

RECREATION: Drowning prevention stressed during weekend

No fooling, April Pools Day event has serious message

It's almost that time of year when the kids will be splish-splashing in the pool and lake.

The Lifesaving Society and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's aquatic staff are hosting April Pools Day, to help promote water safety on April 24 and 25 at the Lebovic Leisure Centre from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn water safety skills, all about life jackets, boat safety and recreational swimming.

Donations are being accepted at the front desk of the leisure centre and will be given to the society's drowning prevention program.

Every year, more than 400 Canadians die in water-related incidents, most of which

can be prevented, according to the society. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of 10 and the third leading cause of unintentional death for Canadians under 60, surpassed only by motor vehicle collisions and poisoning.

For more information, go to www.lifesavingsociety.com or call 905-640-1900.

Know a local hockey leader?

Without hockey volunteers who are at the rink in the early-morning hours and co-ordinate team travel plans, local hockey

could not happen.

That is why RBC Insurance, with support from Hockey Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame, has launched its annual nation-wide search for outstanding hockey volunteers.

"While the players are the focus of the game, we cannot forget the contributions of the thousands of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the future of Canada's game," said Bob Nicholson, president and CEO of Hockey Canada.

The judges are looking for people who have proven dedication to the community through hockey; have a positive impact on hockey and hockey players in their com-

munity; are dependable, enthusiastic and a leader; act as role models to others and have a high level of commitment.

The RBC Local Hockey Leaders program will recognize and award 13 volunteers from across Canada and their communities. Each winner will receive \$10,000 for their minor hockey association, a signed Team Canada jersey and a place of honour in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

All nominees will be featured in the RBC Local Hockey Leaders display at the hall

The deadline for nominations is April 9.

For more information, go to www.rbclocalhockeyleaders.com

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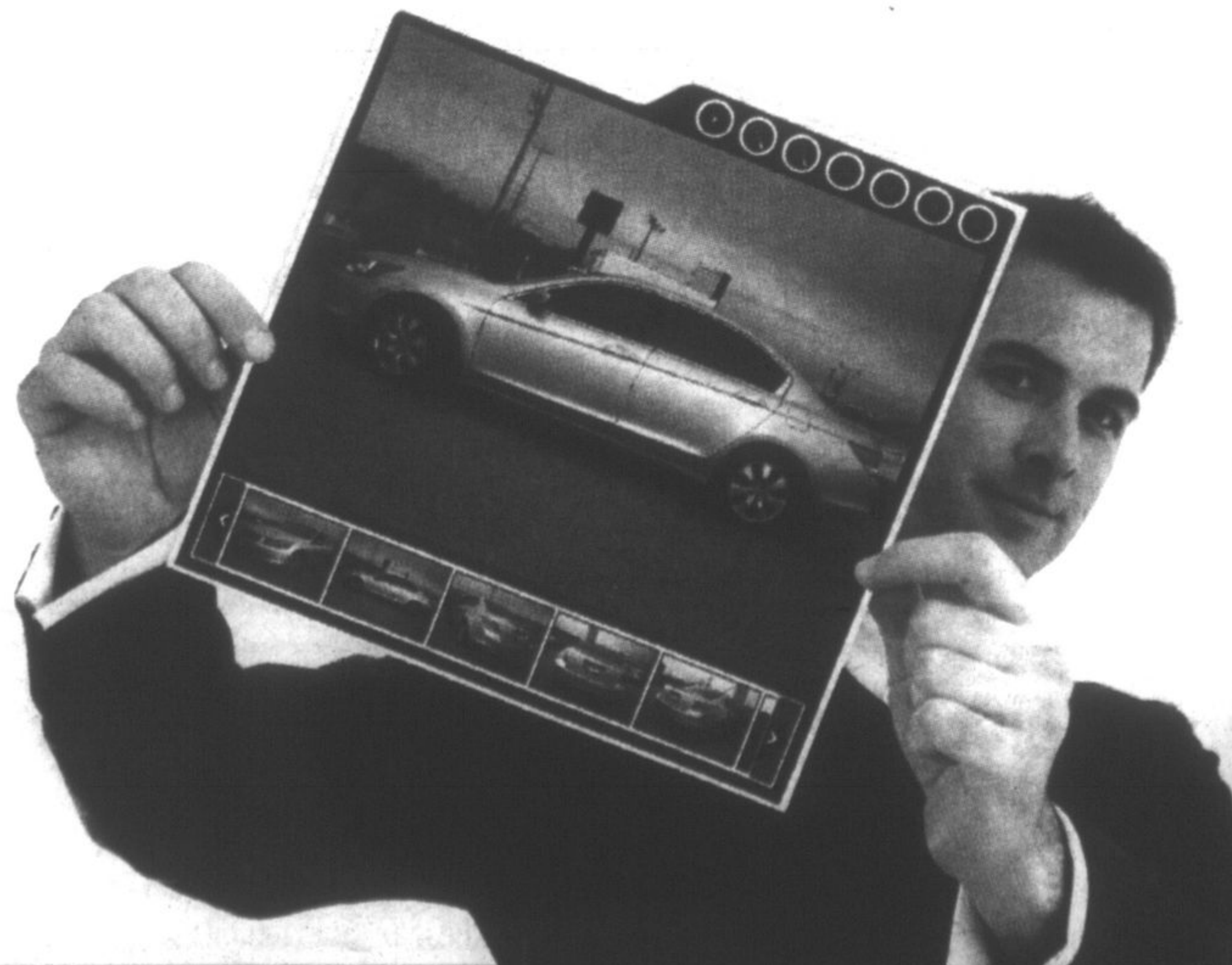


