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Candidates push for votes on September 20

The push is on as political candidates have less than a month to secure your vote in a snap federal election on September 20. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, New Democrat Jagmeet Singh, Conservative leader Erin O'Toole and other party leaders have been criss-crossing the country seeking votes, making promises and raising issues.

The candidates for Etobicoke Lakeshore includes incumbent James Maloney, Conservative Party Indira Bains, New Democrat Sasha Kane, Green Party's business consultant Afam Elue and Bill McLachlan of the People's Party of Canada.

The riding has been held since 2019 by Maloney. All candidates were sent questions but only Bains responded. She emigrated to Canada with her parents at a young age, and has held a number of positions in the party. She



FEDERAL CANDIDATES FOR ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE includes incumbent James Maloney (left to right) Conservative Indira Bains, NDP Sasha Kane and the Green's Afam Elue. Please research your candidate before your cast a vote on Sept. 20.

lives in South Etobicoke and has been making the rounds to meet area residents and groups to push her party's platform. "I approach challenges and opportunities with my head and my heart. I'm running because I came to this country as an immigrant and have had tre-

mendous opportunities. I want a secure future for the generations to come." Bains said. NDP Kane grew up in Etobicoke and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Western University. "I'm so excited to run to support our communities and to further a vision of housing as a human right, climate justice and an equitable recovery from COVID-19," Kane wrote.

Elue lives in Long Branch with his family and is listed as a corporate banker and financial consultant. Residents are more concerned about affordable housing, homelessness and the spread of COVID-19.

The diverse riding has a population of 129,000, which includes 90,000 voters spread across Mimico, New Toronto and Long Branch. There are many languages spoken and the main issues are unemployment, help for small businesses, homelessness, opiate addictions and protection from COVID-19 for many.

Alderwood residents hit hard by hail storm

It was a nightmare. Hundreds of Alderwood area homes were without power after a terrible wind, pelting rain and hail storm snapped mature trees and downed power lines affecting the lives of many residents.

Toronto Hydro and other emergency crews worked overtime to return power to the area.

Dozens of mature trees were snapped by the howling windstorm shortly after 3 p.m. on August 26 leaving as many as 1,000 Hydro customers without power.

Most of the affected areas were located in and around Horner Ave., Delma Dr., Evans Road, Lakeshore Blvd. W., Brown's Line and Etobicoke Creek.

Near Avalon Road and Orianna Drive, a huge telephone pole was snapped like a toothpick and thrown into the back win-



HUNDREDS OF ALDERWOOD area residents were without power on August 26 after a short and intense storm brought high winds, pelting rain and ice pellets that felled many mature trees, which took out power lines. This fallen Savona Drive Linden tree (centre) is 50-years-old. A telephone pole (right) was snapped in two. **Photos by Tom Godfrey.**

dow of a vehicle, smashing the glass. Luckily no one was injured. On Heslop Drive, in Alderwood, a large mature tree was snapped by the heavy winds and fell on the hydro wires that connected four homes damaging the connections. And on Savona Drive, a healthy 50-year-old Linden tree was brought down by the storm.

"I am heartbroken and want to cry," says Cathy, the homeowner. "This tree was healthy and it smelled so great. We will never have a tree like this again." She said it was gone in 10 seconds as the incident was captured on a security camera. Horner Ave. was reduced to one lane near Brown's Line due to a fallen tree.

"There has been "significant damage with trees downed," Hydro spokesperson Cindy Brooks said. "We do have crews on-site and extra forestry support to help us assess the damage."

Hydro officials said the damage from the storm requires complex, lengthy repairs." Severe thunderstorms swept across the west end of the Greater Toronto area triggering widespread weather watches and warnings.

Fuelled by a cold front, along with high heat and humidity, the storms produced pea-sized hail and torrential rainfall that led to localized flooding in some areas. Toronto Police said they were busy with flooded roads and underpasses. Environment Canada said roughly 60 millimetres of rain fell in less than an hour. By the next day the power for most homes were back up and the streets almost cleaned by hard-working crews.

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Police manhunt for armed gunmen who opened fire in Sherway Gardens



SHERWAY shoppers had to run for cover after bullets flew at the mall. Police are searching for the gunmen involved. Courtesy photos.

A police manhunt is underway for gunmen who opened fire in Sherway Gardens Mall, sending dozens of shoppers and workers running for cover. Stunned shoppers who had fled the heat by visiting the air conditioned Sherway Gardens were evacuated and the mall placed in a lockdown after gunshots were fired by an inside doorway.

Patrons and staff were evacuated from the sprawling mall around 2:30 p.m. on August 13 after an alleged gunfight between two groups near an exit door.

There are no confirmed reports of casualties associated with the incident.

“Disruptions to transport and business are likely in the vicinity of the mall over the coming hours,” police predicted. “This is a developing situation; additional information will be issued as warranted.” Shoppers and motorists were told to avoid the area.

They were warned to ‘expect business disruptions near the incident site and consider taking alternative routes to circumvent the scene.’

Police said the brazen shootout involved a group of four firing against a group of six young men. Shots were exchanged and the two gangs fled the mall.

Interim Police Chief James Ramer said there was some sort of physical altercation that broke out between individuals near the Starbucks inside the mall and that one of them pulled out a firearm and opened fire.

He said that investigators located blood on the ground near to where the shooting took place but at this point do not believe that it is the result of a gunshot wound.

