

# Gunshot startles Hwy. 400 trucker

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A startled Simcoe trucker pulled over and called police after his windshield was cracked by what may have been a small-calibre bullet or pellet.

The 54-year-old was driving northbound on Hwy. 400, approaching the overpass at Hwy. 407, when an object struck the passenger side windshield just before 5 a.m. Thursday.

"Just the startling effect that would have on the driver while operating a vehicle like that, or any vehicle for that matter, could cause damage, injury or death," said Sgt. John Sheldon.

The object did not penetrate the windshield, making it difficult for police to say definitively what it was, Sheldon said.

But in a similar incident at the same location last summer, a pellet was recovered

inside a truck.

"We're all too familiar of the damage that can be done in these incidents," Sheldon said.

On Wednesday, a 14-year-old Ajax boy was charged with mischief after two cars were hit by rocks thrown from a Hwy. 401 overpass. Both drivers took the next exit, circled around and cornered a group of youths on the bridge. They managed to hold one boy for police.

Last year, Toronto teen Michael Vytlingham, 19, was severely injured when a rock struck the vehicle he was riding in as he traveled with his father in North Carolina. He was left a paraplegic and brain damaged. He also lost his sight.

"We're taking it seriously enough to get this information out," Sheldon said.

Anyone who was in the area at the time of Thursday's incident should call 881-1221, ext. 7441.

# Charges laid after teen swarmed

Police have charged one youth and are looking for another in the swarming of a 15-year-old boy Tuesday afternoon.

The boy, walking home from school on Sophia Drive in Markham about 3 p.m., was attacked from behind by 10 youths — one of whom had earlier warned him to watch his back.

One attacker punched the boy in the back of the head several times before pulling a 15-centimetre knife and waving it in his face.

The boy managed to pin one of his attackers and was told to let him up or he would be stabbed. He did and the gang took off with his backpack.

A 15-year-old Markham youth has been charged with assault with a weapon, possession of weapons dangerous and threaten death.

