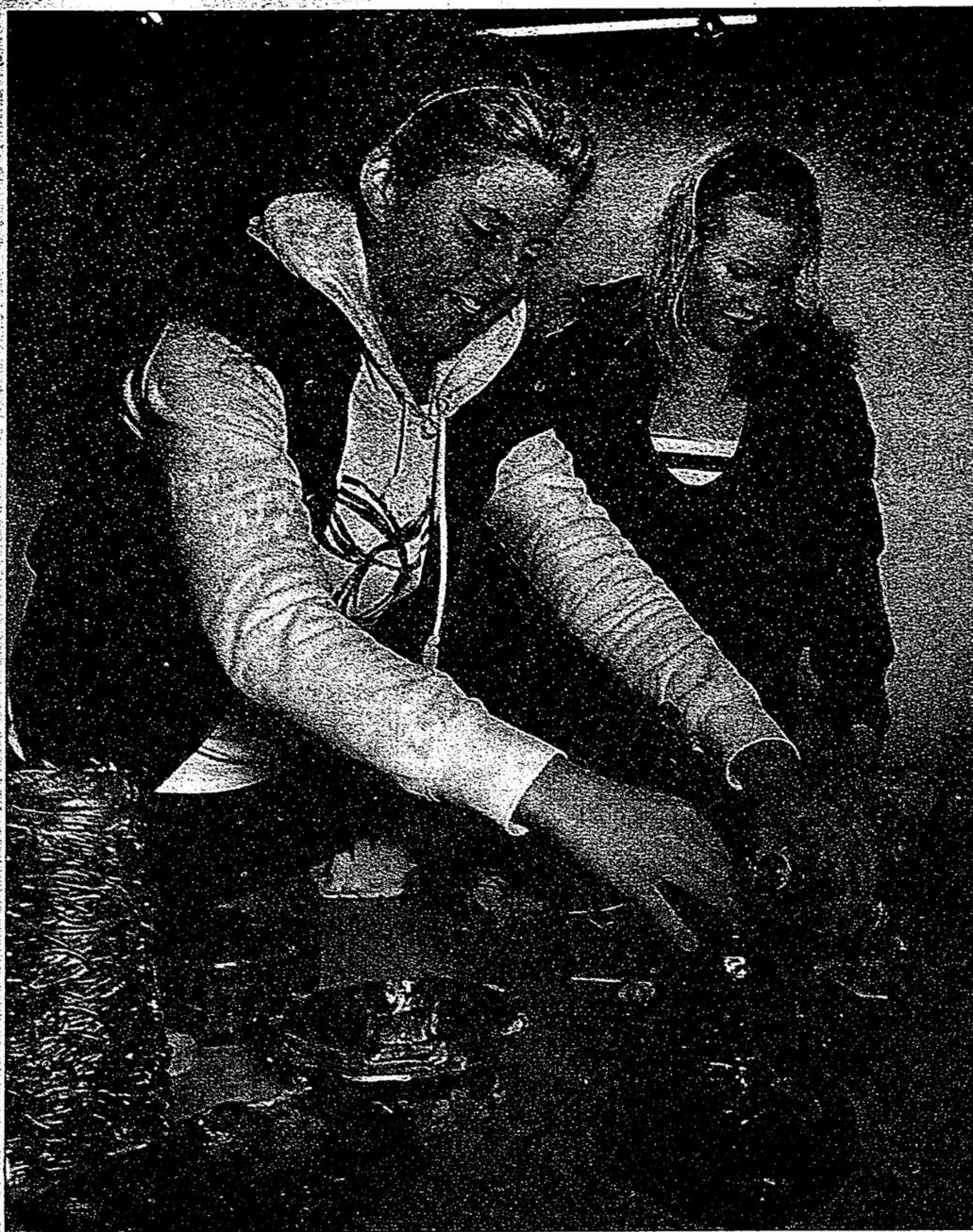
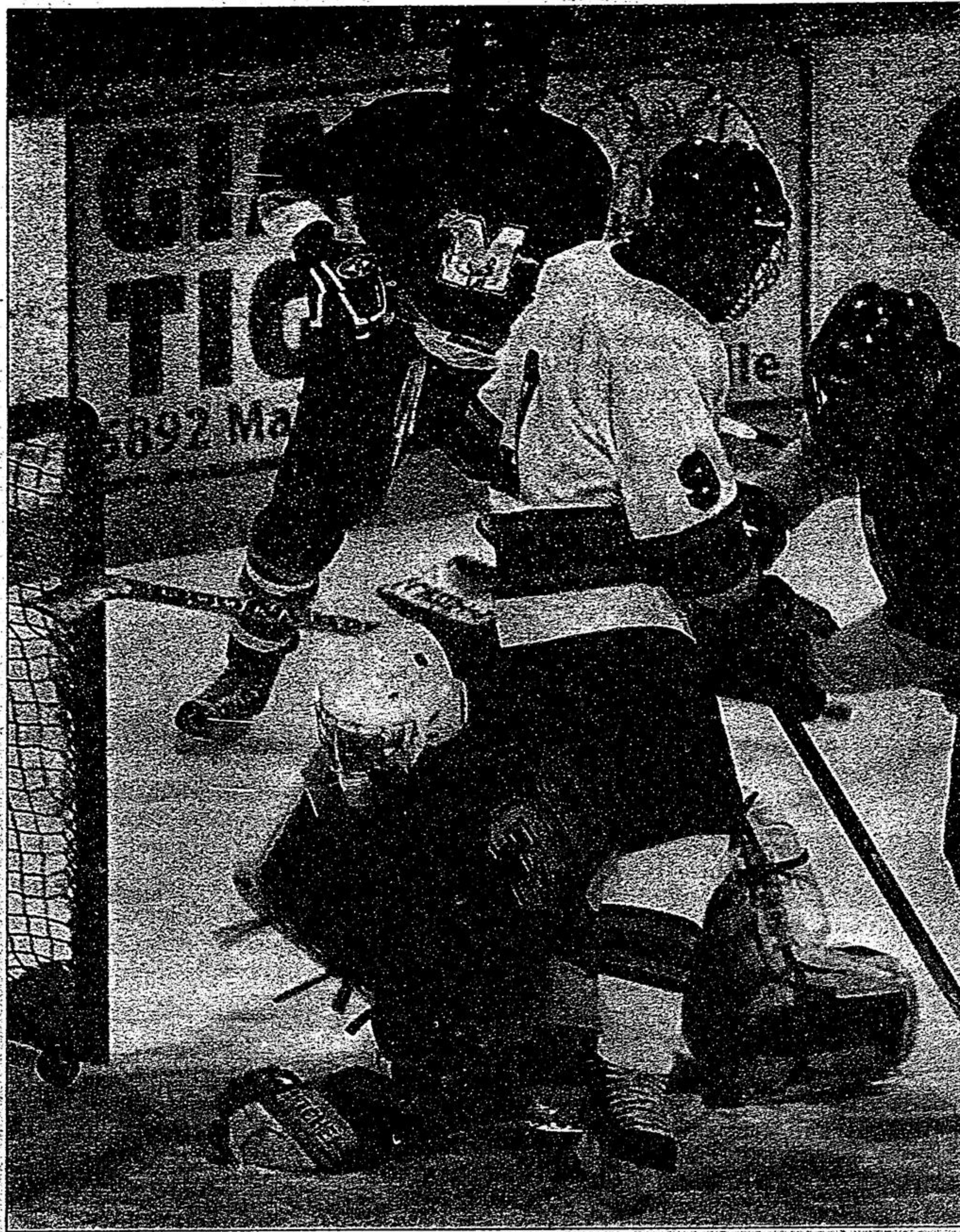