Witnesses said they heard a loud bang and were told to evacuate the mall immediately.



Video from the scene showed people running into the parking lot as police and fire crews arrived.

Security staff ordered everyone out of the mall and many were left waiting in the parking lot.

Social media sites were flooded with shopping victims and families who were ordered to leave Sherway.

Anyone with information, including cell-phone footage, should call Det. Jason Hunter at 416-808-2510, or contact

Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or online at www.222tips.com.

Two local men among 12 nabbed in largest drug bust

Two Etobicoke men are among 12 suspects arrested after police smashed a Greater Toronto crime ring and seized a large assortment of drugs and weapons.



MORE THAN 1,000 rounds of ammunition (above) were seized by police along with drugs (centre) and cocaine (bottom). Photos courtesy of Halton Regional Police.

into a significant project,” said Halton Deputy Chief Jeff Hill. “Icarus has removed drugs, guns and criminals from the streets of not just Halton but the entire GTA.” He said those who participate in organized crime will be “aggressively targeted.”

Project Icarus was launched by Halton Regional Police following the probe of a single suspect in October 2020.

The investigation grew in size, eventually taking up the time and resources of an entire unit.

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The weapons seized in the project included; a .40 calibre Glock handgun, a 9 mm Glock handgun, prohibited magazines a 12 gauge shotgun and 1,100 rounds of ammunition.

“Project Icarus also resulted in the successful disruption of cocaine processing and illegal cannabis processing facilities,” Halton police said.

Man found shot dead on a Long Branch street

If anyone knows Adrian Hurley, they are asked to call police.

Detectives are searching for the killer of Hurley, whose body was found lying in a Long Branch intersection.

Officers of 22 Division said they were called to the Thirty Ninth Street and James Street area on

August 27 around 6:07 p.m.

It was reported that “a man was found lying in the intersection and had obvious signs of trauma,” according to a police news release.

“He was pronounced deceased on scene,” police said. “A post mortem was conducted on August 28 and the cause of death was determined to be gunshots.” Information is being sought to help catch the shooter. The victim has been identified as Adrian Hurley, 23, of Toronto.

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Hague and Curtis were first Toronto female politicians

Dorothy Hague and Marie Curtis were the two first female Toronto politicians who paved the way for other women some 70 years ago. Hague was a west-ender and one of two influential fe-



FIRST TORONTO female councillors Dorothy Hague (left) and Marie Curtis. Swansea Town Hall (right) City Archives.

male politicians who ever sat on Toronto council. She and the more well-known Marie Curtis, whom a Long Branch park was named after, are described as being among the 'only two female politicians who were instrumental in the shape of Toronto today.' Curtis was elected the reeve of Long Branch and served from 1953 until her retirement in 1962. She was elected by residents due to her handling of Hurricane Hazel,

which struck on October 5, 1954, killing hundreds of people in Haiti, before striking the U.S. and the Toronto area, leaving an estimated 1,000 dead behind. She and Hague, who was a reeve of the Village of Swansea, were the first women to become Reeves or mayors in the Toronto area. They took office in January 1953, less than 70 years ago. Hague knew her stuff and was an experienced politician. She had moved up the ranks and was a former Swansea school trustee, chairman of the Swansea Board of Education for seven years, Swansea councillor and deputy reeve from 1951 to 1952, when she began as a reeve. "She (Hague) fought against amalgamation of Swansea into Toronto and in favour of spending for public transit over expressways," according to City Hall records. At first she was opposed to Swansea becoming part of Metro Toronto, but later expressed satisfaction with the "metropolitan form of government" in a letter to then-Premier Leslie Frost. Hague went on to serve on Metro Toronto executive and was chair of Metro Parks and Planning Committees. She was instrumental in the creation of Black Creek Pioneer Village, which remains a top tourist spot today.



"Hague was the descendant of pioneers and is credited, as chair of the Metro Conservation Authority's historic sites advisory board, with winning Metro and the province's support for Black Creek Pioneer Village," according to city records. During the day she taught Latin to students at Mimico High School

from 1922 to 1924. She married Henry Hague, an inspector for a railway supply company. She died at the age of 76. The Dorothy Hague room in the Swansea Town Hall was named in her honour. The historic political hall was built in 1934. Swansea is bounded on the west by the Humber River, on the north by Bloor Street, on the east by High Park and on the south by Lake Ontario. The neighbourhood was originally a separate municipality, which was annexed by the City of Toronto in 1967. The Swansea area, which is known for its rolling hills and spring-filled ponds, had become the site of some of Toronto's early garbage dumps. In addition to the public health dangers from smells and runoff, Swansea had been the site of multiple serious dump fires.

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Local and U.S. troops recapture Aleutian Islands

By TOM GODFREY

Soldiers from Mimico were among those from the U.S. taking part in an operation to recapture the Aleutian Island of Kiska close to 80 years ago this month.

A strapping young lacrosse player, John 'Teamer' Bergin, of Mimico, was among the hundreds in the Canadian Army, who with U.S. troops, travelled overseas during World War II to reclaim Kiska, once a powerful



MIMICO's John 'Teamer' Bergin took part in an operation to recapture the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

U.S. aircraft and submarine base, which was retaken without a fight.

On Aug. 21, 1943 Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt declared a joint Canadian-American force recaptured the Aleutian island of Kiska, the last segment of North American soil occupied by the Japanese.

