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MARCH BLAST

Huge ponds, unable to drain because snow blocked sewers, made driving treacherous in many places across York Region yesterday. Whitchurch-Stouffville residents dealt with power outages, high winds, freezing rain and snow. A two-car collision was reported at Main Street and Park Drive at 8:30 a.m. Several businesses opened late, or not at all, as power outages stretched into the late morning.

Main St. memorial honours wife

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location. "We work with them to remove them or have them placed in a better location. If it's well off the road, well out of the way and not causing a problem, we would let it stay there for a while. If it comes in a state of disrepair, we'll probably take it out."

"Like I said, we're very sensitive to these things and we're treating them very carefully."

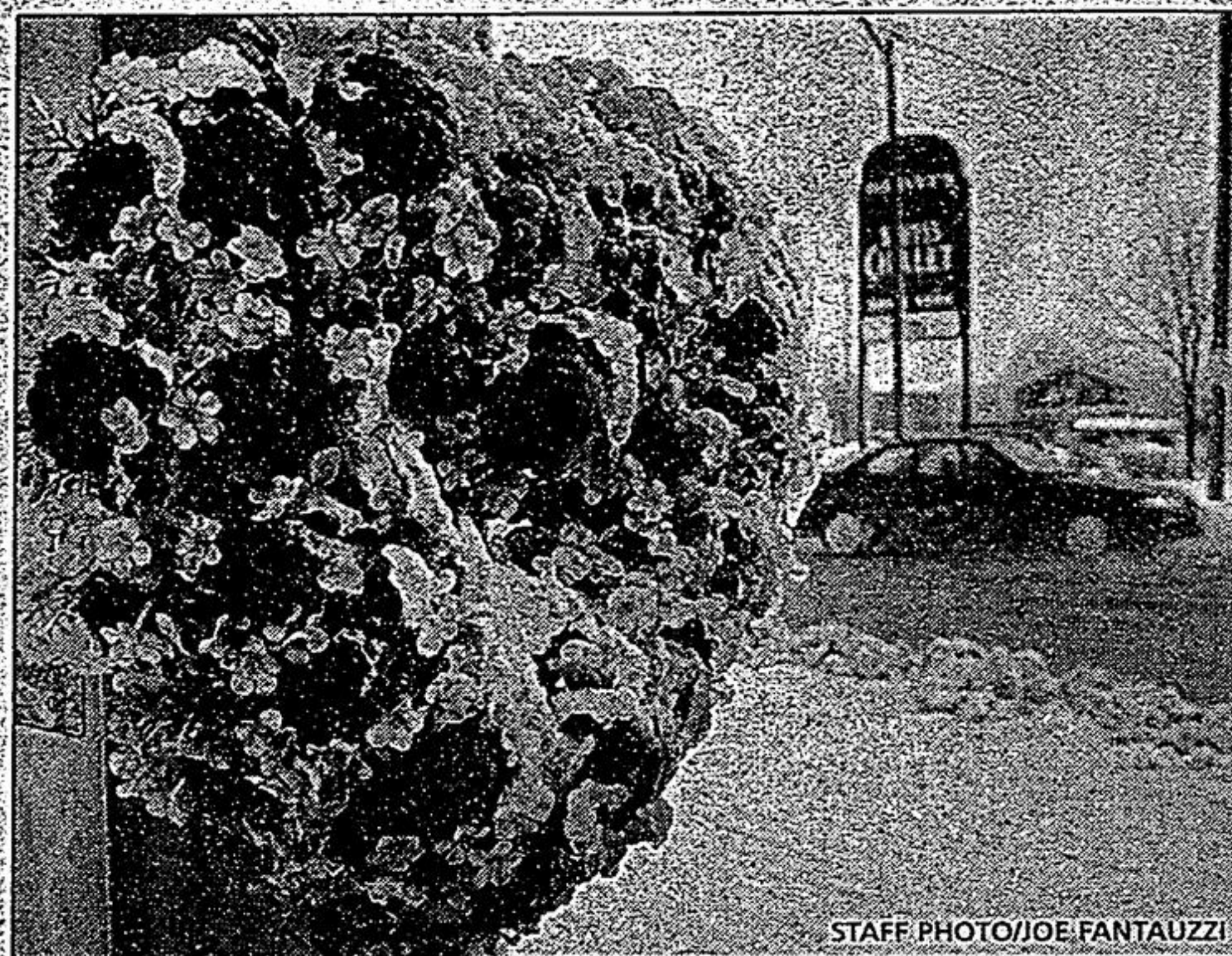
Stouffville resident Ross Presta, whose 36-year-old wife Alice was killed in 2002 in an accident near Hwy. 48 and Main Street, said he still maintains a memorial for her.

'TONS OF FLOWERS'

"Tons of flowers were put there over the course of two or three weeks at the time and I think the town was so fantastic in their sensitivity just leaving it as is," Mr. Presta said.

"Of course, after a couple weeks, the flowers became wilted. They cleaned it up, but left anything that was reasonable looking, which was kind of nice."

