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## Residents being trained to respond at Musselman's

'We don't need any heroes': Councillor

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The Musselman's Lake Residents Association is launching a lake watch program in the wake of two drownings at the Ninth Line lake.

The goal of the program is rescue, prevention and education.

An exploratory meeting was held Wednesday morning with representatives from the association, York Regional Police's marine unit, York Emergency Services, Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services, the town's leisure services department, the Lifesaving Society of Canada and Councillor Phil Bannon, whose ward includes the lakeside community.

In creating the lake watch program, about 10 residents, specifically those with boats, will be trained as first responders. Their training will include CPR and water-specific rescue techniques.

"The numbers state a drowning victim only has five to eight minutes and fire and police can't get there that quick," Mr. Bannon said in an interview Thursday. "We're not looking for any

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## POINT OF NO RETURN



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Alex Gurdyal, 8, of Stouffville makes contact at a Canadian Junior Golf Association Junior Linkster event at Markham Green Golf Club Wednesday. He finished fifth in his age group.

## WEEKEND FEATURE

# Street cops all about making contact

Officers warn drivers, talk to merchants on Main St. beat

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It's just after 10 a.m. on Wednesday and York Regional Police constables Sal Musso and Dave Saunders are part-way through their street patrol shift in Stouffville.

The pair rode their bikes from District 5 headquarters near Markville Shopping Centre in Markham, about 14 kilometres away.

While standing on Main Street, Const. Musso, who's been on the job for four years, casually asks a young girl where her helmet is as she walks her bike along the sidewalk. She left it at home and was on her way to get it, she tells the officer.

A business owner stops for a chat with the two officers to see what they've been up to lately. The conversation is jovial and casual. As they walk to a cafe a block away, drivers wave and pedestrians say hello to the uniformed patrol officers.

Once inside the cafe, the owner talks to Const. Musso about repeated vandalism to his property. The officer provides a couple of suggestions to help deter these individuals.

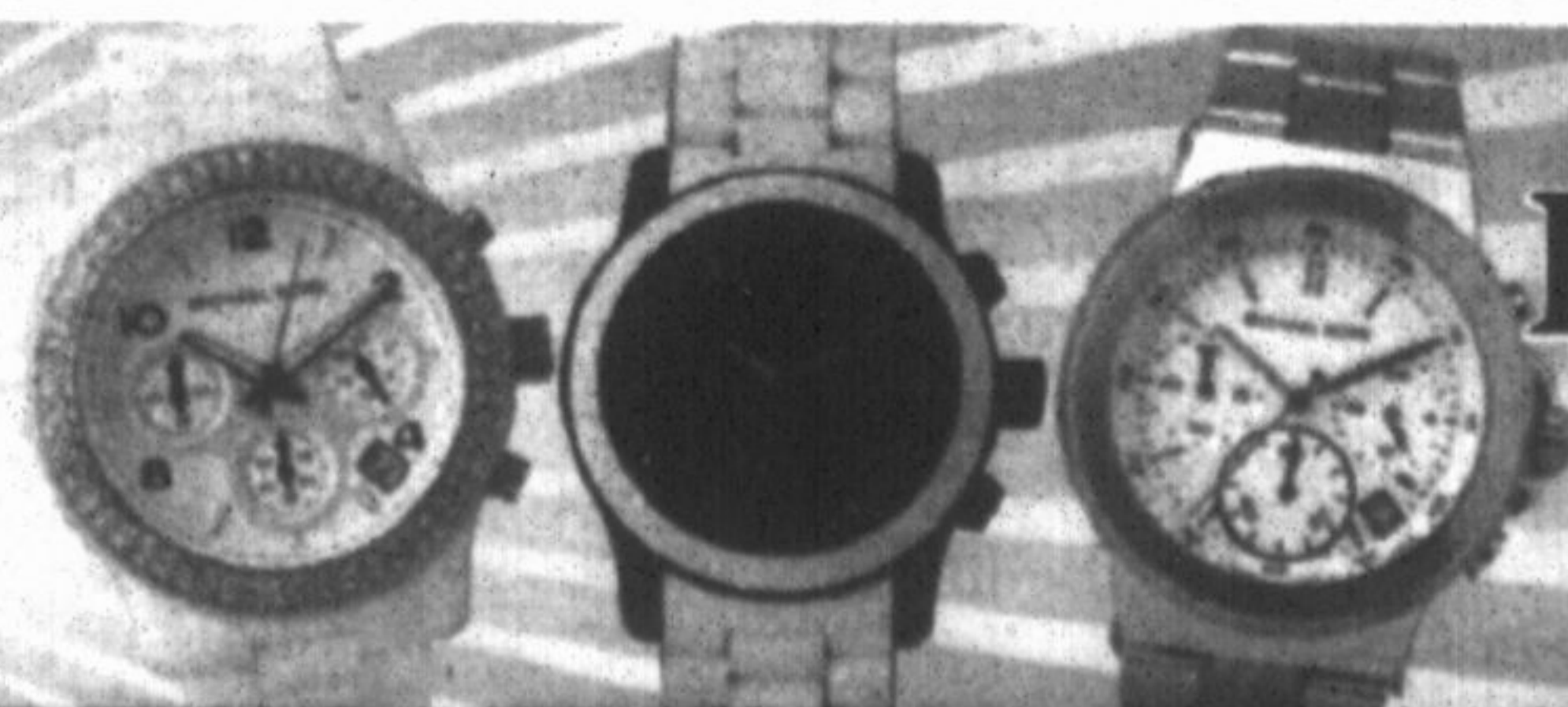
"You engage everybody because if you don't, they won't engage you back," Const. Musso said, adding part of their job is to build relationships, so when someone sees

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