Kiska is an island in the Rat Islands group of the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. It is about 22 miles (35 km)

long and varies in width from 1.5 to 6 miles (2.4 to 9.7 km). It is part of Aleutian Islands Wilderness and special permissions are required to visit it. The island has no permanent population.

It is reported that the fog-bound island was taken without a fight, since the Japanese had slipped away before the August 15 landings. They had used Kiska to launch attacks on the Allies.



THE JAPANESE fled the Aleutian Island of Kiska in heavy fog days before the Allied Forces arrived. An escape boat ready to go (right). Canadian military photos.

Bergin would serve for two years in the Aleutian Island campaign before returning home to settle in the same Mimico home where he lived with his family for 40 years.

"The operation just completed is the first in which units of the Canadian army have participated in the Aleutians," Mackenzie King said. "Canadian airmen had a part in the heavy bombardment of Kiska which preceded the present operations."

The Prime Minister spoke on the radio to the Canadian public that night about the operation.

The U.S. Navy at the time said Kiska was the biggest and most important of the Aleutian islands captured by the Japanese, while the U.S. Navy was recovering from the heavy blows inflicted on it at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.

A Toronto pilot was celebrated as a hero in that fight for sinking a Japanese submarine.

News reports said the sub was hit by a 500-pound bomb as it plunged for a crash dive to safety.

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) plane piloted by local boy P.O. W. E. Thomas, dropped the huge bomb from his plane on the submarine as it began to plunge to safety.

The craft was too badly damaged to escape and Sgt. Robert Kenning, of Pembroke, the wireless air gunner, signalled the position to naval units, which rushed in for the kill, according to records. All that remained of the submarine was wreckage.

Members of the RCAF saw action in Canada and Alaska, taking part in coastal patrols over the remote Aleutian island of Kiska, on which the Japanese landed.

The Aleutian Islands are a chain of 14 large volcanic islands and 55 smaller islands. Most of the Aleutian

Islands belong to the U.S. state of Alaska. The archipelago contains both the westernmost part of the United States by longitude and the easternmost by longitude.

Battles and skirmishes occurred on the islands during the Aleutian Islands Campaign of World War II. The Japanese landing and occupation of Kiska and Attu in June 1942 were the only two invasions of the United States during that war.

Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959.



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San Remo founder Bozzo honoured with mural

By IAN ROBERTSON

The beloved founder of the iconic San Remo Bakery is being brought back to life in a beautiful mural that shows his love for South Etobicoke, native Italy and baked treats.

Work is almost complete on a massive art mural of bakery founder Natale Bozzo on the south side, on Simpson Ave., of the famous bakery with Royal York Road in the background.

The images include the ancient Coliseum in Rome, a modern building there, SkyDome and the arch bridge over Humber River, plus people and with Bozzo on the right holding a large tray of doughnuts, one of his favourites. Bozzo loved both his homeland Italy, and Canada, the country that took him and his family in.

Art team leader Christiano De Araujo pays attention to the minute details. On this day he is using a portable machine to spray paint onto wall as an assistant

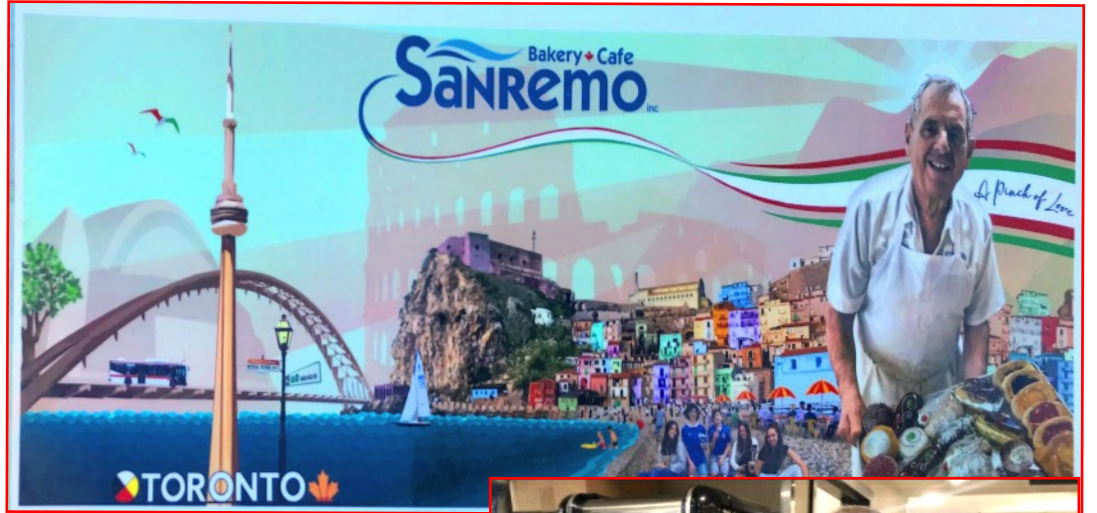


works with a brush. De Araujo is aware that his masterpiece will be viewed by many area residents and San Remo fans, who loved Bozzo. There are still daily lineups by residents as they wait to get inside the bakery.

The patriarch of the family-run bakery died from COVID-19 complications last February following a six week battle with the virus.

