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Huge upset as Grimes tossed for Amber Morley

Dissatisfied voters of Ward 3 Etobicoke Lakeshore have called for change and tossed out veteran councillor Mark Grimes. Rookie politician Amber Morley crushed Grimes in a heated and tough campaign, which had plenty of name calling and alleged sign-stealing by supporters.



ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE WARD 3 residents were stunned as political rookie Amber Morley won Ward 3 in the October 24 civic elections defeating 19-year councillor Mark Grimes, who lost the seat by more than 2,000 votes. Staff and Courtesy photos.

The upset by Morley is what many describe as the largest loss in Toronto's municipal election on October 24. The new councillors will be sworn in on Nov. 15. The newcomer managed to defeat the incumbent, who was endorsed by Mayor-elect John Tory, who is still popular with voters, while Grimes clearly is not. "We did it. Change is possible," Morley told her excited campaign supporters and staff on

election night. The young social worker, a community health promoter with LAMP Community Health Centre, won a 46.6 percent share of the vote compared to Grimes'

40.4 per cent. In 2018, Grimes got 40.9 per cent of the vote to Morley's 27.19 per cent.

Her promised priorities, once sworn in, will be working on affordable housing, safe streets, accessible transportation and resilient and vibrant neighbourhoods.

Morley defeated the long-time councillor by an embarrassing 2,012 votes, despite him holding office for 19 years.

"As someone who's grown up as a low-income person, as a racialized person, often, we don't see ourselves reflected in those systems," Morley told the CBC. "I hope that my participation helps

people like me see themselves in the [political] process." Many residents had complained about Grimes low attendance at City Hall and friendliness with developers.

A Go Fund Me to help save Santa Claus Parade

A Go Fund Me campaign has been launched to save the popular Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade that is danger of grounding Santa, Rudolph and hundreds of volunteers.



Members of the Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade 2022 launched an online Facebook fundraiser on October 10.

A GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN WAS launched to raise \$30,000 to help the Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade stay afloat. Organizers said a lack of funds from businesses due to COVID-19 has made it difficult for the parade, which is now in its 32nd year. Volunteers are still required to help with the December 3 parade that attracts as many as 70,000 spectators. Photos by Staff and Courtesy.

Parade organizers said they have been "bringing the magic of the holidays to Etobicoke Lakeshore and beyond," as one of the largest non-profit community parades in the country since 1991. It is now in its 32nd year.

\$30,000 to run the parade," according to the Go Fund Me post.

They said it cost \$30,000 to run the parade in 2019 "and we know that figure will be higher this year."

Organizers said the funds are raised from community donations and business partnerships.

"Unfortunately, this year some of our community partners will be unable to support us as much as in the past," the post warned.

"Two years of COVID has seriously depleted our resources. Our fixed expenses include float storage and utilities that still needed to be paid."

Area residents love the parade and organizers estimate up to 70,000 people attend the event yearly.

"Santa's elves are looking forward to bringing back the sounds of the bands, schools and community groups walking, colourful characters and of course the floats," a poster said.

"We are even planning for a new float this year if funds can be raised to complete it. Please help bring the smiles back to everyone's faces."

The parade was created by the late long-time New Toronto businessman and volunteer Peter Ramos. See Page 9.

Volunteers to help with the parade are badly needed and residents are asked to donate at a Go Fund Me page today: <https://gofund.me/28cdfa03>

The parade, which runs from Dwight Ave. to Thirty Sixth Street, in Long Branch, brings out many residents you rarely see during the year.

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November 11 is Remembrance Day

Hearing for incoming Chief



CHIEF ELECT Myron Demkiw

There will be a meeting with top city officials soon to discuss the fate of incoming Toronto Police Chief Myron Demkiw. Mayor John Tory and Toronto Police Services Board Chair Jim

Hart, have requested that Demkiw attend a meeting with Chanelle Gallant and JP Hornick, who are 2SLGBTQ+ advocates opposed to Demkiw being appointed Chief of police.

The long-time cop was appointed some months ago to replace Interim Chief James Ramer. He is scheduled to assume the role on December 19.

"Given Mr. Demkiw's record of misconduct and his willingness to silence city councillors, we must raise serious questions about how this appointment could have taken place, and what it signals for historically over-policed communities in Toronto," Gallant and Hornick wrote in an open letter to city officials.

They claimed to be original members of the Toronto Women's Bathhouse Committee and Demkiw was one of the officers responsible for the planning and execution of a raid on a queer event at the Pussy Palace, a women's bathhouse, in September 2000.

They wrote that Demkiw had been involved in task forces that conducted surveillance and raids in predominantly Black neighbourhoods.

In 2002, his actions were found to violate the Charter rights of attendees, and resulted in a settlement at the Ontario Human Rights Commission, police reforms, and a public apology from the Toronto Police Service (TPS) in 2016.

In 2005, a class-action lawsuit and complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Commission resulted in a

\$350,000 settlement, part of which covered legal fees with some funds donated to charities of the complainants' choice.

In the court case that followed, Justice Peter Hryn described the officers' conduct as "bringing the administration of justice into disrepute."

The judge dismissed the charges, arguing male officers should never have gone into the Pussy Palace, because it amounted to a strip search of the women and that violated their Charter rights. The settlement included a formal apology in writing from the male officers involved in the raid to the Toronto Women's Bathhouse Committee, and also required the force to establish sensitivity training for all members regarding the LGBT community.

Demkiw was among the officers who then sued a sitting city councillor for speaking for the defence, and was involved in a series of additional raids on queer spaces that same year.