Since then, Mr. Presta, 49, has been leaving a heart-



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This memorial can be found at Stouffville's Main Street and Sandale Road. The region is reviewing its policy as to how long you can leave these shrines for lost loved ones.

shaped wreath attached to pole near the accident site each year.

He says he has moved on with his life (he's engaged), but he still wants to maintain the memorial.

"I'm certainly noticing more of them out there, but whether there is more or I'm just paying

more attention to them I'm not really sure," he said.

"I think it's neat that people want to remember that way, instead of just going to the cemetery and leaving stuff there. These memorials say somebody died here, it's great that people are still remembering that way."

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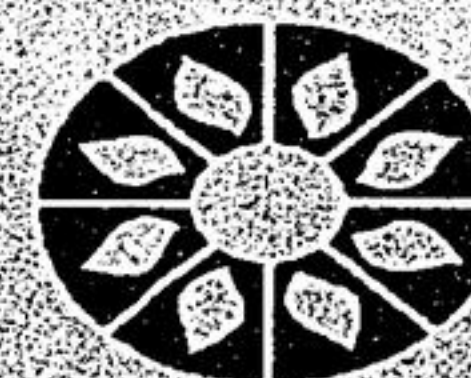
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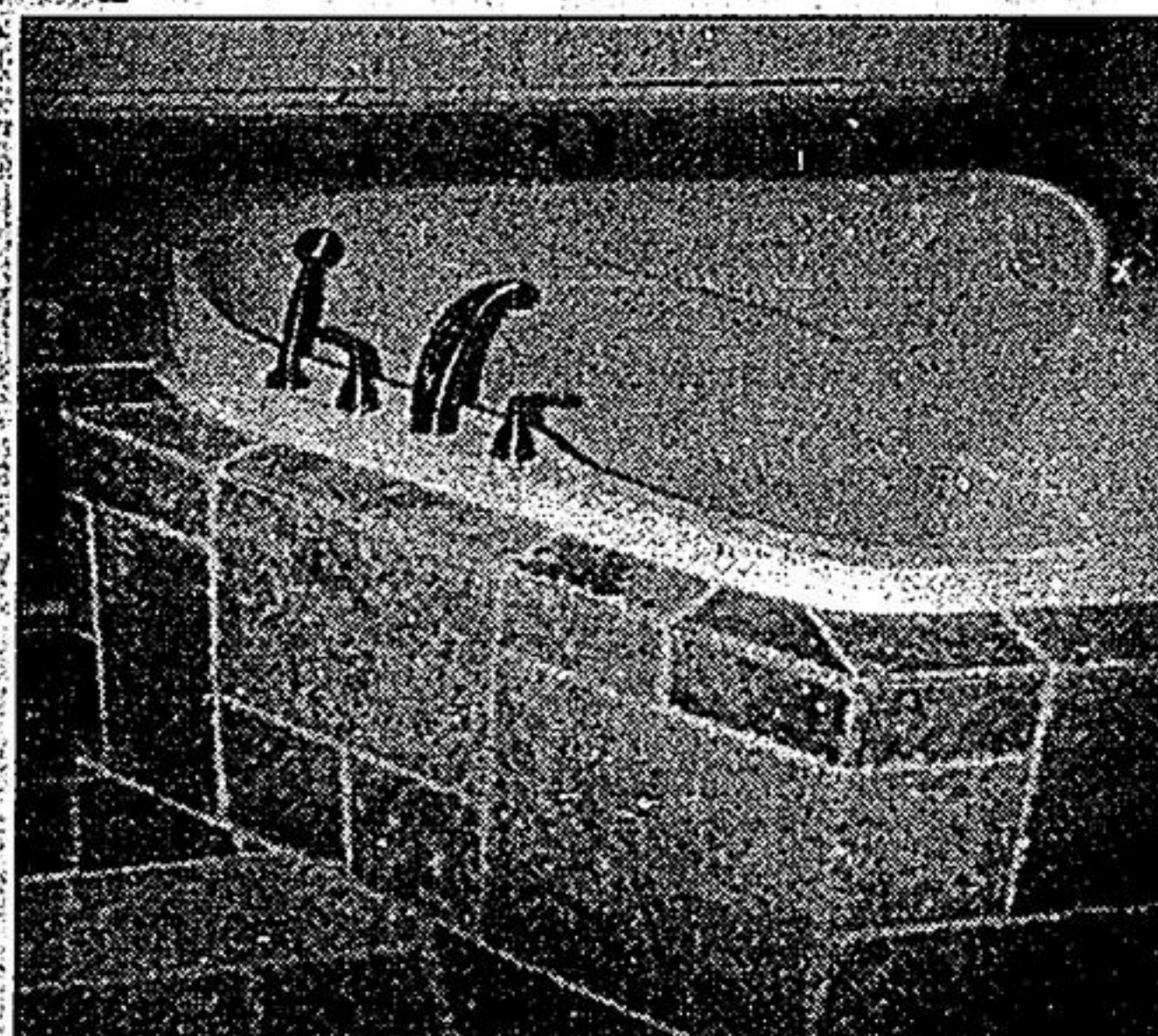
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