Born in 1945, Bozzo emigrated to Canada from Italy at the age of 15. He started working in Toronto's Little Italy neighbourhood at Sicilia Bakery on College Street before opening SanRemo Bakery with his brothers in Etobicoke in 1969.

"He was larger than life and we will miss him dearly and will work very hard to keep his memory alive and to honour him," the family mourned on Facebook. Within just an hour of being posted, the statement had already garnered some 800 comments of condolences. He was mourned by thousands of Etobicoke residents, and politicians of all stripes, who loved his treats. Several artists have worked with De Araujo.



THE ARTISTS hard at work to get mural of San Remo founder Natale Bozzo (right) just perfect. Photos by Ian Robertson.

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GO TEAM CANADA GO! Etobicoke residents are cheering Paralympic Games Team Canada Wheelchair Basketball players Lee Melymick and Tamara Steeves. Courtesy photos.

Area residents are cheering for Etobicoke's Lee Melymick, who is competing with the Team Canada Wheelchair Basketball squad at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. The Tokyo 2020 Canadian Paralympic Team members are competing against other countries in the Games, which began on August 24 and will run to September 5. Melymick is well-regarded in the delegation, which sent some 128 Canadian athletes to the Tokyo Games.

"Representing Canada means I get to compete for purpose and pride. It means I can show the world what Canada can do," he said in an interview.

The life-long Etobicoke resident attended Sunnylea Junior School, Norseman Middle School and Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, his family members said.

"He is a strong, hard-working survivor, and put much time and energy into learning how to play wheelchair basketball," according to a post from his parents, who said their son was "extremely athletic before the accident."

Melymick had just started studying Chemical Engineering at Ryerson University when he was involved in a 'serious summer job accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down.' The athlete has been on Team Canada since 2019 and was named Wheelchair Basketball Player of the Year in 2020. He was also instrumental in helping the team win a silver medal at the Para Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, in 2019. That win qualified the team for the Paralympics in Tokyo.

Wheelchair basketball players are given points based upon their amount of available movement. Players with the least movement score lower than those with more.

Tamara Steeves is another Etobicoke wheelchair basketball player who is making a name for herself on the women's team in Tokyo.

The team will be supported in Tokyo by 113 coaches and support staff.

To check out TV coverage for the games or other information visit Paralympic.ca

Many games will be televised on CBC, and all will be available online, more info also available on Wheelchair Basketball Canada homepage.

Vinyl Music Emporium still going strong and kicking in New Toronto



KEITH POPE, of the Vinyl Museum, is adding a state-of-the-art recording studio to his store at 2925 Lake shore Blvd. W. Photo by Tom Godfrey.

Running the Village Vinyl Music Emporium & Cafe has been a labour of love for Keith Pope for the last nine years.

The former musician and avid record collector just celebrated his store's ninth anniversary on August 8 at the corner of Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Islington Ave.

The small store at 2925 Lake Shore Blvd. is packed with rare and memorable vinyl records that are not pressed anymore, which is sad for many music lovers, who swear vinyl sounds better than CDs and other forms of replaying music.

"Everything was well and we were doing fine until the pandemic," Pope says. "The pandemic came along and we had to be very creative to stay alive."

He is constructing a state-of-the-art recording studio that will soon be available for rent to local musical bands or groups on an hourly basis or through a membership fee.

"It will be a full professional state-of-the-art recording studio that will be available in the community," he says. "It should be

opened sometime in September." The store also features live music performances, which stopped during the pandemic and will be returning on Sundays evenings.

Pope is working hard to lure live music lovers back to the store "because people are still not going out as they did pre-COVID."

"There is still a lot of anxiety by local people as far as what they can or cannot do to stay healthy," he explains. "It will take time before things get back to normal."

Pope fell into the business as he was

looking for a place to store his expanding vinyl collection, which includes as many as 10,000 recordings.



He writes on social media that when he emigrated from England to Canada, 'all he brought with him were his records.'

"The sight, the touch, the smell of vinyl records for those who know their classic appeal is a deeply appreciated shopping experience," he says.

Pope supports many local artists by carrying their records. One local artist he is pushing is James Clark Institute, The Colour of Happy.

"James Clark Institute is a local band and they are not bad," he says. "People seem to like the music."

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New traffic cameras on way



KEEP TO THE speed limit if driving north or south on Royal York Road, near Norseman Ave., as an automated traffic camera system is being installed. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Area motorists are being warned of a new automated traffic camera system being installed on a slow strip of Royal York Road, near Norseman Ave.

Signs have been installed in the area warning both north and southbound motorists of the upcoming traffic camera installations, which is close to two schools.

The area was a popular spot for Toronto Police radar cops due to the many lead-footed motorists who were ticketed for speeding in a school zone.

There has been a significant drop in speeding in the areas of the city outfitted with automatic enforcement cameras and Mayor John Tory says



that one year into the program it is now clear that it is making "our streets safer."

Tory said the data shows that 51 per cent of vehicle traffic was travelling in excess of the speed limit during the warning period after the cameras were first installed in early 2020. But by late 2020 only 36 per cent of vehicles were found to be speeding.

The city on its website states that Automated Enforcement is a tool that uses technology to alter driver behaviour by enforcing the applicable traffic law.

More than 53,000 tickets have been issued to drivers caught speeding by Toronto's speed cameras during the first round of enforcement, according to police.

The city generates millions of dollars in revenues from the issuing of tickets. Some cameras generate more than 30,000 tickets monthly.