"In your two year hiring process, the communities you consulted told you that they have significant concerns about police accountability," according to the letter. "What message does the appointment of an officer who has been directly involved in a breach of civil liberties send to those communities?" JP Hornick was arrested and charged with liquor violations at the time of the raid.

"The police really tore through the place top to bottom asking questions, pulling signs off walls...interrogating us for a fair bit of the night," she said. Police had no comment.



RETIRING CHIEF James Ramer



Remembrance Day

Here are some Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place on November 11 so we can remember those who gave their lives for us.

The first is a sunrise ceremony that takes place at 7 a.m. at the New Toronto Monument, Col. Samuel Smith Park, at Kipling Ave. and Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Other memorial services will take place at 11 a.m. at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101, 3850 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 643, 110 Jutland Road and the Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall.

The Etobicoke Cenotaph, at the Civic Centre, was constructed in 1968 in memory of those brave men who gave their lives in World War I (1914 - 1918), World War II (1939 - 1945), and Korean War (1950 - 1953). Next to the Cenotaph, a plaque honouring Corporal Frederick George Topham, V.C., an Etobicoke War Hero which was erected in 1980.

"On 24th March 1945, Corporal Topham, a medical orderly, parachuted with his Battalion on to a strongly defended area east of the Rhine," stated his citation. "Whilst treating casualties sustained in the drop, a cry for

help came from a wounded man in the open. Two orderlies from a field ambulance went to this man but both were killed as they knelt beside the casualty."



CORP. Frederick George Topham, V.C.

Without hesitation, Corporal Topham went forward through intense fire to replace the orderlies who had been killed before his eyes.

"As he worked on the wounded man, he was himself shot through the nose," his citation read. In spite of severe bleeding and intense pain, he never faltered in his task. Having completed immediate first aid, he carried the wounded man steadily and slowly back through fire to the shelter."

"During the next two hours Corporal Topham refused all offers of medical help for his own wound," according to the military. "He worked most devotedly to bring in wounded, showing complete disregard for the heavy and accurate enemy fire.

"On his way back to his company he came across a carrier, which had received a direct hit," the military said. Topham in spite of the blasting ammunition and enemy fire rescued three occupants.

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Pharmacies lock their doors to prevent violent robberies



SUSPECT sought by police.

A number of security-conscious pharmacies in Mimico and South Etobicoke have taken to locking their doors which are only opened from inside by staff for legitimate customers. Customers are told to knock on the locked front glass door of the pharma-



POLICE INVESTIGATE area pharmacy thefts. Courtesy photo.

cies and are allowed in by a worker. The move is required to avert a growing number of violent thieves who have targeted pharmacies and prescription drugs to steal. Opening their door to avert thieves is not something that merchants want to do in that many of their customers are regulars who have been returning for decades. Toronto Police said the number of pharmacy robberies have more than doubled this year. There were 49 of the robberies in 2021, according to police. We are way over 120 so far this year. Pharmacists in South Etobicoke say they are seeing robberies take place almost daily or multiple times a day. One Toronto pharmacy was robbed more than 14 times. In some cases pharmacists or their staff are shot, stabbed or beaten by gun-toting thugs looking for prescription

drugs to sell. The gangs are becoming more brazen and violent. Etobicoke pharmacy owner Michael Malak used to enjoy the job and followed his parents footsteps. "It's now scary coming to work," said Malak, who has been an Etobicoke pharmacist for 10 years.



Malak is considering another trade after his store was robbed in early October by a group of masked men who beat him up and demanded narcotics. "He (robber) put me in a headlock and started punching me," Malak said. Days later four teenage boys around 16-years-old were arrested following three armed car-jackings and eight pharmacy robberies in Toronto and York Region.



MIMICO PHARMACIES (top,bottom) which have a locked door policy.

Police allege one or two boys would approach vehicles pointing a handgun at the occupant while demanding their keys, vehicle and property. Another group of boys, often travelling in these stolen vehicles, would enter pharmacies in a takeover-style robbery, police say. They would then escape in an awaiting vehicle. Police and business owners are tracking more thieves with security cameras, installing bullet proof glass or a buzzer system. They worry that turning pharmacies into fortresses will deter patients making it harder to care for them.

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Lakeshore Charitable Foundation

A fundraising drive to raise \$5,000 is underway by the Lakeshore Charitable Foundation (LCF) to fund new projects involving school children in the Philippines. LCF President Jay Llave said hundreds of loot bags, which includes food items as rice and school materials, are given to children at a Christmas party attended by kids of two schools in the Philippines twinned with schools in Etobicoke. Hundreds of letters between the students from both countries will also be exchanged later this year. Also purchased was a 14-foot air Santa Claus for the party. To donate e-mail admin@lakeshoreaccounting.ca or call 416-251-3474.

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The winners of all Etobicoke Ward races

Toronto is a car theft capital of all Canada



WINNERS INCLUDE COUNCILLOR ELECT Amber Morley (left) with Councillors Stephen Holyday (Centre) and Vince Crisanti.

Congratulations to Councillor elect Amber Morley and her hard-working team. Incoming councillor Morley will have to work with some seasoned politicians to get things done for Ward 3 Etobicoke Lakeshore residents.

Mark Grimes was the only veteran City of Toronto politician to be sent packing last October 24 by the voters from his long-held Ward 3.

Stephen Holyday, who is also Deputy Mayor, was re-elected to represent Ward 2 in Etobicoke Centre which he has held for eight years. He was first elected in 2014. He is a busy councillor who is also a member of a number of committees and boards, including the Board of Directors of the Hockey Hall of Fame and a member of the Canadian National Exhibition Association.

Holyday obtained more than 18,000 votes or about 72 per cent of the votes cast in the affluent Ward 2.

