

Region ponders big bucks for parkland

A request for more than \$800,000 to fund the purchase of parkland has been forwarded to York Region council.

Members of the region's finance committee met in private to discuss a proposal put forth Thursday by the Ron Christie of the Rouge Park Alliance.

The group wants to buy a 16-hectare (40 acre) property at the intersection of Steeles Avenue and Ninth Line in Markham.

Mr. Christie said purchase of the triangular piece of property, valued at \$2.5 million, is seen as a valuable

continuation of the Rouge Park system.

"The property has been listed as a high priority for acquisition," he said.

The Town of Markham and the province have already pledged one-third of the purchase price each, Mr. Christie said.

"The remaining third amounts to \$876,000," he said.

Members of the committee discussed the proposal in camera, but did not report out with any recommendations.

Pumpkin sale helps charity

Markham and Stouffville residents can pick up their Halloween pumpkins and support a good cause at the same time by making their purchase at Markville Shopping Centre.

In support of the United Way, Markville is hosting a pumpkin sale on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or until supplies last.)

Organized by students from Markville Secondary, Langstaff Secondary, and

Markham District High, they have set a goal of raising \$5,000.

Pumpkins are \$5 each and the sale takes place at the mall entrance on the east side of Wal-Mart. Markville is at the intersection of McCowan Road and Hwy. 7.

For more information, contact Alysia Mohamed, 905-477-6600 ext. 229.

