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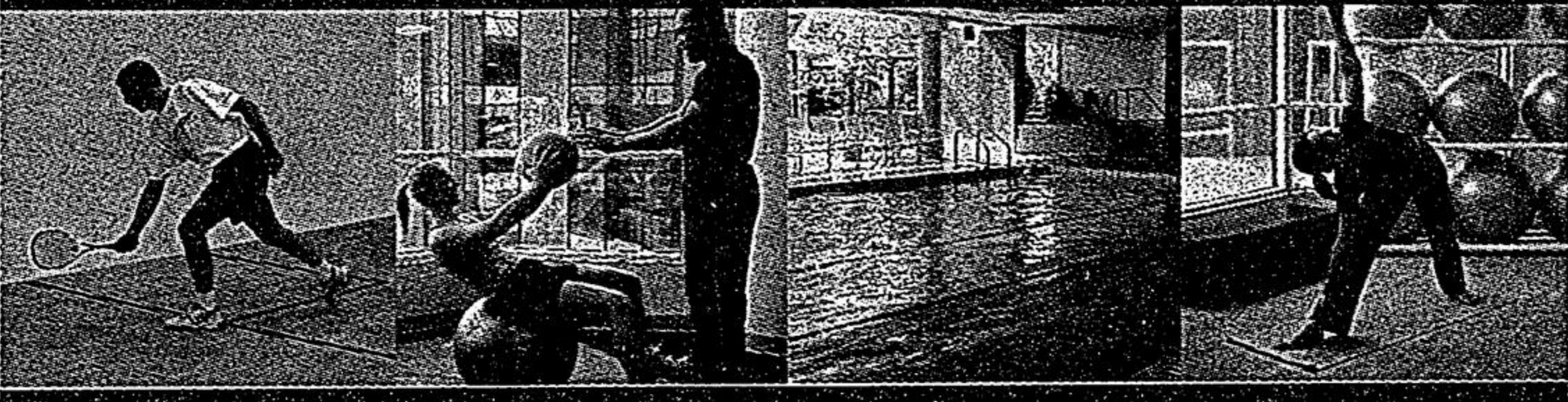
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## CSI star plays Knievel in movie

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If you spotted a motorcycle flying through the air in Whitchurch-Stouffville Wednesday, your mind was not playing tricks on you.

It was Evel Knievel up to his old tricks. Or, rather, it was actor George Eads, playing the daredevil on the set of a made-for-TV movie.

A critical scene of the movie, whose executive producers are Mel Gibson and Bruce Davey, was shot north of Stouffville.

Turner Television Production is making *Evel Knievel*, starring Mr. Eads, who's best known as Nick Stokes on the hit TV crime drama CSI.

Mr. Eads was in Stouffville for three days with co-stars Beau Bridges and Jaime Pressly. The movie is slated to air at the end of July.

### GRAVEL PIT USED FOR JUMP

Lafarge Canada Inc.'s property on York-Durham Line and Bloomington Road was used for a scene depicting part of Mr. Knievel's famous 1974 attempt to jump the Snake River canyon in Idaho. Other scenes are scheduled for shooting at Unionville's Angus Glen Golf Club later this month.

Mr. Knievel began his daredevil career in 1965, forming a troupe called Evel Knievel Motorcycle Daredevils. He barnstormed the United States, performing automobile and motorcycle stunts for anyone who would pay him.



**GEORGE EADS:** Nick Stokes from television's CSI here to play Evel Knievel in made-for-TV movie.

Within three years, Mr. Knievel was hired to jump 151 feet across fountains in front of Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. While the jump was successful, his landing was a disaster and injuries put him in a coma for a month.

It wasn't long before Mr. Knievel was a household name. He set a world record in California by jumping 19 cars in 1971.

His attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon, a quarter-mile stretch over a raging river, was also successful, but strong winds pulled his malfunctioning parachute back, landing Mr. Knievel just feet from the river. He retired from major performances in 1976.

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