He is a hard-working politician, who grew up in family politics. His dad Doug, now retired, was a former three-decade Etobicoke alderman, councillor, mayor and Toronto councillor and Etobicoke Centre Conservative MPP. Further north, former councillor Vincent Crisanti was elected in Etobicoke North and is the first non-Ford to win Ward 1 in 25 years.

Crisanti had previously served two terms as the councillor for the former Ward 1 but was defeated by Michael Ford in 2018 after the Doug Ford government slashed the size of Toronto City Council.

He managed to obtain more than 40 per cent of the vote, easily topping his nearest challenger.

Crisanti is an experienced politician who previously served as one of John Tory's deputy mayors from 2014 to 2017.

He defeated about 15 candidates by a long stretch to win the blue collar ward.



CAR THEFT as you sleep. Police photo.

Toronto seems to be a car theft capital and auto thieves no longer require a tool kit to rip off a vehicle in the middle of the night.

On any give night more than a dozen high-end cars are stolen and sent abroad for sale by theft rings, say police.

A video posted on social media on October 11

shows a vehicle being stolen as we sleep. The video captured a thief using a relay method of capturing the Radio-frequency Identification (RFID) of a vehicle's fob.

The thief points the RFID device through a front window to pick up the frequency of a fob left lying without a pouch inside a home. It can take a few minutes to scan the information and the snoring residents never detect a thing.

"To thwart this method of theft, place the fob in an RFID protective pouch or other shielding device," police said. The pouch should always be with you even when you visit public parking lots or other areas.

Police said more than 6,000 vehicles have been stolen in Toronto so far this year. Carjackings in the city has risen 209 per cent from 2021 to 179 so far this year.

The RFID uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. An RFID system consists of a tiny radio transponder, a radio receiver and transmitter. It operates when triggered by an electromagnetic interrogation pulse from a nearby RFID reader device.

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A Go Fund Me started by residents to help senior get a motorized scooter



PLEASE HELP Rod Flynn obtain a badly needed scooter.

A Go Fund Me campaign has been launched to try and obtain a motorized scooter for an ailing Mimico senior. Rod Flynn says he has been working for more than 50 years and paying his taxes and is now begging for help from government officials at the age of 77.



58-YEAR AREA RESIDENT Rod Flynn is being given the run around in obtaining a much-needed electric scooter. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Flynn, who has lived in Mimico and New Toronto for 58 years, suffers from a chronic lung disease, which makes it hard to breathe and he now requires a motorized scooter.

He, with the help of some concerned residents, have been trying for more than year to obtain a scooter to get around. He now uses a walker but has to make frequent stops to breathe and frequently misses his bus and trips can take a long time.

Many members of the community are more than willing to help Flynn obtain his electric scooter, which can cost from \$3,000 to \$6,000. "My lungs are gone and I have problems breathing and getting around with my walker," Flynn explained. "I need help and the social workers have forgotten about me."

The transplanted Newfoundlander said he has visited a social worker at a local hospital to seek help.

"She (social worker) called back to say that she could not help me get a scooter," Flynn said. "The hospital didn't have that program anymore."

The father of two grown children formerly worked at a Mississauga factory for more than 20 years.

"I am a senior citizen and I cannot get help in my own country," he pleaded. "I cannot go shopping or get around



RESIDENTS ARE trying to purchase for Rod a motorized scooter as the one above. Courtesy photo.

and all I want is a better life." Residents describe Flynn as a "polite, responsible and honourable" senior who helps others in the community.

He plans to keep going until he raises enough to get a motorized scooter so he can move around without having to stop to catch his breath. Flynn is not looking for anything fancy but a scooter that will get him to his destinations. The senior fears walking around this winter with only his walker and is hoping for a scooter to help bring his groceries and goods home.

You can search Flynn's name on Google or make a donation on Go Fund Me at https://www.gofundme.com/f/scooter-for-rod-flynn?member=22842101&sharetype=teams&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&utm_medium=sms&utm_source=customer

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Remembering those who served the community



William Law



As we mark Remembrance Day, It is difficult to describe the feelings that wash over you when you visit the WWI and WWII Canadian battlefields, landing places, and cemeteries that dot the landscape in France, Belgium, and The Netherlands.

I recently toured some of these sites including the Somme, Ypres, Amiens, Courcellette, Arras, Passchendaele, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Dieppe, Juno Beach, and The Rhineland. I felt a sense of disbelief at the enormity of destruction and the depths of courage and sacrifice still evidenced in the stories and scenes in front of me; the remains of craters and old trench systems scarring the landscape, the great number of war cemeteries located in farm fields and towns with row upon row of headstones. I was awestruck by their number, marking the final



THE NATIONAL VIMY RIDGE MEMORIAL - The Battle of Vimy Ridge is often considered one of Canada's greatest battles of WWI and a significant part of our history.

Missing such as the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, beside the names of 6,939 other Canadians.

Although the WWI and WWII battlefields and cemeteries of France, Belgium, and The Netherlands seem far away, each battle, grave, Regiment, and name commemorated there has a direct link back to a community in Canada, including south Etobicoke.

The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother's Own) which served in Europe during WWII and is the successor of the 75th Battalion C.E.F of WWI is located on Birmingham Street. The Vimy Memorial located in Mimico, the New Toronto and Humber Bay Memorials located at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #643, and the Honour Rolls held by many churches, businesses, and schools all contain the names of members of our community who served in war including those who never returned.

Members of the community like brothers Sergeant Victor Arding MM and Corporal John Arding MM, both serving with the 75th Battalion and killed in action on the same day Nov 18, 1916. Sergeant Arding is buried at the ADANAC Cemetery Somme, France and Corporal Arding is commemorated on the Vimy Memorial Pas de Calais, France, his remains never found. Corporal Arding and his wife, Florence Arding, lived on Fourth Street, New Toronto.



