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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
EVENT: Remembrance Day tea and bazaar
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion



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HALLOWEEN 'GUN CALL' NETS 12-YEAR-OLDS CARRYING PAINTBALL GUNS

Vandals torch playground

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

Fire trucks heading to the north side of Stouffville and police cars racing to the Tenth Line kicked off Halloween in Whitchurch-Stouffville Thursday evening.

Vandals torched playground equipment in a Bramble Crescent parkette, just north of Millard Street and Stouffville District Secondary

School, causing about \$800 in damage.

A five-foot plastic tube used by the children to crawl through was destroyed by fire. Vandals tore pages from school textbooks and stuffed them into the tube and then torched it.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department responded to the fire.

"It was a malicious act," said Kelly Batt, building manager for the town's leisure services department. "We hate to see this type of thing."

A check was done on all parks and parkettes and no further damage was found, said Mr. Batt. "It appears to have been an isolated case," he said.

Just before 6 p.m., York Regional Police received what they believed

was "a weapons call" from the Tenth Line in east-end Stouffville. Motorists reported youths walking on the sidewalks carrying guns. Four York Regional Police cruisers rushed to the scene.

Officers apprehended two 12-year-old boys each carrying a paintball gun. The youths were placed in police cars and escorted home to their parents.

Grim reaper greets another airport plan

Information session in Stouffville Thursday

BY MIKE ADLER
 Staff Writer

Steve Graham paced in front of an old Markham schoolhouse Wednesday, trying to bring back an ancient protest group from the dead.

Mr. Graham, who wore a grim reaper's black cloak and held a toy scythe, was handing out pamphlets for People or Planes, an organization whose heyday ended in 1975 when it fought an international airport plan for north Pickering and east Markham to a draw.

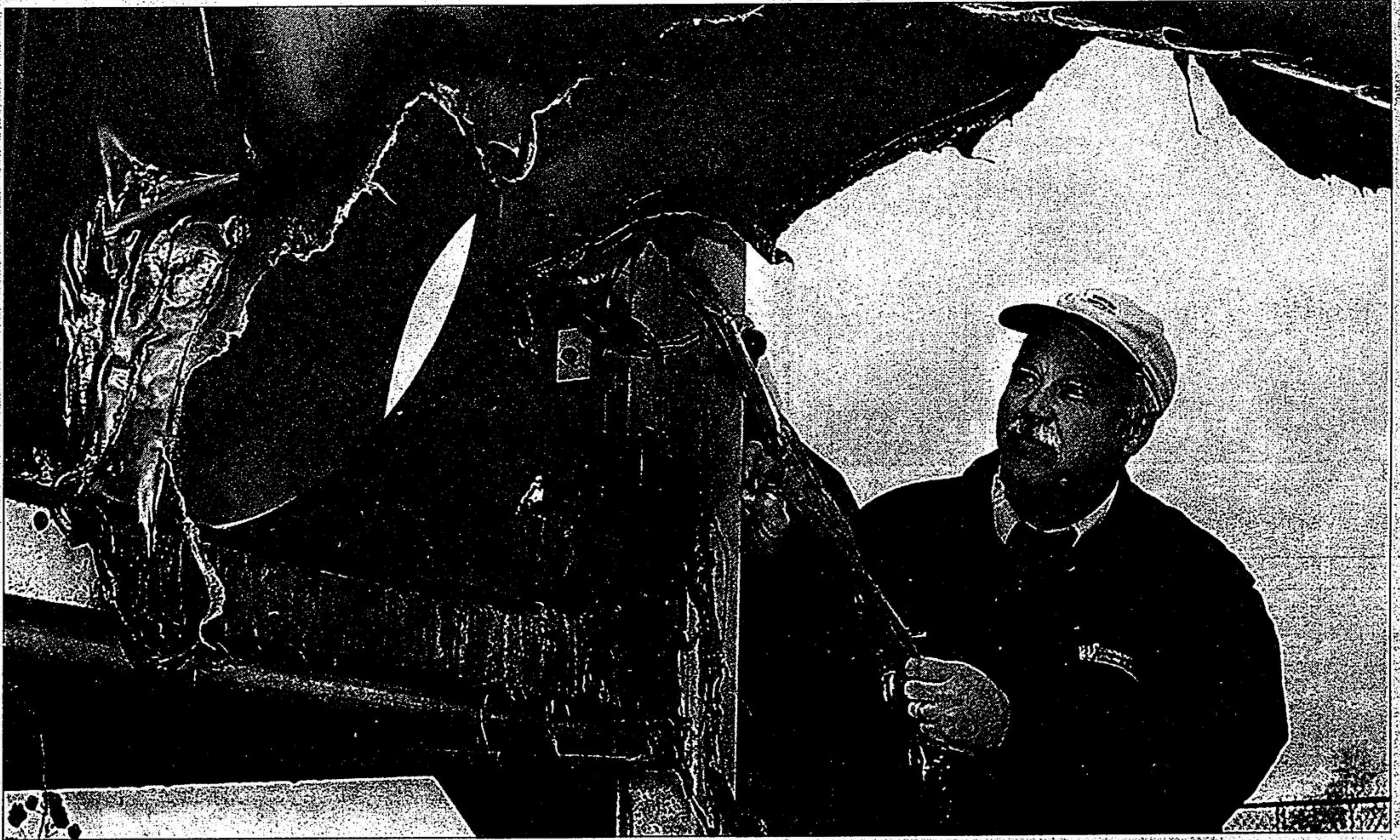
But behind Mr. Graham, inside the Cedar Grove Community Hall, officials from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority were showing a new airport plan.

Another information session will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Latham Hall, Park Drive South in Stouffville.

The GTAA, which operates Lester B. Pearson International Airport, says it will be several years before the federal government either accepts or rejects its airport proposal.

But Mr. Graham said now's the time for Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville residents to voice concern.

"They're testing the waters and if no one says anything they'll charge in and build it," he said.



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HALLOWEEN MELT-DOWN

Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Department maintenance worker Brian Tew checks out damage to playground equipment in a Bramble Crescent parkette yesterday morning after vandals set fire to it on Halloween.

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