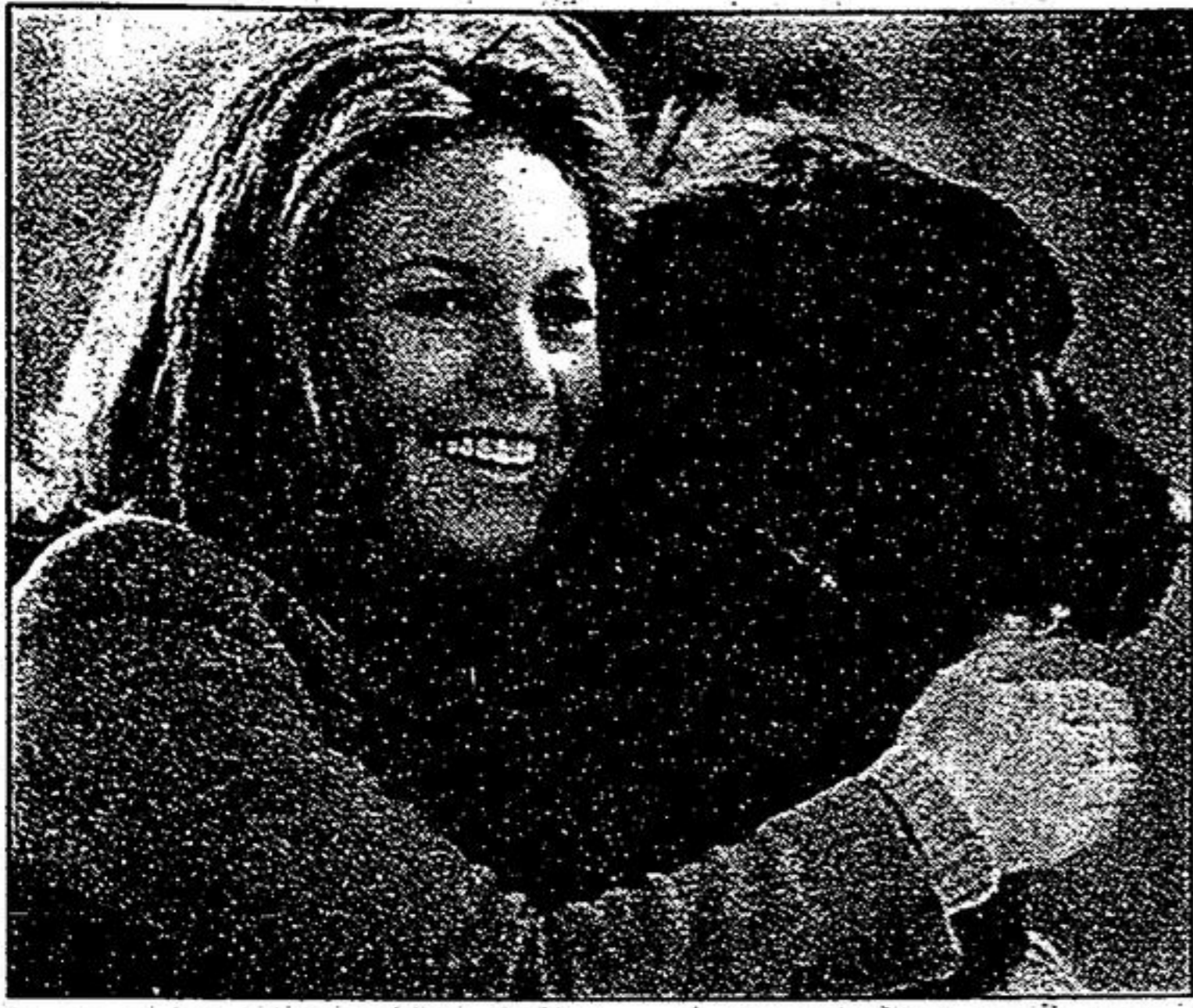


No crashes, gratuitous sex scenes



Diane Lane, John Cusack and a few lovable pooches star in *Must Love Dogs*.

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Here's a red flag — both have brought along dogs, not their own, to pass as dog lovers. That's how Sarah's sister described her on her Internet profile.

Sarah teaches kindergarten and is clearly besotted with children. And one has a pretty interesting father named Bob (Mr. Mulrooney).

The boy tells Sarah his parents split because his father cheated on his wife.

Sarah chooses to ignore another red flag and gets in over her head, especially when she drops by unexpectedly and the cheater

is entertaining her much younger co-worker.

There's a funny moment when one of Jake's dates, who's 23, says she doesn't mind the age difference, after all, isn't Justin Timberlake dating Cameron Diaz, who is 'like 100 or something'?

But there are many more funny moments, as well as charming, truthful and embarrassing ones. *Must Love Dogs* is a lovely riff on middle age.

There are, unfortunately, a few cheesy scenes with heart tugging string instruments working us into a lather.

But never mind, it's nice, a fun film for fogies that is satisfying and romantic.

Specialist hired to chase Canada geese

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"We try to let beavers stay as long as there aren't too many and aren't causing flooding."

The pond's shoreline was changed about five years ago as a measure to reduce the goose population, she said.

"We knew all along it wouldn't solve the problem," she admitted. "Everything I've read on goose management says you can't solve the problem with just one thing."

That's why Richmond Hill has taken another approach.

It hired Contact Birds of Prey, a company from Little Britain, to harass the geese.

Once the geese are flying again, the company will use its trained dog and bald eagle to move them out, company co-owner Annie Murphy said.

"They drop their flight feathers at nesting time and can't fly for about four to six weeks," she explained, adding her

dog is trained to find nests so eggs can be destroyed before they hatch.

Apart from geese, Oakbank, the smallest of the four ponds, has other problems.

It is a water-filled depression with no inflow or outflow, being replenished only by rain.

As such, it is susceptible to stagnation, a fact made evident by large areas of surface algae and duckweed.

Vaughan installed an aeration system to increase circulation and oxygen content, added microbes to digest sludge at the bottom of the pond and installed aquamats to provide large growing areas for an edible biofilm for insects, fish and turtles.

As for Toogood, a recent fishing festival there saw 91 fish caught, including an 18-inch bass, said Steve Andrews of Markham's engineering department.

One problem faced by the pond — a man-made feature on the Rouge River, part of the town's stormwater manage-

ment program — is sedimentation, Mr. Andrews said. The pond was last dredged seven years ago.

Markham is working on a program to monitor the quality of all of its ponds and streams and is considering assessing the environmental condition of all stormwater ponds, he said.

The least aesthetically appealing of the four ponds is Fairy Lake, a four-hectare reservoir created when a small dam was constructed to provide flood control for the lower Holland River.

With water resembling chocolate milk, it is impossible to see below the surface and, water colour notwithstanding, the thick vegetation leaves little in the way of pond vistas.

Brian Kemp, spokesperson for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, attributed the pond's colour to sedimentation caused by development.

"As well, water levels are down because of a severe lack of rain," he noted.

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