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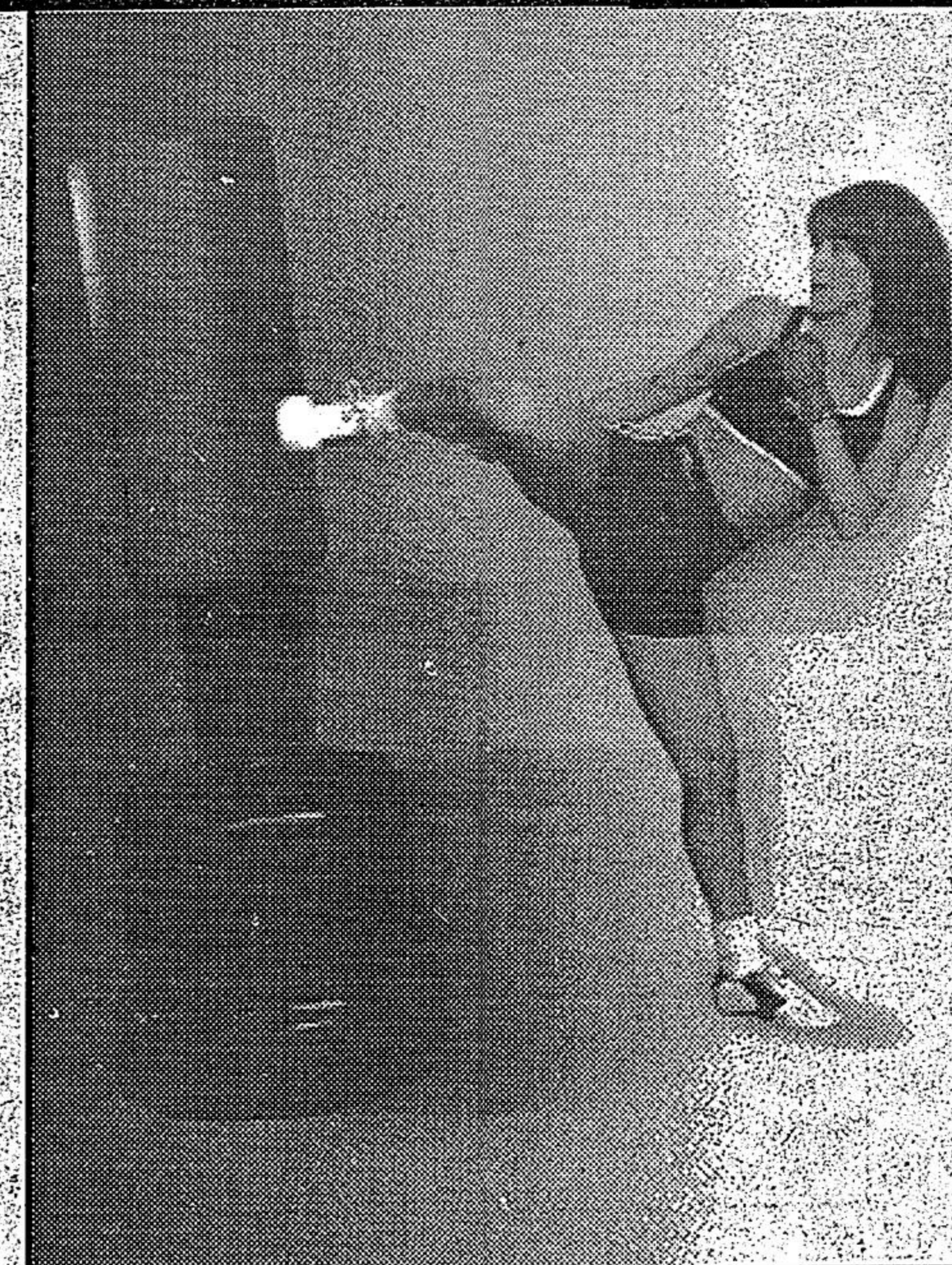
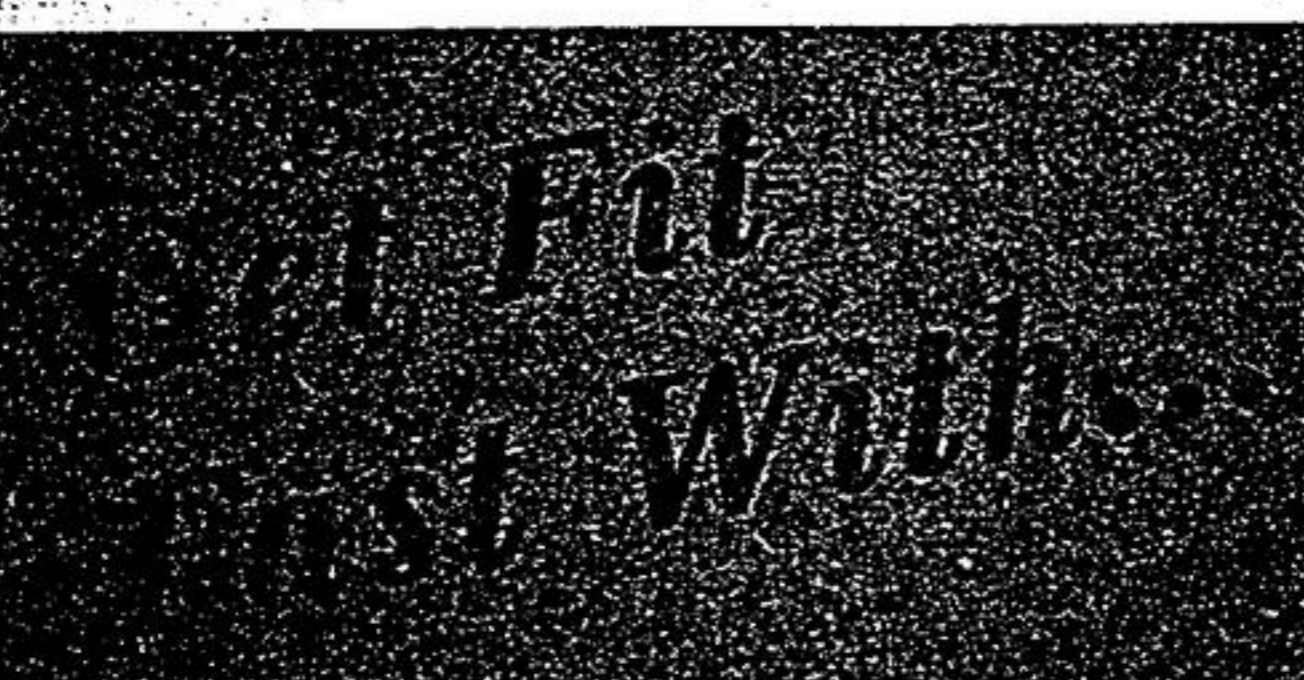
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THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK PROPOSES TO PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING:

1. **WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FOURTEENTH AVENUE - TOWN OF MARKHAM**

- (a) the widening and reconstruction of Fourteenth Avenue (Y.R. 71) from Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3) to the Canadian National Railway (CNR) tracks approximately 850 metres west of Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3), in the Town of Markham, to a basic width of 32.0 metres with additional widenings at cuts, fills, water course crossing and intersections, to provide a basic four lane road with a continuous centre left-turn lane;
- (b) the installation of traffic control signals and associated illumination at the intersection of Fourteenth Avenue (Y.R. 71) and McDowell Gate;
- (c) the carrying out of all related works and undertakings in connection with the above; and
- (d) the acquisition of the necessary lands and interest in lands for the works described above.

Pursuant to section 300 of the *Municipal Act*, the Transportation and Works Committee of the Regional Council will, at its meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000 in Committee Room "A" at the Regional Administrative Building located at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, hear any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Anyone wishing to be heard is requested to advise the Office of the Regional Clerk, attention Elma Stevenson (telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201, ext. 1303). If any party entitled to be heard does not attend at the hearing, the Committee may proceed in his/her absence and he/she will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

The proposed by-law and plans showing the proposed works may be inspected at the office of Paul Jankowski, Director, Design and Construction Branch, at the Transportation and Works Department located at the Regional Administrative Building at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket (telephone 895-1200 or 764-6345, ext. 5088).

DATED at Newmarket this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

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