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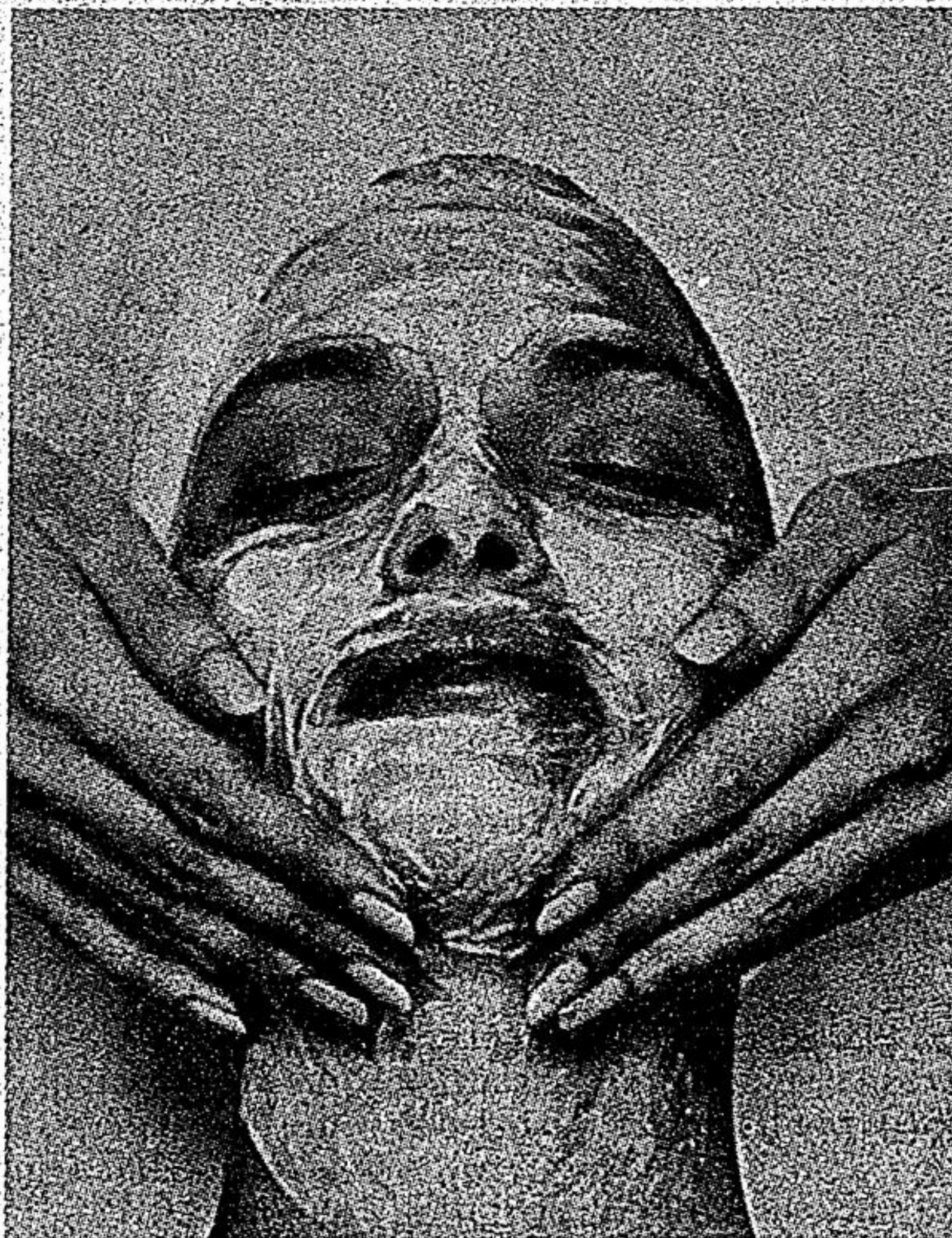
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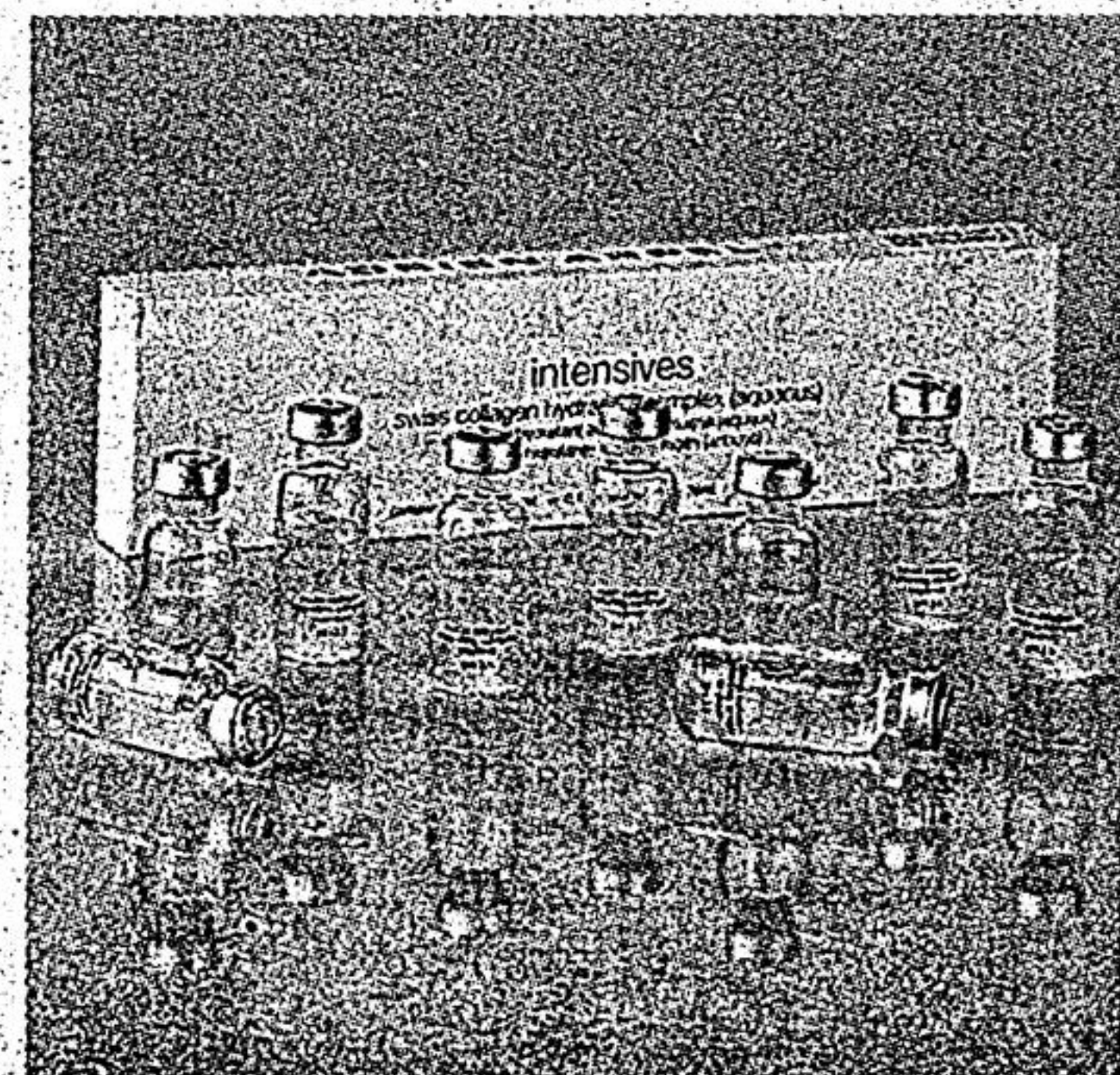
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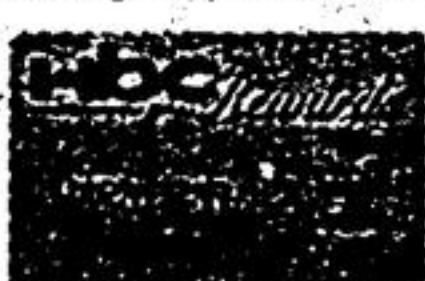
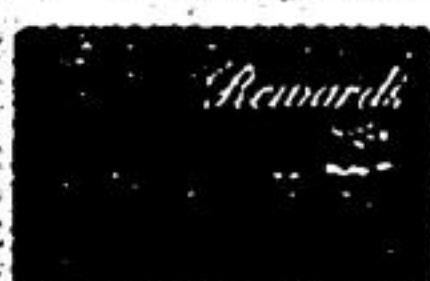
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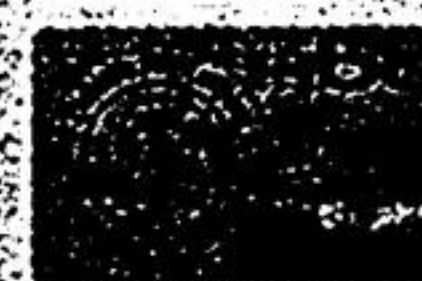
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