The top-earning speed cameras in Etobicoke includes one at Renforth Drive, near Laferty Street, in Etobicoke Centre, that issued the most tickets with more than 5,400.

The one at Trehorne Drive, near Duffield Road, was second with 1,677, according to city figures, while another at Horner Avenue, near Orianna Drive, was third with 1,358 tickets.

Other camera locations in this area include Lake Shore Blvd. W., near Twentieth Street, Algoma Street, east of Royal York Road; La Rose Avenue, east of Griggsden Avenue; The East Mall, south of Capri Road and two locations in Etobicoke North.

Mimico artist is on a mission to bring art into the world of hard-hit senior citizens



MIMICO ARTIST Fernando Ferreira (centre, right) is painting 1,001 pieces of art to uplift seniors in long term care. Here he is supported by his neighbours at Mimico Estates. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

About a dozen neighbours and fans of the artist from his Mimico Estates apartment attended a lakefront showing with the CN Tower in the background.

Ferreira shows an area of the backyard under a tree that serves as his studio where he gets the inspiration for his artwork.

"I paint about two a day or 60 a month when I am working," he says. "I have had donations and help for materials from some of the tenants."

He spends most of his own money for the artwork.

His neighbour Audrey Yates says people love the artwork.

"His style is so simple and upbeat," Yates says. "Every painting has a heart and they contain so much love."

Ferreira, who is from the Azores, loves painting and artwork.



His father was a noted paint chemist and at home "is where I learned to mix paints." In the 1960s when he first arrived in Canada he sold similar paintings to people in Toronto's upscale Yorkville area and was able to save \$5,000 in three years to make a deposit on a house.

He has been living in Mimico for 17 years to be close to the lake and fresh air. He can be reached at 647-855-0721.

Flamboyant Mimico artist Fernando Ferreira enjoys life and is on a mission to bring art into the world of hard-hit seniors in long term care.

Ferreira on August 28 held an outdoor showing of some 300 mostly-abstract works of art that he has created to brighten up long term care homes across the province.

The retired 30-year TTC driver has another 700 pieces to go, which he hopes to complete by next June.

Each piece, and they are all painted on two feet square boards, is original and contains a heart and love. They come in bright, upbeat colours that helps people celebrate.

"I will be painting 1,001 pieces for 721 long term care homes in Ontario," Ferreira says. "Every long term care home will have one."

He is recruiting politicians as PC MPP Christine Hogarth and others to help him get his art to the homes.

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Keeping cool with Ed's Scoop @ Kothur Curry



ED's REAL SCOOP owner Mark Johnson cooling down outside his 2370 Lake Shore Blvd. W. parlour. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Yes there is an Ed's Real Scoop and he has been treating ice cream lovers for 20 years. And while the founder is now retired and living in the Beach, the business he founded is still a cool treat.'

The first Ed's Real Scoop 'small batch ice cream, gelato, sorbet and yogurt' shop appeared on the scene about 20 years ago in the Beach.

The cones caught on. Now there are four locations: including Leslieville, Roncesvalles, Beach and 2370 Lake Shore Blvd. W., where Mark Johnson is the owner. Johnson grew up in the Beach area with company founder Ed Francis and has worked for him on and off.

He says Ed is a shrewd businessman, who was originally from Ohio, but moved here after marrying a Canadian woman in the 1980s. They settled in the Beach, where they opened their first store.

"He was a physicist, worked in insurance and had many other jobs," Johnson recalls. "In his 50s he decided to sell everything and get into the ice cream business."

It wasn't long before his natural, creamy ice cream took off, with people lining up on hot days to get a treat to cool down.

"It is home-made ice cream," Johnson says. "Everything is made from natural ingredients right here in our store. It's all fresh and made in the last day or two."

The store carries about 290 different recipes for ice creams, in addition to cakes and other treats.

"We only carry full fat ice cream," he says. "Our ice cream is creamy, has a better taste and texture than others."

The Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Albert Ave., location is one of the last full-serve ice cream parlours that still exist in the South Etobicoke area today.

Orders can be placed to Ed's Real Scoop, Lakeshore store, at 416-259-9595 or visit edsrealscoop.com. They are open from 12 a.m. to 9 p.m.



CHEF VIJAYA KUMAR of Kothur Indian Cuisine uses only the freshest ingredients and spices for his dishes (right).

Mimico residents love Kothur Indian Cuisine restaurant and you don't have to Google to find out about the love affair. The restaurant at 2403 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Superior Ave., is well known by area residents for its tasty tandoori chicken, biryani, Palak Paneer or Aloo Gobi, which Chef Vijaya Kumar promises 'will stay with you forever.'

"We only use fresh spices and the freshest ingredients," Kumar promises. "We don't cut corners and we have a lot of regular customers."

Chef Kumar cooks a delicious dish of steaming South Indian curry chicken, which he lays on a bed of rice as my mouth waters.

The restaurant



has been open for almost 10 years and has made a name for itself and receives good reviews from customers on social media. There were 74 reviews on its website, of which 35 were for excellent service and 20 were for being very good. People like their spicy South Indian and Tamil dishes so much that there is another Kothur location downtown at 649 Yonge, just north of Isabella Sts.

Kumar says he was trained in cooking and restaurant skills in his native South India. "We have had a lot of support from the community during the virus," he explains. "There are many South Indian people in the area and they love our food."