JUNO BEACH is where Canadian D-Day Landings occurred in June 1944 during WWII.

resting places of so many Canadians. Most headstones identify a young volunteer; 21, 23, 25 years of age, their Regiment, and the date they died. Other graves hold the remains of the unknown, marked only with the words; "A Canadian Soldier."

In some cases, their remains never found, they are commemorated on one of the Memorials to the

William Law is a Veteran having served with the Toronto Scottish Regiment. He is 1st Vice President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #643. His father, Ray Law, is a WWII Veteran.



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Some more of our aviation history gone from CFB Borden

By GARFIELD INGRAM

A few of the last hangars at Canadian Forces Base Borden were demolished last week after serving this country and our Allies well for more than 100 years.

Built in 1917, the airfield at Camp Borden was one of a cluster of establishments that were built to train members of the Royal Flying Corps in WW1. There is a connection to our Lakeshore community as the now extinct Curtiss Flying School in Long Branch, was a part of this group. Many pilots and aircrew were trained at Long Branch but it was unable to



THIS GROUP OF early students at Camp Borden were trained to fly JN-4 Canucks, a trainer type aircraft. It was the first aircraft to go into mass production in Canada; about 1 210 were built by Canadian Aeroplanes Ltd right here in Toronto. **Military photo.**



keep up with the demand for replacement pilots, aircrew and ground crew.

Lt. Col. C.G. Hoare of the Royal Air Force (RAF) was dispatched to establish training facilities in Canada, and in Texas, which he did in record time, largely because of his ability to

avoid 'red tape.'

The airfields, hangars and support buildings went up quickly and were able to house hundreds of cadets and staff, although in rather primitive conditions. There were more than a dozen hangars placed in a long, curved row next to the grass airfield.

They were meant to last for the duration of the war but most lasted till now, over 100 years later.

Camp Borden served for the duration of WW1, through the lean inter-war years and throughout WWII, when it was a busy base for training for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.



CURVED AIRFIELD at Camp Borden where our flyers trained.

After WWII, the hangars were still used but they required a lot of maintenance and installation of heating and electrical systems to keep operating.

One hangar, currently houses the Borden Military Museum's Air Force collection.

To keep it standing, they needed to build a steel internal structure with footings,

remove asbestos and upgrade the electrical

and HVAC systems- all in all, a very expensive exercise.

Could we, all of us, have saved them? If so, a financial plan would be needed to fund the architecture and construction costs. There would need to be a plan and resources to maintain them and give them a use.

In the end, a lot of tax money was saved but a part of our military and architectural history is now gone forever.

If you are interested in looking into the history of WWI aviation, visit the Great War Flying Museum in Brampton or visit Base Borden Military Museum, just west of Barrie.

You can phone the museum at 905- 838-4936 or visit <https://greatwarflyingmuseum.org> or send them an e-mail at info@greatwarflyingmuseum.org

Garfield Ingram has been a life-time resident of South Etobicoke. He is the President and Creative Director of MI Concept, an Etobicoke business designing theme parks, waterparks and entertainment facilities worldwide. His early inspiration came from Ernie Tindale's art class at Royal York Collegiate. He has had a passionate interest in all aspects of flying and aviation history. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Great War Flying Museum.



THE LAST OF THE AIR HANGARS at CFB Borden are being demolished as time marches on and with many memories gone. Many South Etobicoke flyers trained here. **Photo by Garfield Ingram.**

WE REMEMBER

Christine HOGARTH
MPP ETOBICOKE-LAKESHORE

Wing lovers from near and far gather at Maple Leaf House



JIM O'BRIEN is a wing-loving regular at Maple Leaf House Grill. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Retired former Campbell Soup employee Jim O'Brien is one of many chicken wing lovers who have been returning for many years to their favourite Maple Leaf House Grill & Lounge to enjoy a tasty meal. "I've been coming here for

wings for more than 10 years," said O'Brien, who retired from the soup company after 23 years. "I think the wings here is just as good, or better than other places."

He said working at Campbell was the best job he has had and then more than 500 employees worked at the now gone Birmingham Street plant making soup for all of Canada.

Mimico resident Mark Potter said has been stopping by the Maple Leaf House Grill just about every week or two for the last 14 years to get his fill of wings.

"They are big and juicy," Potter explained. "There is only two places that I go for wings and this is one of them."



MAPLE LEAF HOUSE GRILL owner Dave Cole loves his job and his many customers.

He said the large wings are always fresh, spicy "and go well with beer and the hockey game." The sports bar is busy for the many televised hockey games, baseball play-offs and football.

Sports fan and former New Toronto resident Dave Cole has owned the pub for the last 14 years. He managed to survive the challenges from COVID due to support from the community.

"Business is coming back slowly," Cole said. "People come back here regularly for the wings, which are large 'jumbo roasters' that are never frozen."

He believes regulars love his wings because they are locally sourced and are eaten in a week.

"Our wings are obtained from local farmers and are never frozen," Cole said. "Our wings are not purchased overseas and brought here."

The pub makes its own sauces from natural ingredients and customers know they are getting real chicken wings.

"Our wings are fresh and that's why they are the best," he vowed. "People come from all over Ontario for our wings."

He has many customers from Mississauga and some from Barrie, who formerly lived in the area and stop by for a meal when in the area.

While there one customer had arrived early and eagerly waited for a fast-selling Philly Cheese Steak that is only available on Fridays.



