

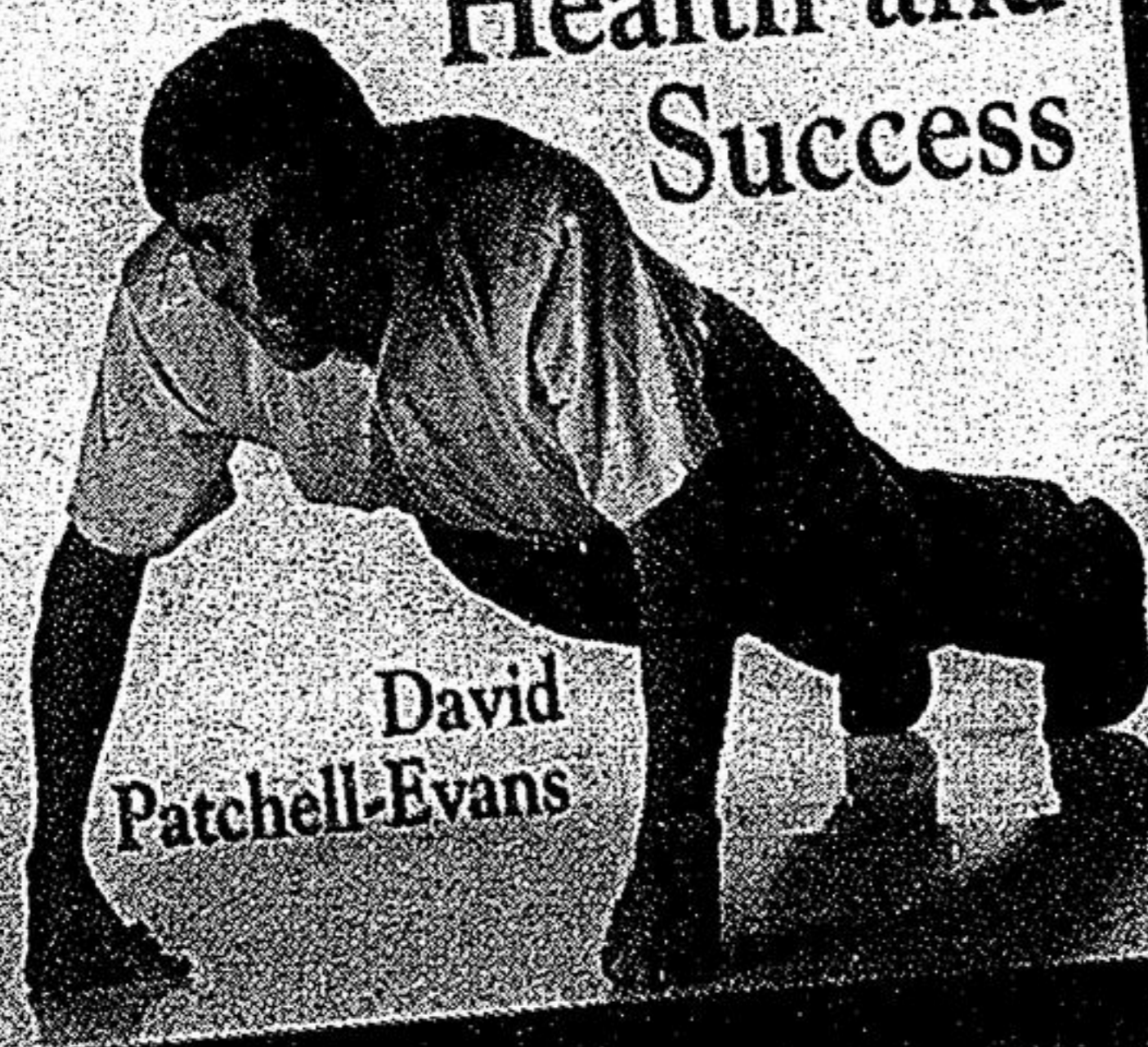
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Suspect flees after clerk grabs gun

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A not-so-bright thug still managed to get away with some cash in a robbery at the Sherwood Convenience store in Markham Thursday night.