The restaurant was named after their hometown in India.

I was an "amazing Indian restaurant, pocket friendly, variety of dishes in menu to choose from and elegant decoration," wrote Hunger Buster on social media.

"We have been going to Kothur for many years, never been disappointed," another guest wrote. "We think so highly of them that we approached them to cater my private retirement party for 30 guests."

Another customer said the food was tasty and the service great.

"Good place and service," the customer said. "Tasty food, delicious bread, very reasonable price."

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He loves empanadas so much he opened his own company

Cristian Heise loves empanadas. The Chilean-born restaurateur started The Empanada Company in Long Branch about 16 years ago, when the most frequent question was 'what's an empanada.'

Heise struggled when he first opened in 2006 but his tasty treats caught on and there are now line-ups outside his 122 Fortieth Street restaurant.

He recently purchased a vacant store next to his and may expand the empanada business or establish a new venture.

Heise, who arrived in Canada at the age of four, worked at a food company and decided to create his business using his mom's recipes.

"I settled here because it was the cheapest building you could purchase in Toronto at the time," he says of his Long Branch location.

"I fixed it up and I have had the support of the community ever since."

He attributes the community and take out service for keeping him alive during the tough days of COVID-19 when most places were shut.

Today, Heise operates the largest Empanada company in South Etobicoke, with dozens of flavours, including Jamaican patty, ribs (which takes 16-hours to cook), curry coconut chicken, not forgetting chicken tamales and portobello and black bean tamales.

"We only use the best dough and the freshest products to make our empanadas," he explains.

"People come from all over the city for our empanadas." Different empanadas are made with coloured doughs and varying shapes to help customers differentiate them. Assorted mini empanadas sell for about \$14 a dozen. A large is \$4.25. The empanadas are delicious, not oily or overly spicy and very flavourful. An assortment of dips, including artichoke and asiago, spicy chimichurri and Mexican hot sauce are available.

The Empanada Company sells 17 different types, or fillings, of empanadas. Customers may order their empanadas baked or fried. They sell hundreds of the treats to movie shoots, film stars and those working in the movie industry.

"I can say that Katie Holmes and Kevin Hart have had my empanadas," Heise says proudly. "We sold another 400 for another movie that is being filmed in the area." You can place your orders by phoning 647-435-5003 or visit www.empanada.ca



EMSPANADA COMPANY manager Jovan Madzovski says empanadas (below) are becoming more popular in South Etobicoke, where they have been located for 16 years.



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All Toronto cops will have to be vaccinated

Some Toronto cops say they will have no choice but to get fully vaccinated to keep their jobs. The Toronto Police Service said last month it will require all its members which includes more than 5,500 officers and about 2,200 civilians to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The force said its vaccine policy would apply to both uniformed and civilian members, and all staff would need to provide proof of their immunization status by September 13.

"The safety of our members, our workplaces and the public is of utmost importance to us. Our members will be required to be fully vaccinated to protect each other and the communities we serve," interim Police Chief James Ramer said in a statement.

A spokesman said there could be exemptions made under the code for documented medical or religious reasons.

The Toronto Police Association, which represents nearly 8,000 uniformed and civilian members of the force, said it was opposed to the announcement.



TORONTO POLICE officers are required to provide proof of their immunization status by September 13.

to our members," said association president Jon Reid.

The association said the policy was announced with no documentation, procedures or orders in place to support it and added that it would be working with affected parties to explore collective options.

The police force said it would maintain public health measures such as the use of masks and social distancing, among other precautions. The service's vaccine policy

"This announcement, however preliminary, is missing critical details that are central to understanding the impacts, timelines, or potentially alternative options available

follows a number of announcements on stricter immunization requirements in the health, education and public service sectors.

The provincial government said it would require many health and education workers to get vaccinated against the virus or take regular tests but stopped short of mandating the shots for workers in high-risk settings.

The City of Toronto said its staff is expected to have received both COVID-19 shots by October 30, although the mayor didn't say what would happen to those who refused to meet that deadline.

The Toronto Transit Commission said employees, contractors and students would need to be vaccinated by September 13 while Metrolinx, the Ontario transit agency serving much of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, said it also plans to require staff to get vaccinated, although final details of the policy are still in the works.

The province says slightly more than 82 per cent of Ontarians over the age of 12 have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and just over 75 per cent have received two.

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In The Community

By TOM GODFREY

There are many people in this community who go above and beyond the call of duty to help others who are downtrodden and less fortunate. There are many merchants I have seen who quietly help the needy with money or food without seeking fanfare. And there are plenty of others with jobs, who reach out to aid the jobless, maybe with groceries or TTC tickets to help them find work. Ours is a small community. You visit the local stores, pubs and soon learn about residents in the area. It doesn't take long to recognize the faces or hear their stories. Take for example Rev. Jacqueline Daley, of the St. Margarets New Toronto Church, whose name comes up often for her work in the community. Her church has been on Sixth Street for more than 100 years and helped hundreds of people. Daley on her day off is answering her phone and trying to help others in need at the church, or in their personal lives.

"The work never stops for a community priest," she says. "There is always someone in need that we have to assist." She is hands on, whether it is obtaining food for their busy food bank, helping churchgoers with jobs, providing a place for them to do their laundry or take a shower, which is a tough task when you don't have a place to live. Daley and other leaders in the community know from experience that COVID-19 has led to many loved ones passing, without in most cases a decent funeral service or with their loved ones present.