Cole will be bringing back live bands this month and reminds customers that his huge covered patio remains open all winter. A large private banquet hall that holds about 100 is available for rental.

The House Grill has many received many good reviews and recommendations on social media for its food and service. The Maple Leaf House Grill is located at 2749 Lake Shore Blvd. W., near First Street, and can be reached at 416-255-2558. You can visit them at www.mapleleafhouse.ca or e-mail mapleleafhouse@live.com



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Residents mourn Peter Ramos aka ‘Mayor of Lakeshore’

Community residents are mourning the death of Peter Ramos, a long-time New Toronto volunteer, businessman and former president of the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area.

Affectionately known as the “Mayor of Lakeshore,” Ramos passed away on September 24 and a memorial service was held for him on October 5 in Woodbridge. He was 71.

Ramos was born in New Toronto, where he spent most of his life improving the lives of residents. He loved the community and was well-known for his business acumen, activism and volunteering in charitable causes.

Ramos in the 1990s owned Chubbies Deli, near Eighth Street, which his colleagues said offered the best corn beef sandwiches in the area and always had a steady lineup of customers outside the building. He also at one time owned another popular restaurant near Fourth Street. He is credited for starting the popular Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade and the Lakeshore Village BIA, on which he served as president for 10 years.

His friend John Scheffer, a former airline pilot, laundry owner and president of the BIA, said Ramos toiled for years to get the Santa Claus Parade rolling in 1991. The parade is now in its 32 year.



COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND BUSINESSMAN Peter Ramos lived his entire life in the Lakeshore area, where he was loved by many residents. Courtesy photos.



PETER WITH SIGN OF Chubbies Deli a popular eatery he owned where there were often lineups for the delicious sandwiches.

“It took Peter three years to get the Santa Claus Parade going,” Scheffer recalled. “Many other people became involved afterwards.”

Under his tenure, the Lakeshore Village BIA, improved street lighting, introduced Christmas decorations and large planters along Lake Shore Blvd. W. He also fought for a parking lot on Sixth Street, Lakeshore Village Park and many other improvements we enjoy today, former BIA officials said.

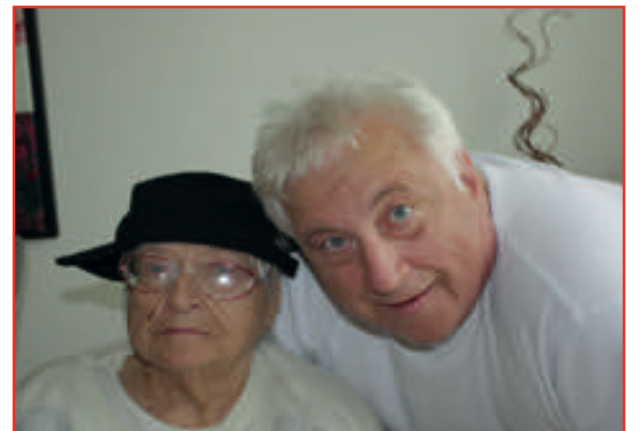
“I remember when he was going around to all the stores to obtain signatures to start a BIA,” Scheffer said. “At that time 50% of the businesses had to approve the association.”

Patricia Jutzeler-Delfin, a fourth generation owner of The Clock Factory, said Ramos was always helpful and volunteering with events to promote the community.

“Many people called him the ‘Mayor of Lakeshore,’” she said. “He started the mural program and did a lot of things for the community. He would give the shirt off his back to help others.” Many residents recall Peter at one time did all the watering of the planters with large foliage that lined the Lakeshore. He would also help set up props or sets in BIA promotions.



PETER IS CREDITED for helping to start the Lakeshore Village BIA and the popular Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade 32 years ago.



PETER with his mom. He loved the Lakeshore Village area and volunteered for many deeds to uplift the community.



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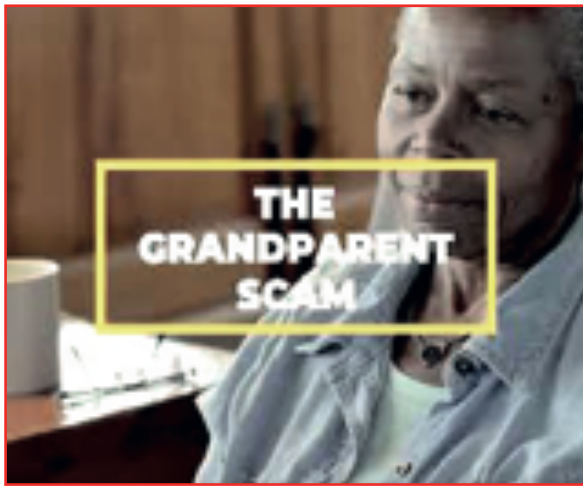
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Tips to curb scammers preying on seniors



The caller goes on to say that they are in some kind of trouble, such as being in a car accident or being put in jail, and that they need money immediately, police explained.

“Some victims may get calls from two people, one pretending to be their loved one and the other acting as a police officer or lawyer,” investigators said. “The caller will ask the potential victim a series of leading questions which prompts them to volunteer personal information.”

Officer said the scammers will ask for money to be delivered in cash to a “bail bondsman” or an “employee of a law firm or court”.

“Victims often don’t verify the caller’s story until after the money has been given to the



POLICE WARN SENIORS NEVER to disclose their personal information to anyone on the telephone or computer. File photos.

Police across the GTA are once again warning residents to be alert of scammers being aggressive or persistent in targeting seniors in an ‘emergency or grandparents scam.’