A man armed with a shotgun entered the Hwy. 7-Laidlaw Blvd. area store about 9:20 p.m. He threatened the 49-year-old clerk with the gun and demanded cash.

He then placed the shotgun on the counter as he reached for the till, grabbing an undisclosed amount of money from the register.

The clerk managed to grab the gun and the suspect fled, running west-bound through the plaza parking lot.

He's described as white, between five-foot-eight and five-foot-10 inches tall, with a slim build. He was wearing a dark balaclava, a hooded sweatshirt and carried a light-coloured plastic bag.

Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police Hold-Up Squad at 905-881-1221, ext. 7873 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Teens charged for drag racing

Two 17-year-old Markham boys are charged after a street race went out of control and two cars collided on Middlefield Road Thursday morning.

While the investigation is still ongoing, police said a 1992 Honda Civic and a 2002 Mercedes C2S were racing southbound north of Denison Street when one pulled in front of the other and the two cars crashed.

A 17-year-old female passenger in the Honda was transported to Markham Stouffville Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

The boys are charged with one count each of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

They appear in Youth Court at the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket Nov. 28.

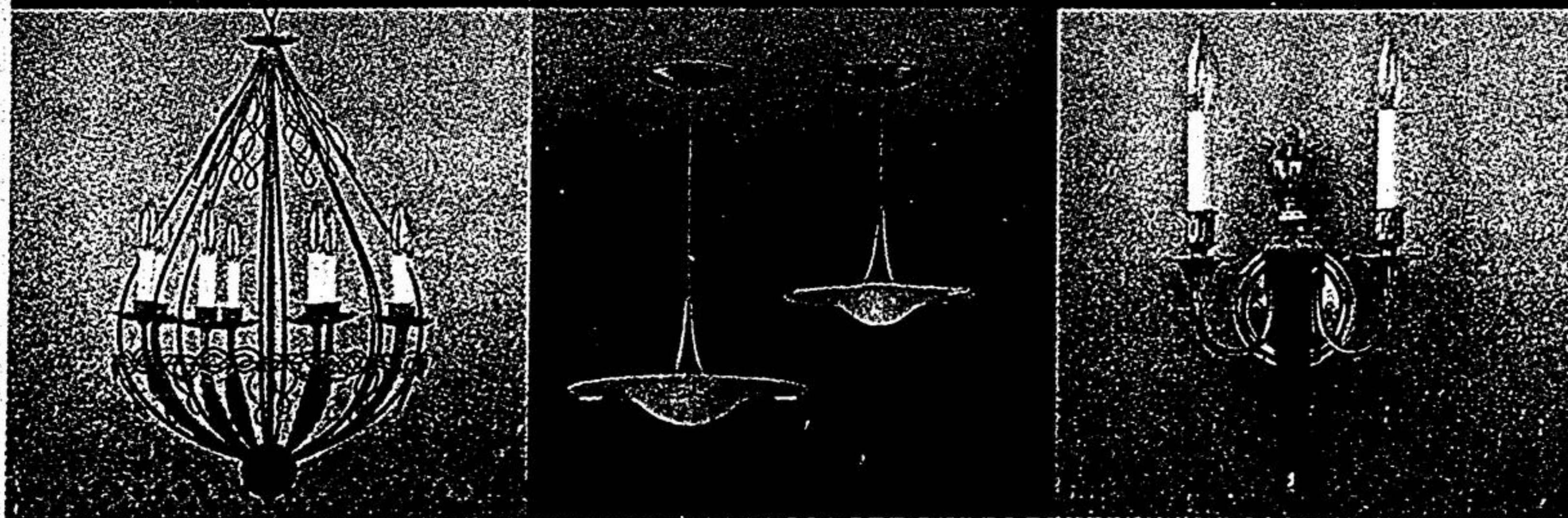


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