The community leaders, and they include a number of groups, recognize that there has to be a public healing period for people to mourn and are planning a healing initiative for October.

"It has been a long time and people are suffering," Daley explains. "We have to help them lift their spirits so they can move on." Many of the programs are reopening after being shut or hit hard by COVID-19. The groups include LAMP, Lee Hospice, Lakeshore Arts, Ridley's Funeral Home and St. Margarets New Toronto Church, among others. Prayers were held at the church to pay tribute to the 2,300 people who died, and hundreds missing in Haiti from the recent earthquake. More than 5,000 were left wounded or homeless.

Relief organizations at the Canadian Red Cross, Global Medic, UNICEF and others are accepting donations to help the needy there who have lost most of their possessions.

Prayers are also being said to help those on the frontlines in the fight against COVID-19, which has been painfully going on for more than 18-months so far. Many in our community have lost friends or loved ones to the pandemic, which seems to be back more deadly than ever.

We also wish many of our neighbours of Afghani descent best of luck and hope their loved ones can join them in Canada if they can get a flight from the airport in Kabul. Hundreds of Afghans who worked with Canadian troops and their families are thinking that they have been left behind after putting their lives on the line to help Allied forces.

There are calls for us to recover and lift our community spirits. A planned community revival is maybe what is needed to begin the healing process.

Tom Godfrey is Publisher of The South Etobicoke News, who lives in the community. He was a reporter at the Toronto Sun for many years before deciding to use his skills to work in community journalism.



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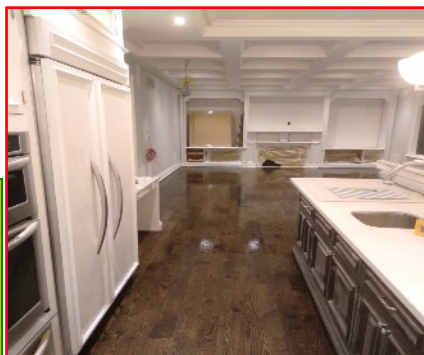
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Your Health

By MONIKA MEULMAN

Back to school is for grown-ups... September is here and so is the kids' annual march to a brand new school year. We prepare our young ones, our children our students for greatness by setting them up in school (or maybe online?) fully prepared:
 Note paper - check, pens and markers - check, calculator - check, binders and organizers - check.
 School books, day timers and so on.

But, what about you?
 Are you ready for success?
 Are you still following the old fashioned, outdated belief that planning is to begin January 1 for the new year? I invite you to adopt a brand new strategy. How about you start fresh, organize and plan for success four times a year: re-new, recharge, revamp your plans every quarter. The time is now (so I hear!)

So what does it look like to you?
 Maybe you adopt a new exercise/health schedule now looking at the holidays ahead. New goals anyone? Or maybe it's more fun and appropriate to set up new foods in your fall cooking repertoire. Looking at your annual and semi-annual goals now is refreshing and invigorating. It can give you that extra boost of energy and renewed strength that you need to shift and reach the goals you set months ago.

As humans, we are very adaptable and changeable. We have this tremendous ability to take on new information and environments and immerse ourselves into new teachings all the time. Yes, we are ALL capable. Maybe you have forgotten this. Maybe, changing it up from your Annual new year's resolution goals to quarterly planning it's just the fresh air approach you've been looking for.

Your challenge is:
 Reinvent your whole perception of planning and organization. Allow yourself

this September to go back to school. What I mean is: You allow yourself to look at fall and the coming holiday season in a whole new light. Plan to succeed. Plan to take on a new recipe perhaps. Plan on joining a new workout buddy. Or plan something completely and entirely unique and novel. Open up your learning to a new 'semester' in your life. And, your holidays will truly be rewarding.

Note on planning:
 "I was working on the proofs of one of my poems all the morning, and took out a comma. In the afternoon I put it back in again." (Oscar Wilde)

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From the Bench

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI

Women, sexually assaulted, often become double victims, once during the crime and second during the trial. The hearing can become a character contest between the victim and accused rather than a focus on the actual act.

The problem flows from a suggestion that past behaviour indicates future behaviour. This is dangerous. There are significant exceptions to the idea.

Judges are required to limit the evidence of past behaviour such as criminal records or sexual behaviour. There are special exceptions to keep the trial relevant to the facts. A second factor, lawyers consider is whether a bias exists between men and women jurors. Who are more inclined to focus on the woman's conduct or reputation (e.g., She was looking for trouble or the short skirt syndrome)?

Some observers rationalize, that men, historically, see a woman as chattel and seek to protect property; whereas, a woman compares the victim to their own moral experiences.

Is this generalization true or a myth? Lawyers carry a bag of mystical beliefs such as: men wearing shiny black shoes are more law and order oriented and better for the Crown; whereas, teachers are more forgiving; therefore, better for the defence.

What are your ideas? I remember a small study from the 70s. it was never peer reviewed or had a significant number of participants but was interesting. It suggested women as the harsher Judge of behaviour. Has the 'Me Too' movement changed attitudes?

Try this experiment with friends and see who you would choose for a jury? Do not tell them the purpose of the test beforehand. Compare their ranking of all characters in the list. Don't second guess the test just rank the characters.