SDSS STUDENTS SCORE GOALS, GALLERY TIME



Stouffville District Secondary School Grade 12 student Tara Stredwick, 17, waters a plant in her sculpture class as April Scott, 17, looks on at the Latcham Gallery where students are exhibiting their work through Jan. 5. For more, go to latchamgallery.ca



Stouffville District Secondary School Spartan Nathan James watches a shot dribble through for a goal against Alexander MacKenzie Mustang goalie Alan Wusin at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. The Spartans, who are rated eighth in the GTA by the Toronto Star, won 5-0.

STAFF PHOTOS/JOERD WITTEVEEN

Town wants help designing logo

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

As Whitchurch-Stouffville reaches farther afield to promote the town and its businesses, it needs a logo that can be more easily identified.

"We need to make sure we get our name out there," Mayor Wayne Emmerson told a council meeting last week.

Currently, the stylized W.S. is the only municipal logo in York Region that doesn't include the town's name.

Town staff have been asked to come up with ideas for an improved logo.

The town is also open to suggestions from members of the public for a new town logo, Mr. Emmerson said.

Adding the name is important when "we are trying to bring business to town,"



The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville wants to replace this logo.

Mr. Emmerson said.

The town offices can be reached at 905-640-1900.

Ex-gun club owner cleared

A retired police officer, who provided guns for a legendary con man has been convicted of 10 firearms offences, including illegally defacing serial numbers, while the former owner of a Whitchurch-Stouffville gun club has been cleared.

David Kift, 50, an 18-year RCMP veteran, was found guilty by Superior Court Justice Paul Rivard last Thursday.

His co-accused, Leon Kruger, 38, former co-owner of United Sports Shooting Range in Gormley, was acquitted on all counts.

Both men originally shared a 53-count indictment.

After the verdict, Mr. Kruger hugged supporters and told the media he felt "very good. We knew all along I was 100 per cent innocent."

Mr. Kruger's lawyer, Lou Strezos, said he had faced a 4 1/2-year ordeal "at great toll to

my client and his family."

At the centre of the case was Charles "Chuck" Yanover, a self-described "con man extraordinaire" and mobster, who illegally purchased guns and ammunition and imported prohibited firearms. He was jailed nine years for his gun crimes.

Last April, his wife, Anna Richter, 60, was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for her role.

The trial was told Mr. Kift bought three handguns from Mr. Kruger's gun club and went to Mr. Yanover's house to transfer them illegally.

Mr. Kift will be sentenced on Jan. 28.

The two accused were among 13 people arrested in Greater Toronto on April 10, 2003 after a 14-month joint-forces undercover operation.

— with files from *TorStar*

PEPPERTREE KLASSICS

Women's Fashions, Footwear and Accessories...

All Winter Fashions

50% OFF*

* Regular ticket prices. T-bar items excluded.

4 DAYS ONLY

Dec. 13th 'til Dec. 16th

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

WEBKINZ 50% OFF

Regular Prices

137 Main Street North, Markham • 905-294-3882 • www.peppertree.ca