There has been 42 emergency scams reported in a one week crime spree in Halton Region and the GTA, according to police. Halton Regional Police said there were 42 grandparent scams reported from September 26 to October 3. The losses to people, usually seniors, totalled more than \$520,000, police said. Fraud officers said 22 of the 42 scams were reported in Ontario, where the losses totalled \$115,000.

“These scams have often been targeting older adults,” Halton police said in a release.

Police said in the emergency scam an older person receives a phone call from someone claiming to be their grandchild.



IF YOU FEEL pressured by salespeople on the phone to make a decision hang up or call the police.

fraudster,” Halton police said.

Here are some police tips to help you prevent becoming victimized by these scams:

If you suspect you are being contacted by a fraudster, call police or 911 if it is an emergency. If you are at a bank, do not lie to the teller – tell

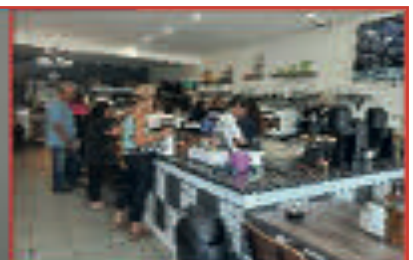
them why you are retrieving the cash. Employees are trained to assist you in recognizing possible frauds. Attempt to verify the caller’s identity – do not volunteer any information, and further ask very specific probing questions about the caller.

Request to call back the initial caller – then independently find the number of the police and call them directly to clarify the situation.

Attempt to directly call the loved one in question and clarify the matter with them.

Remember that the conmen will count on your good will to act quickly and help a loved one. Police, lawyers and the court will never ask you to give money to someone at your door. If it involves payment in bitcoin hang up since police or government officials do not ask or accept bitcoin. Tips can be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or at www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca.

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In the Community

By TOM GODFREY

Many residents in Etobicoke Lakeshore were stunned but ecstatic that Amber Morley was elected as Councillor of Ward 3 to defeat long-time incumbent Mark Grimes in a hard-fought campaign. Grimes was floored even though he had 19 years of political experience, a large team of volunteers, huge election budget with lots of large signs that tripled that of his rivals. In the end the residents of Etobicoke Lakeshore had seen enough and voted to give a younger person a chance to govern. Many had expected the veteran politician to cakewalk his way to victory. But not so this time around. Congratulations go to the candidates who also ran for the office on October 24. They included; Bonnie Hu, Mary Markovic, Marco Valle and Ari (Dino) Zeynel, known for giving out free pizza to the homeless. Grimes had represented the Ward since 2003 and people noticed that lately he was doing just enough to get by. Like many politicians, his team was hoping his almost two decades of name recognition could lead to a victory speech. The Grimes campaign was outworked by Morley's small team of volunteers. They made the rounds, knocked on the many doors and listened to voters. And even though Grimes had the endorsement of Mayor elect John Tory, the residents of Ward 3 did not buy what he was selling. Maybe the voters liked Tory, but not the incumbent. He was the only high-profile and long-serving member of Tory's team to get axed. In the end the politician had knocked on his last door and erected his last sign. The votes had been cast. Area residents are concerned about their communities. We have to daily travel through the traffic congestion, pollution and large development multiplexes rising out of every empty space. There are about 15 or 20 of these condo towers being constructed along The Queensway from Royal York Road west to Sherway Mall. And how long must some residents fight against a dusty concrete plant before it is moved.

Everywhere these high-rises appear, local or transient people or businesses have to move on because these condos are in the \$1 million or plus range and drive up the prices of housing, goods in stores and most everything where they appear. Voters are smart and are hard to be fooled. They haven't seen Grimes in the community for a while and were often reminded that he has one of the worst attendance records at City Hall. We wish Amber Morley the best and hope that she can serve the Ward well for many years. She has the support of the community behind her and many tell me they want her to do better than the previous office holder.



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.

Volunteers help others in the community to honor Marg



A volunteer project has been launched in memory of Marg Ciupa, a long-time community volunteer who co-founded and helped for years at LAMP CHC. Members of the 'Marg Sent Me' Project on November 15 at 1:30 p.m. will be making fruit kebabs and smoothies to share with a seniors' wellness program, organizers said. The volunteers are also helping at another event being hosted by LAMP at 6 p.m. on November 22, which is National Housing Day. The group, which is supported by LAMP, pays tribute to the life of Ciupa for volunteerism.

MARG CIUPA

Ciupa was a founder of Storefront Humber and ardent supporter of Women's Habitat, Etobicoke Board of Health and Center for Addiction and Mental Health. 'Marg Sent Me' is a small group of Etobicoke-Lakeshore individuals offering their time and effort to local organizations needing occasional extra assistance with an event or short-term project. Members have decades of experience in the non-profit sector and understand the roles and responsibilities of volunteering.

Ciupa was a recipient of a City of Toronto award for volunteering and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. 'Marg Sent Me' volunteers have a variety of skills and interests and are ready to help your agency or group with tasks large or small, on a one-off basis as assisting in a telephone blitz or other outreach efforts; helping prepare and, or serve holiday meals; packing or delivering food hampers or gifts. She was 91 years old and spent much of her time devoted to community service. Volunteers are needed in the Etobicoke Lakeshore area. If you are interested please contact jasminearle@rogers.com.

Donate to our Veterans!



PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN if you see a Veteran or someone else with a poppy taking part in the Royal Canadian Legion poppy fundraising drive. The funds are used to upkeep their halls and help care for our ailing Veterans who are getting older. Legion members across Canada lost huge sums after their halls could not be rented for use during two-years of COVID. Photo by Tom Godfrey.

