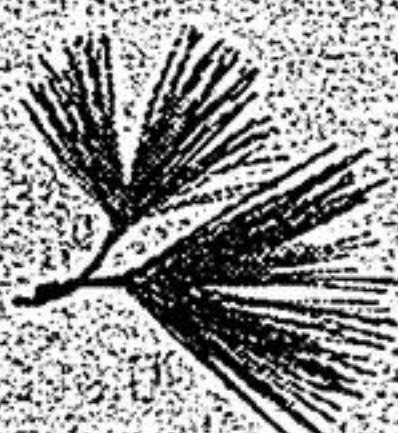
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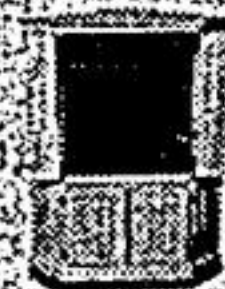
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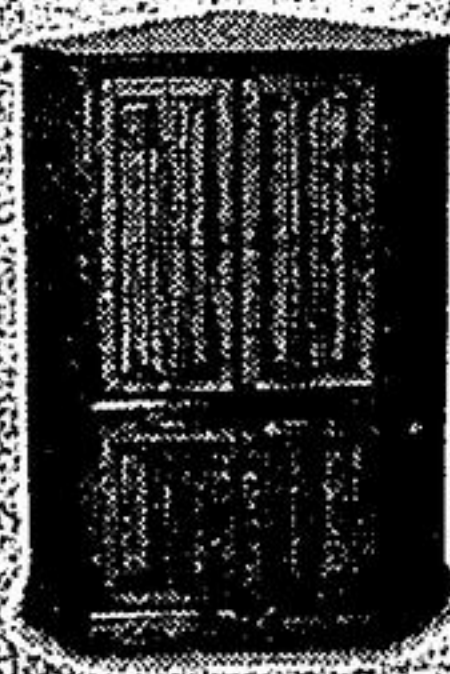
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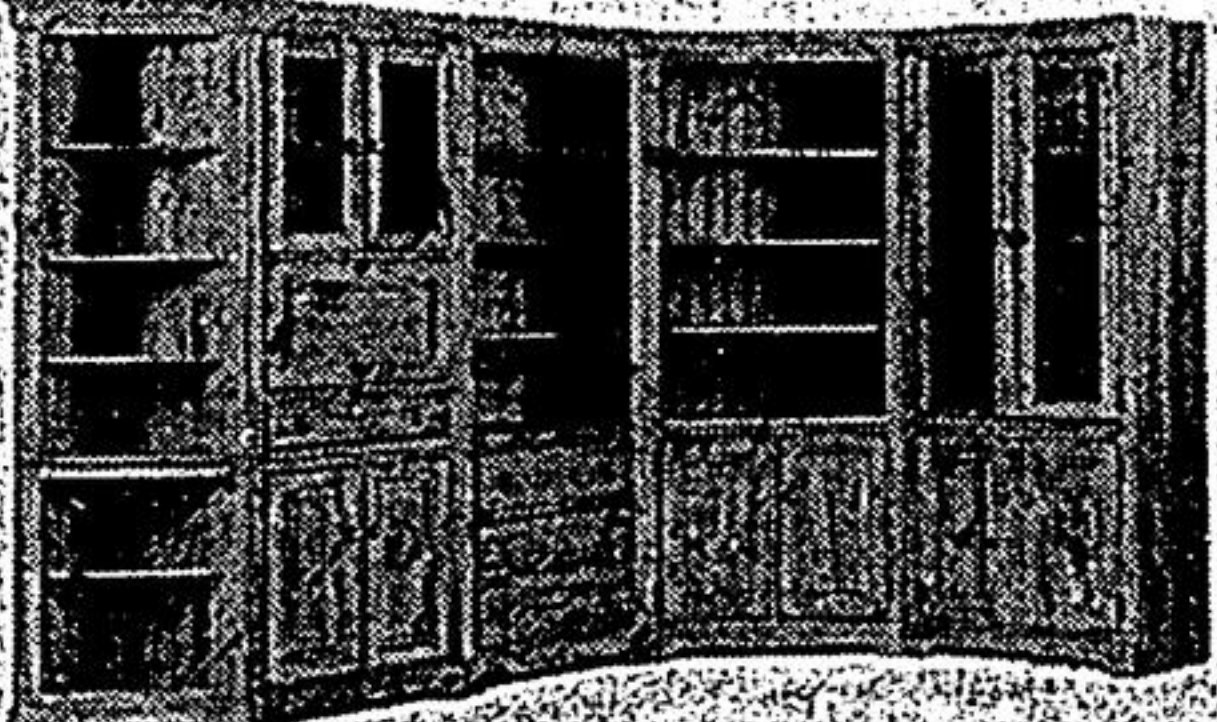
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