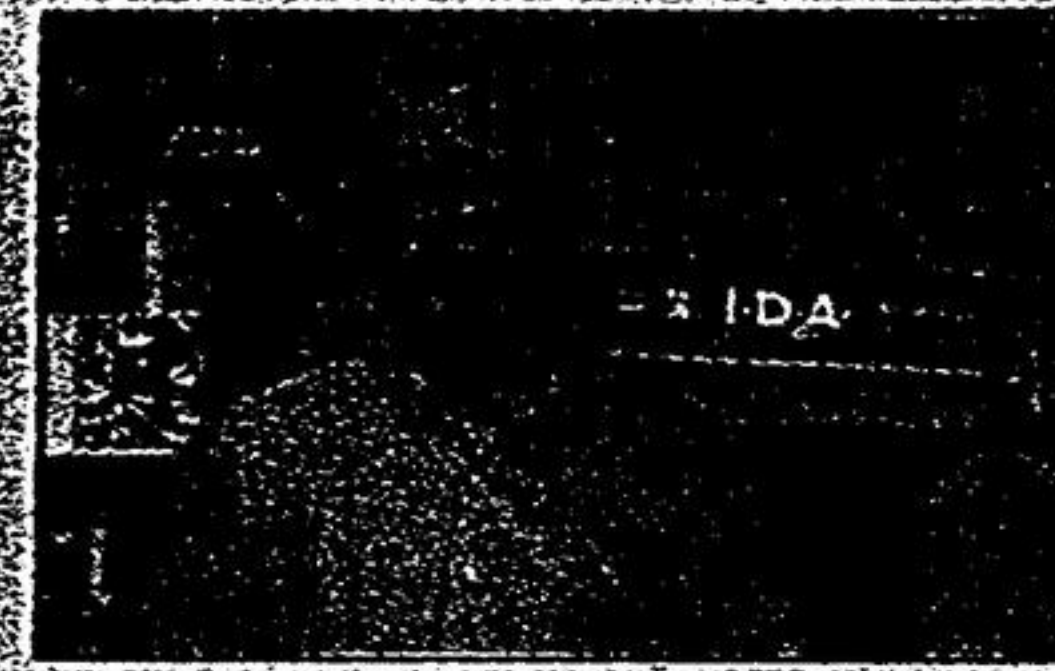


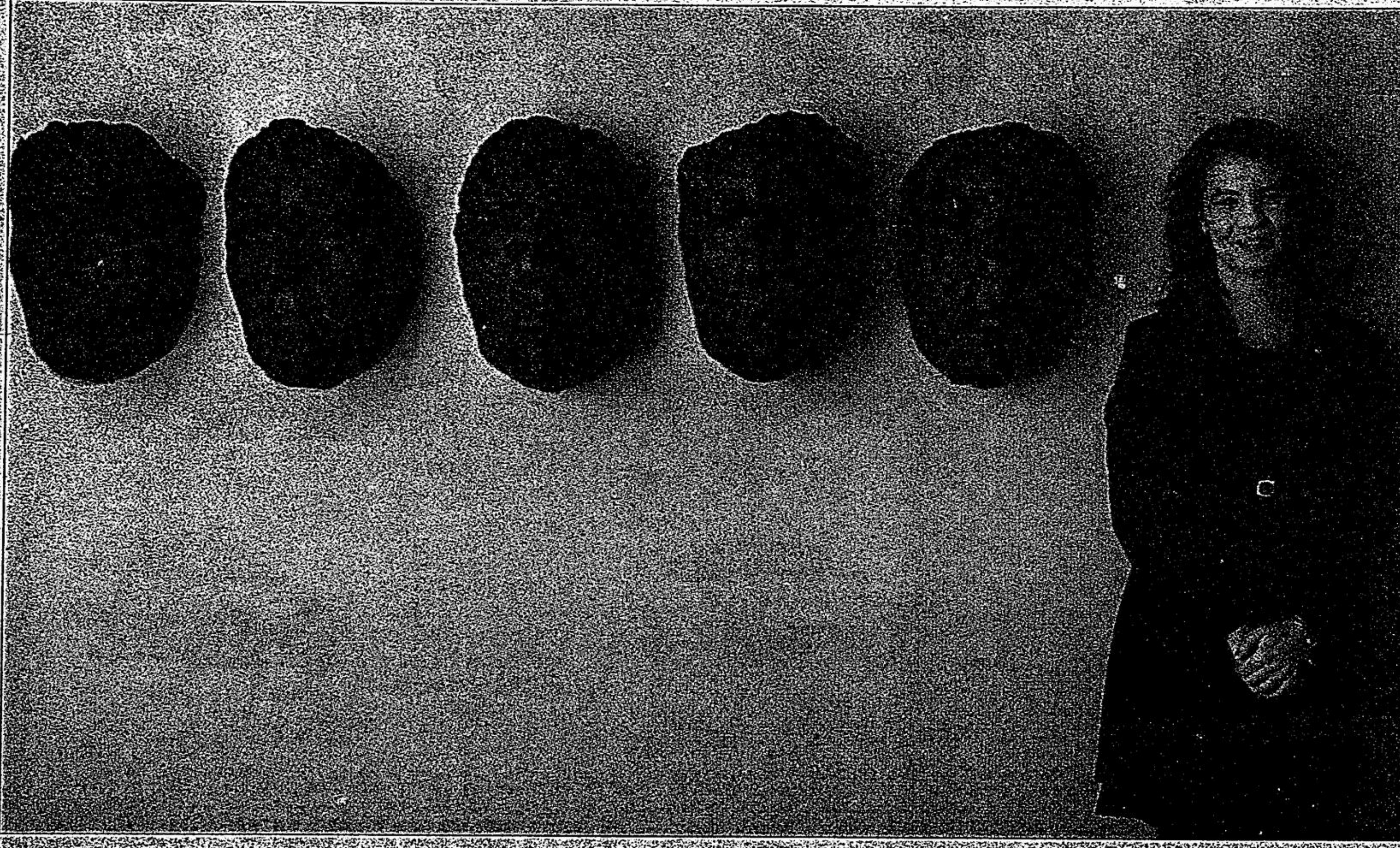
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## Multiple masks of Latcham