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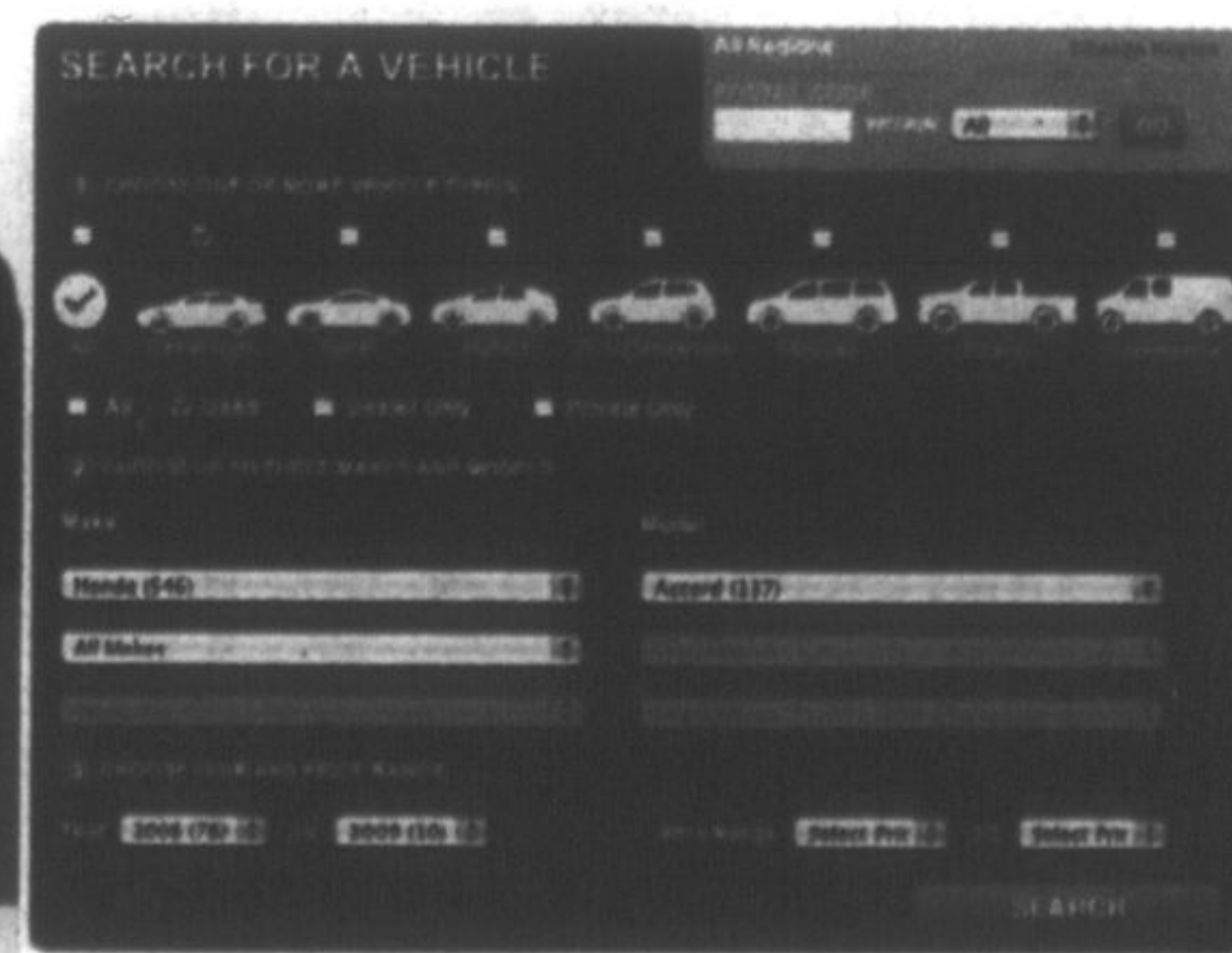
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