

GO station adding parking

Parking will be on a whole new level by 2007 for GO train commuters using the Centennial Community Centre station at McCowan Road and Bullock Drive.

Markham council agreed Tuesday to continue talks with GO Transit officials who want to add 250 spots by building at two-level parking garage north of the community centre.

Markham councillors asked York Region council to improve the Bullock Drive and McCowan Road intersection

to accommodate an upgraded GO parking lot.

The plan includes widening the intersection at Bullock Drive to five lanes, including speed bumps, a pedestrian cross-walk and traffic signals. Markham council earmarked \$350,000 for the improvements.

The parking garage is expected to be fully accessible to handicapped commuters.

—Joan Ransberry

Books donated

A Markham artist will donate copies of his book *Our Life Our Community* in a formal ceremony tomorrow.

Artist Michael Lai's book includes paintings of the Markham Heritage Estates as well as homes in Thornhill, Unionville and other historic buildings in Markham.

It also includes inter-

views with Markham merchants.

Mr. Lai is giving books to the Varley Art Gallery and to the Town of Markham to hand out to new Canadians. Some books will tour libraries, the civic centre and other public buildings.

The art exhibition and book launching is Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Varley Art Gallery in Unionville.



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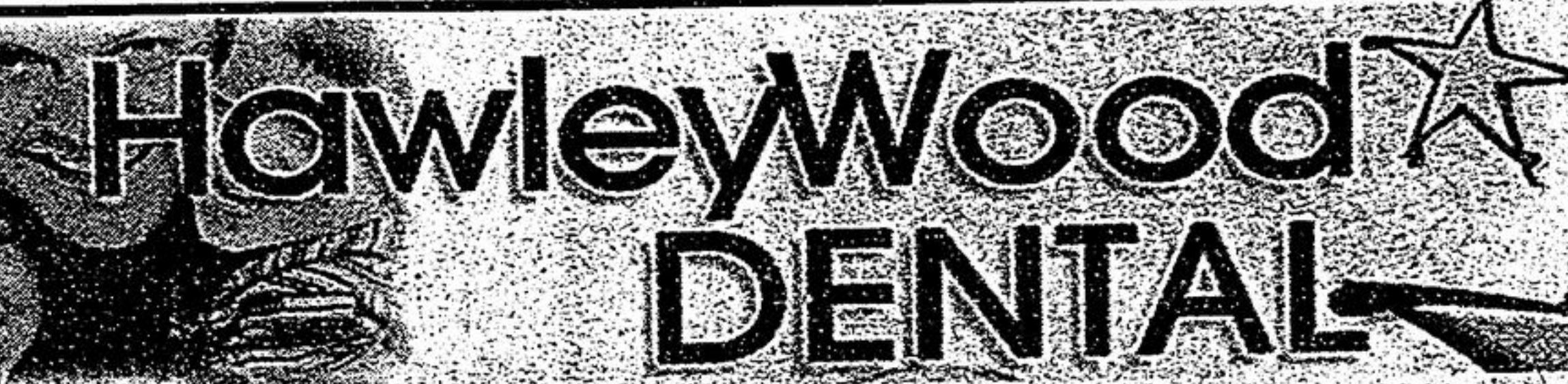
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