

POLICE BRIEF

Man injured in Main Street assault

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A Stouffville man suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries following an assault Wednesday night.

The 21-year-old was assaulted by three suspects between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Main Street near Market Street.

York Regional Police were unable to provide any information regarding what led up to the incident and if those involved were known to each other.

"No theft involved. It was not a robbery," said Const. Blair McQuillan.

Descriptions are available for two of the three suspects.

The first one is a tall, thin, Caucasian male, weighing between 120 and 130 pounds. He is in his early 20s, clean shaven and was wearing all black, including a baseball hat.

The second suspect is a Caucasian male in his mid-20s, with a slightly heavier build. He weighs around 150 or 160 pounds and has a light goatee. He wore a red hoodie and toque.

There is no description available for the third suspect, including gender, said Const. McQuillan.

York Regional Police are appealing for any witnesses to come forward. Anyone with information can contact York Regional Police 5 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5432 ext. 7541.

Women's progress would 'amaze' pioneer women, says Onley

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Life is about making choices, despite personal insecurities or societal disapproval.

For Ruth Ann Onley, she chose to give up her budding career as a singer in the 1980s in order to raise her and Lt. Gov. David Onley's three boys.

Despite feeling insecure about not obtaining her university degree in psychology, Mrs. Onley chose to become her husband's partner in his role as Lieutenant Governor and she can hold court with the Queen, astronauts, world leaders and aboriginal children living in Northern Ontario, seemingly with ease.

Mrs. Onley spoke yesterday at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce's annual International Women's Day luncheon.

"The progress we have made would amaze those early pioneers who wished only to be granted the right to vote," she told the women and a couple of men, attending the luncheon.

Not only do women vote, they are active members of parliament. Oak Ridg-

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es-Markham MPP Helena Jaczek was also in attendance and offered a welcome to the guests on behalf of newly-elected Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Women, noted Mrs. Onley, are also at the top of major corporations and have journeyed into space.

"All this and we still have time to give birth to and nourish future generations. Is there anything a woman can't do if she puts her mind to it? I'm inclined to think there is not," she said.

Despite being prime ministers, business moguls, doctors and teachers, women, sometimes, still bare the brunt of societal disapproval.

Women who stay home and raise their children at times receive disapproval, because "they haven't gone out into the workplace to further the rights

of women", Mrs. Onley said.

Try to do both and again, society will not always be happy because you are not spending enough time with your children.

Marry later in life and put off motherhood in lieu of a career and you are labelled as not fulfilling your role as a nurturing woman.

"I personally tend to agree with a statement I heard: 'Ladies, you can have it all, just not all at once,'" Mrs. Onley said.

"Women can choose their roles in life," she said.

As part of Mrs. Onley's role, she has a title of Your Honour — something she was not initially comfortable with, but over time realized it was something she had to live with and she chose to accept it.

"People are people and a title is a title. But underneath that title is a person," she said.

Mrs. Onley has tried to complete her university degree "but life, as they say, got in the way. ... Perhaps that's the next journey. I'll have it all, but at another time."



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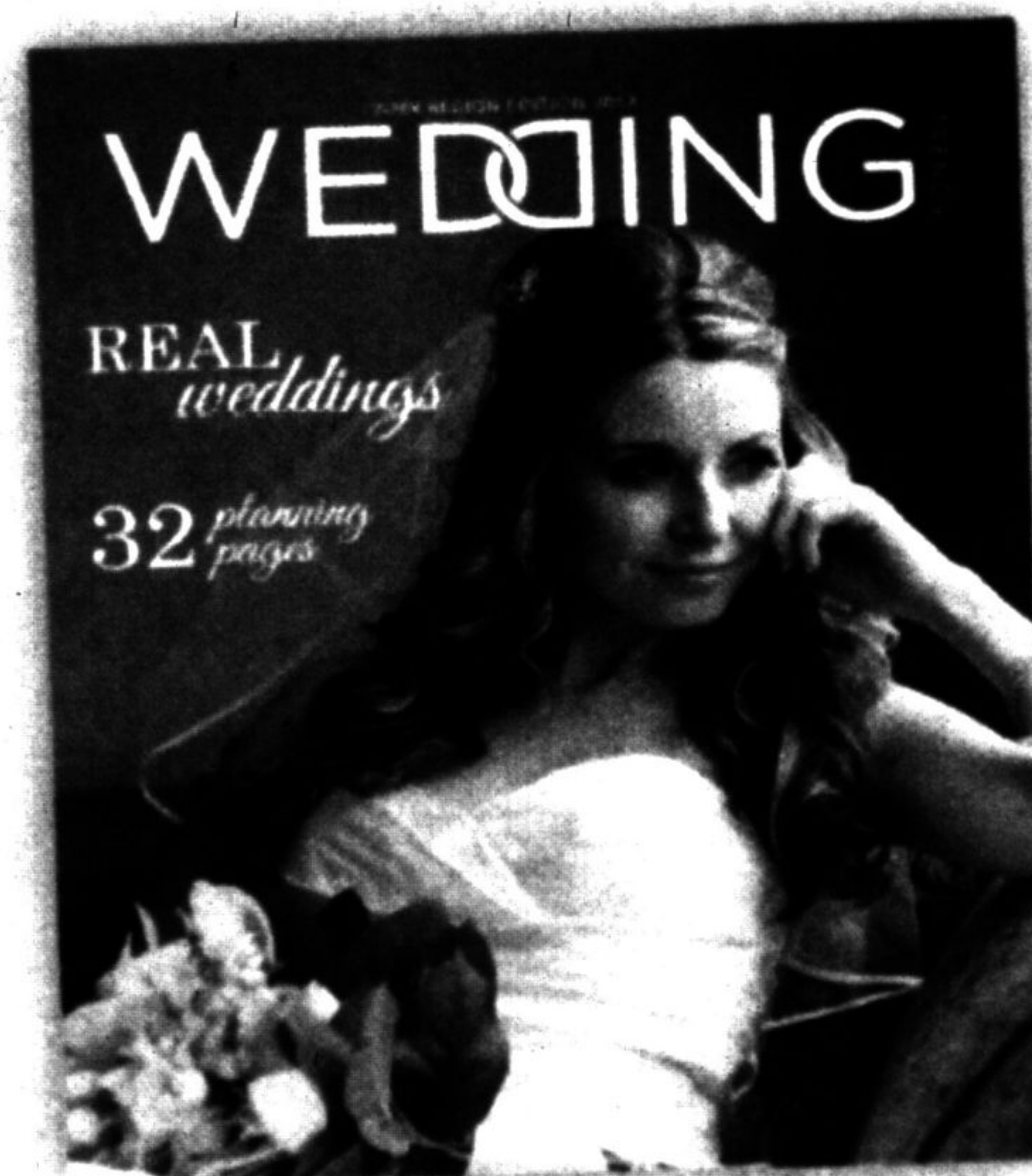
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