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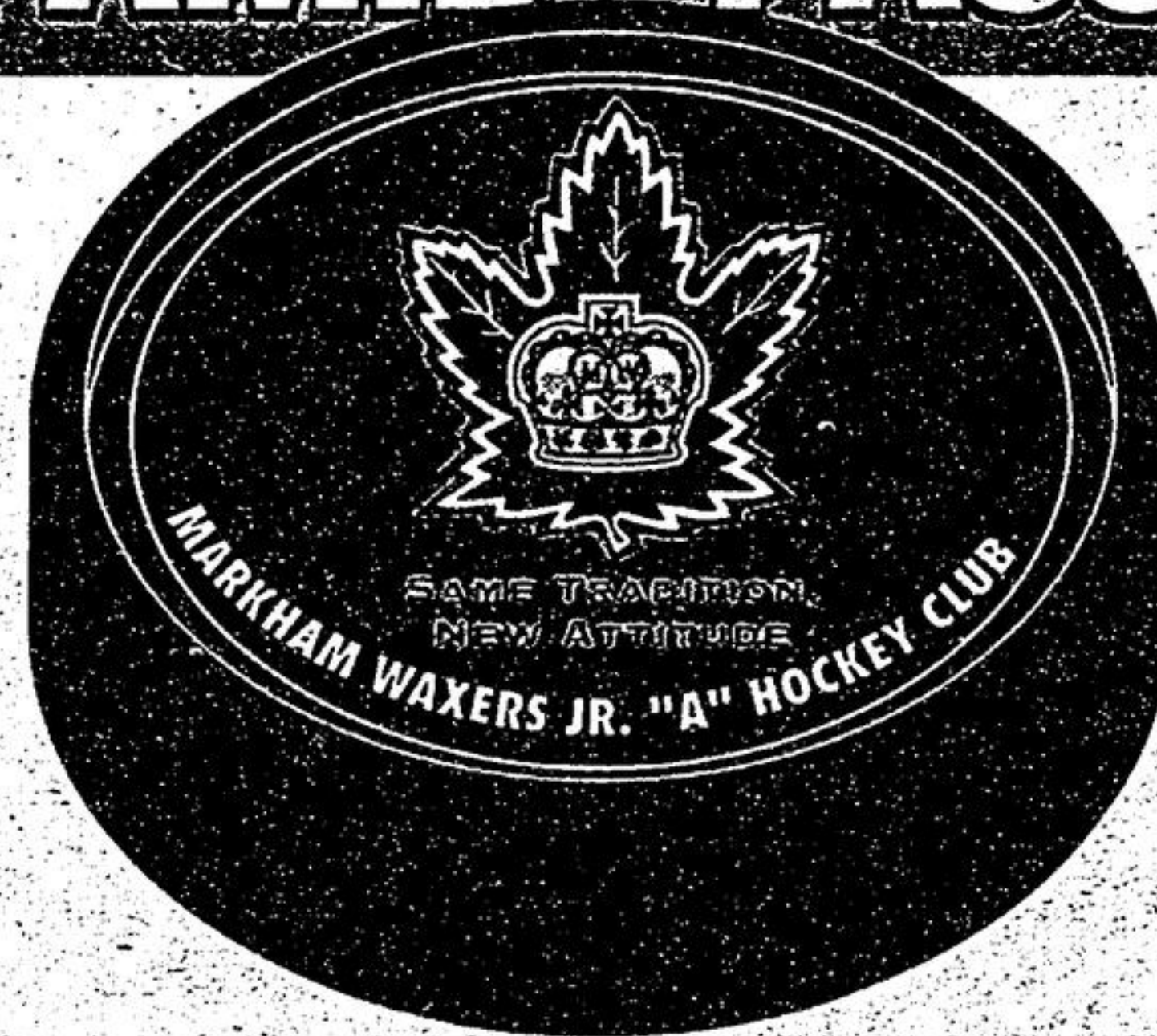


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Hey Kids!

Draw us a picture of what you think the Markham Waxers Mascot should look like and you could WIN a FAMILY PASS for the Markham Waxers Home Games for the 2005-06 Season!

All entries must be hand drawn. Kids, 14 & under are eligible.

Send Your Entries To:
Markham Waxers "Create the Mascot" contest
c/o Markham Economist & Sun
9 Heritage Road, Markham ON L3P 1M3

All eligible submissions must be received no later than Wed., August 31, 2005



Make friends with your furnace

(NC)-As the winter months approach, it's time to think about something that lies in the deepest, darkest corners of your home. Your furnace is the unsung hero of your house, and can run as much as 15 hours a day in the winter months.

"In the cold Canadian climate, homeowners rely on their furnace more than any other appliance in the house, but most people don't think about their furnace until the heat goes off," said John Cooke, business leader, AmeriSpec of Canada. "Regular cleaning and maintenance activities are good insurance and can save money on heating bills over the longer term."

AmeriSpec of Canada recommends the following guidelines to keep your furnace running safely and efficiently.

- Install a programmable thermostat to allow the furnace to operate at lower temperatures when you're sleeping or out of the house. This can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 20 per cent.

- Clean or replace furnace filters every two months or as required.

- Keep combustible materials or

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