There is an attractive young divorced woman who hasn't seen her lumberjack boyfriend, for several years. He works on the other side of a wide river - a one night crossing and one-day walk. There is only one ferry and it is necessary for the crossing. She has no money for the fare.

She approaches the ferry's captain, an elderly man, and asked, "if he would take her across." He agrees on condition they sleep together.

This woman, who had some prior experiences in life is unsure, pauses and thinks about the offer. She sees a holy man, a priest, rabbi, imam or like. She asks him for guidance. He replies, "Let your conscience be your guide," blesses her and walks off. After much thought, she agrees to the captain's offer.

The morning after the crossing, she starts up the mountain to her lovers' cabin. It is about a day's walk. She encounters a handsome stranger after several hours. He offers her food, water and points the way to the cabin. Suddenly he grabs her, has a sexual encounter and runs off.

She drags herself the last few miles to the cabin, knocks on the door and greets her lover with tears and a hug. She explains her story. The boyfriend is drawn back, a bit shocked, and finally says. "You were unfaithful ... leave now, we are finished."

Every character in this story is important to your analysis. You are now asked to list from most to least, all characters, including the female, in accordance to your belief of the degree of each of their moral irresponsibility. There is no right or wrong list - just evaluate all of them. Share this with friends or partner, the larger the group the better. Make your list.

Now before I tell you the results of our experiment ... tally their lists showing all five characters in order of moral irresponsibility. Send me your lists, I don't need names.

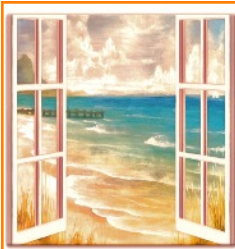
I will publish the results of the actual experiment along with any results you send me in the next column. We can discuss them and the 'Me Too' movement. I endorse the cause but have a slightly different spin which we can debate.

Email me at lbudzinski@talkjustice.info. Remember, I am retired so you can express your opinions without concern.

Judge Lloyd Budzinski retired after 28 years and was a former Crown Attorney, Defence Counsel and Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister of Criminal Law. He was Chief Prosecutor in the trial of ex-RCMP officer Patrick Michael Kelly, who was found guilty of murder for throwing his wife from a 17th floor balcony in March 1981.

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Golfer Kane returns to Ontario Amateur tourney

As told to REJEAN CANTLON

In local men's league hockey play at Mimico arena, 55 year-old Desmond Kane is known for his tenacious work in the corners and his good-natured camaraderie in the dressing room. Little did anyone know that Des was and is quite the accomplished golfer. He decided to share his amazing journey with us at the South Etobicoke News. Here is his story, in his words:

"My buddy Peter John Allen and my brother Brendan Kane convinced me to write about my qualifying for the prestigious 99th Ontario Amateur Golf Championship which typically features USA Golf Scholarship kids with previous Champions such as Corey Conors, Mike Weir and Ontario Golf legends Gary Cowan and Nick Westlock. Peter said, "you owe it to your grand kids" which is odd as I don't have any LOL but any ways here's my story.



FEW PEOPLE knew that Desmond Kane (above, centre, right) was such an accomplished golfer. He talks to our Rejean Cantlon. Photos by Glen Gervais.

On July 13th, I participated in round Number 1 which is the same format as PGA Tour events. The tournament moves around the province every year. The winner earns exemption to Canadian Amateur and goes to the US Amateur Golf Championship, which was won a record three times by Tiger Woods. Almost every winner and most in the top ten are all very young and will turn professional soon after winning these events.

I had the privilege of playing with 16-year-old Mitchell Grey and 18-year-old Robert Mcvinne. Both of these fine young men were a pleasure to compete with and are excellent players.

It was 33 years ago that I made my one and only previous appearance at this event playing the first round with Canadian golf legend, Mike Weir, way back in 1988. Needless to say, our golf paths went in different directions. I'll bet he wishes he could have been here in Windsor today battling it out in 40 degree heat but he chose the professional route for real money making millions lol... My kids are like... all you get if you win is a trophy?



My first round was going well, one over par 37 on front nine and then almost birdied #10 and then the shoes fell off, literally. I had to remove shoes and socks and stand in the lake on #12 as my ball was inches from water. I ending up making a very good bogey but the rest of the day was a real struggle. Golf can seriously humble you. As my good friend Stevie Ray Kim Toonk would say, "if only I had some talent, could make some putts, keep the ball in the fairway once in awhile, listened to my golf

coach back in college, had a better awhile.....I could have gone pro baby!"

Thanks to the lessons I learned from my much younger opponents I held it together as best I could for the balance of the round.

It was great to be back, many great players like McKenzie Hughes



GOLFING sure is fun on a nice day. Photo by Glen Gervais.

could not claim victory at this event and many very good players don't make it here so I'm proud at end of day to be here with only 113 other golfers who qualified from regional qualifying sites across the province where it's one day where you better shoot a low score under pressure to make it.

Can you guess I'm bored sitting in my Windsor hotel room away from my beautiful family? Onwards and upwards tomorrow, if I can fire a 68 maybe I'll make the cut for last 36 holes. It's a tall order but I've been dreaming about being back here for 33 years. Unfortunately Des did not make the cut after his second round, but he does have this impressive bragging right. He qualified. To be able to compete against the top amateur golfers is quite an accomplishment, plus he'll have another story for the hockey old timer's this Fall and for his future grand kids."



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