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Your Health

By MONIKA MEULMAN

Spirit bread - pan de ánimas recipe for November:

One part love in your heart
Half cup of prayers
1 cup white flour
2 cups of contemplation over a lit candle
1 tspn of the salt of life
and a hefty sprinkling of faith

Bake in a kitchen warmed by hearty laughter and a generous, loving heart
Intention is everything.

For the month of November, join millions of people around the world and celebrate a day (or more) dedicated to the spirits of our ancestors. Maybe you honour All Saints Day, The Day of the Dead or All Souls Day. Guaranteed, one of those versions is a part of your distant cultural past. The traditional celebration of Dia de los Muertos can be traced back to Mesoamerica over 3000 years. According to Mexican tradition, this holiday begins October 31 and lasts until November second.

Are you participating this year? Do you light candles? Or offer flowers for loved ones passed? Maybe you build a colourful ofrenda (home altar) for offerings. No matter your origin story, you may enjoy lighting a candle or two as the days get shorter. After all, lighting a candle can create a meditative space in any room. It has been shown to be an effective meditation technique for beginner and master alike. In Trataka, which means 'gaze' in Sanskrit, you look upon a lighted candle with intention. Your gaze is soft and unwavering. As you focus on this small point, your mind slows and quiets.

A lit candle can also help you in prayer since it represents the light of Christ, in Christianity. Lighting candles for loved ones passed, is a bright and soothing way to remember their lives. In the Jewish religion, there is a beautiful tradition of lighting a Yahrzeit Candle, and we are invited to read the words: 'The candle of God is the soul of a person', as we light the flame. Thus, hot on the heels of Halloween, an evening of dressing up, candy and parties, comes upon us the spirit season. This is a season of blessings and contemplation. Whether you honour ancient traditions or celebrate a religious day of all souls, you can feel the spirited energy of November. The days almost have a hazy, smoky air, as if the spirits beckon us to remember them. Take this opportunity to celebrate the spirits of our ancestors and honour those who have come before us; we are invited to remember.

That's an interesting concept isn't it?

When we look to our ancestors, light a candle as a connection to their spirit, remember all those who have come before us, we are directly connecting to our past. This past is celebrated. It's in stark contrast to our modern practice to look forward, to move forward, to make progress and expand. You may argue that looking to the past holds us back. But in this context, does it?

It is an interesting time of year. As we honour our ancestors and create an offering, we put aside moments to dedicate to the past. We may offer our prayers in the kitchen as we cook extra meals with the overflowing harvest. Maybe you are inspired to bake some 'pan de ánimas', a spirit bread that is offered as feast and a gratitude of abundance. Did you know in pre-Christian Europe, it was common to stoke kitchen fires bright all night long and offer gifts of food and drink for the spirits of the dead? This was the historical all souls day: Samhain. So many cultures, across the lands, believe that the veil is thin at this time of year. That there is a certain spirited connection in this air; the gates between the worlds are open.

I welcome all the history to come to light, to the light of a candle, because it offers us a richer connection to the past. For all souls day and baking our spirit bread we are invited to look to the past with respect and honour instead of a wondering of 'what if' or regret. It allows us to move forward with grace, power, confidence that we are on the right path as we keep in our hearts all those that have come before us. With delicious feasts and harvests in our kitchens, candles burning bright and generous offerings to our families, friends and communities, we can rest assured we are stepping into a future of which our ancestors approve.

In the words of a Guatemalan native: "Day of the Dead here is similar to Thanksgiving in the United States, because people travel across the country to be reunited with family members, living and dead" - from Day of the Dead in the USA by Regina M. Marchi

"If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is to be present in the present. Gratefully."

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From the Bench

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI

It's Remembrance Day. We remember all those in the wars that have given their youth, their bodies or their lives so that we may enjoy the benefits of our country. Let's not ignore their purpose. We owe them. We need to make sacrifices for them. They gave us their lives. They fought not only for us but for the peoples of other countries such as Holland, Belgium and France. They sacrificed for the people of Afghanistan, Korea and many other places worldwide without personal benefit. One can give no more significant outstanding contribution than their life to other humans. Can we live up to that? They understood the difference between sacrifice for others from demands for themselves. Our indigenous countrymen gave to others while being denied their family dignity. Today, it is not about me but our debt to others. We can honour them by (paraphrasing President Kennedy) asking what can I do for our country and not what our country can do for me, President Kennedy.

We also must pause and think about the police officers and firemen, each knowingly risking their lives for us.

Each bears a different risk. For the soldier, there is a clear enemy and an expectation that they are constant targets with the only expectation that they will be killed. Death is part of the job. The police officer has a different challenge. He serves the public, the criminal, the victim, and the people. A bit more confusing for he deals in an environment where there is no enemy per se - they serve all. Death is unexpected but a possibility. Then there is the fireman who, as a regular performance of his duties, constantly exposes himself to dangerous environments that can risk his life immediately or expose it to life-shortening contaminants. Each job brings about the possibility of harm, more than many of us encounter daily. They all do this for others.

These people who served and serve us don't identify as Liberals, Conservatives or Socialists. They were Christians, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists, Indigenous and Atheists. They came from the West, East, North and Central Canada. They were students, farmers, factory workers, nurses, engineers and a host of others. They were and are united in one purpose, the wellness and safety of our country and the survival of our people. They shared a standard view of our democracy. Important was the sacrifice of their individual life for the communal good of the community.

Their contribution wasn't only the use of force for our protection, but it was the sacrifice of the fireman entering a burning house to save a little girl's cat; the soldier escorting the young Afghan child by the hand to school for the first time or the policeman delivering the distressed mother's first baby. Their empathy and understanding exceeded any fear of self-danger.