Latcham Gallery curator Maura Broadhurst poses alongside day and acrylic work of artist David Paolini during opening of the Stouffville gallery's annual juried show Sunday. Works by artists from the Whitchurch-Stouffville area were among the 32 pieces of art chosen out of 186 entries for show, which runs until May 4.

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## RUNNING

### Vandorf-area councillor first mayoral hopeful

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor Steve Pliakes wants to be mayor.

Mr. Pliakes filed nomination papers at the municipal office Monday for the Nov. 10 election. He's the first declared candidate for mayor.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson announced in February he won't seek re-election after serving three terms.

"Wayne Emmerson served Whitchurch-Stouffville well," said Mr. Pliakes. "I wish him all the best. Wayne worked hard for the town."

Mr. Pliakes said he's not afraid of competition. "Democracy includes elections. I'm not waiting to see what anyone else is doing. I know what I want. I want to help shape Whitchurch-Stouffville. I fully expect a race. I'm the first one out of the gate. I'm on the campaign trail now."

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## SARS shuts Stouffville nursing homes

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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In the wake of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) scare, homes for the aged across Ontario, including three in Whitchurch-Stouffville, have been closed to the public.

As a preventative measure, family members can no longer visit the 269 residents of Parkview Home for the Aged, Buckingham Manor and Bloomington Cove, following a mandatory direction handed down Monday night by the Ministry of Health and Dr. James Young, Ontario's commissioner of public security.

None of the residents or staff at the homes for the aged in Whitchurch-Stouffville have

SARS or are suspected of having the sometimes-fatal disease. However, staff at each facility are wearing protective gowns and masks.

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Residents of Parkview are taking the situation in stride, said acting administrator Fran Lind. "We are taking every precaution to protect our most vulnerable," she said.

Family members of 107 seniors at

Parkview were contacted by telephone and told not to visit. "Most are understanding," said Mrs. Lind.

While the families of the 112 residents at the newly opened Bloomington Cove have questions about the sudden closure, they understand and accept why they can't visit, said Bloomington Cove Administrator Annette Zuccaro-Vanin.

Elaine Fisher, manager of Buckingham Manor on Stouffville's Main Street, said the homes' 50 residents and their families were notified as quickly as possible on Monday evening. "We are able to keep our residents comfortable. We have no trace of it (SARS) here. Everything is fine," said Mrs. Fisher.



STEVE PLIAKES: Ward 1 town councillor says residents must be consulted on growth plans.

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