I admire the young people who are recording the thoughts of the last veterans of the wars as to what they saw and felt. We need these memories to understand the horrors of war and the need to avoid it. General Eisenhower, who led the United Nations Forces in the Second World War, hated war and thought anyone who had never served or seen the blood of a battle was unqualified to order troops into harm's way. He warned the American people of the dangers of war, "but also made comments appropriate today regarding Ukraine. "I never want to see that history repeated. But, my fellow Americans, it certainly can be repeated if the peace-loving democratic nations fearfully practice a policy of standing idly by. At the same time, big aggressors use armed force to conquer the small and weak".

We can build cement monuments for them, or better yet, we can live up to their expectations. Instead of calling each other an enemy, we can work together. Instead of finding differences, we can work towards compromises. We can teach our children civility and a recognition that each of us deserves dignity. We can restore the dignity of our indigenous neighbours. We can stop calling each other names. These actions speak louder than a cold statute" If ye break the faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Field."

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, found guilty of murder for throwing his wife from a 17th floor balcony in March 1981. He can be reached at lbudzinski@talkjustice.info



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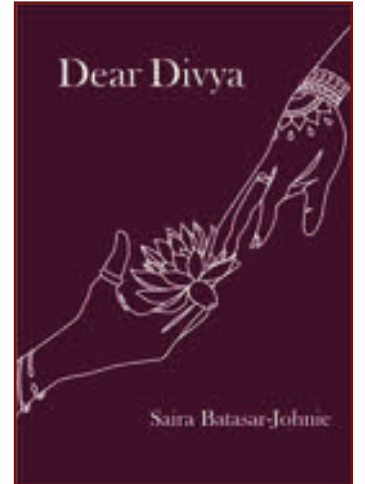
Local writer's novel receiving good reviews



SOUTH ETOBICOKE raised Saira Batasar-Johnie has released her first novel Dear Divya which is doing well. Johnie (above, centre and right) with lovely family, book cover and at launch. Courtesy photos.

self-discovery. She is determined to change her reputation and social status in her new setting. "As the school year begins, Anjali finds herself having to navigate a new world of having Brown, Black and Asian friends for the first time meeting boys and transitioning to new friendships" she writes. "Anjali proudly looks to her older sister Amara who is breaking intergenerational rules." Batasar-Johnie by day is a Child and Youth Care Worker, a mom, wife, daughter, sister and friend. She is passionate about relating the history of Indo-Caribbeans and "hopes to educate young people with her words and inspire them to continue their journey of understanding themselves in this world." "I still can't believe I survived my first year of high school without you. We had so many plans," Batasar-

Johnie writes. "I do think about you and hope you know I haven't forgotten you. I miss laying in bed pretending to do our makeup because now I actually wear makeup." She graduated from Humber College in 2011 with a Honours Diploma in Child and Youth Work and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care Degree at Toronto Metropolitan University, formerly Ryerson. She has a Master of Arts in Child and Youth Care. Dear Divya was released last September and is available online on Amazon. The paperback retails for just over \$10 online. The work has received an eight-star rating from readers. The author says she enjoys the process of writing and creating a story, which is widely read.



South Etobicoke raised Saira Batasar-Johnie's first novel Dear Divya is receiving good reviews from readers. Dear Divya tells the story of a teenage girl growing up and experiencing life during her first years in high school. Batasar-Johnie grew up in South Etobicoke where her family still lives. The book draws upon her school age years after moving to Toronto from Guyana. The 81-page story depicts the challenges faced by an Indo-Guyanese girl, Anjali Singh, who at 14, is entering her first year of high school and how she copes with



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NOVEMBER 7 ETOBICOKE CAMERA CLUB presents freelance photographer *Ethan Meleg* who specializes in landscapes, ecosystems, birds and wildlife. He is represented by major stock agencies and has been published by National Geographic, Canadian Geographic, Forbes, Ontario Tourism, Lonely Planet and Popular Photography. Ethan will present *Just Winging It*: his approach to bird photography. To purchase tickets go to <https://www.facebook.com/etobcc>.

ADULT DROP IN PROGRAM MOVED - If you are hungry and in need of food LAMP's Adult Drop-In program has moved to St. Margaret's Anglican Church 156 Sixth Street. Meals are take away and dine-in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Services Available: Meals (take away and dine-in), access to laundry and showers, referral and case management, harm reduction supplies, hygiene kits, period bags and pet food.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT at St. Margaret New Toronto, at 156 Sixth Street, is Maggie's Family Friday, where families with school-aged children can enjoy

a free meal, programming, free laundry services, groceries and care packages or donations from the community. Contact Rev. Jacqueline Daley at 416-259-2659.

NOVEMBER 18 TASTE OF THE LAKESHORE FUNDRAISER by Youth Unlimited GTA, at The Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a seated coffee-house experience, with intimate performances, food tastings from the community and stories of Youth Unlimited's work. Funds raised will go to Etobicoke Young Moms, Youth Leaders in Training Program, Lakeshore Soccer League and more. Tickets are \$50 and available by e-mail aironside@yugta.ca

NOVEMBER 22 NATIONAL HOUSING DAY- LAMP Community Health Centre: interested in action and advocacy surrounding affordable housing in our community? We are looking for volunteers from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 185 5th Street to assist in supporting the National Housing Day initiatives! We are also looking for volunteers for prep-and-outreach leading up to the day of the event! E-mail: jasmind@lampchc.org or call 416 252 6471 ext. 309 for more.

NOVEMBER 22 LOOKING FOR LOW COST spay and neuter services for your pet? The City of Toronto SYNP Truck will be at LAMP CHC on November 22 and December 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required in advance. Contact 416-338.6281 or visit www.toronto.ca/snyptruck

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NOVEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to help raise funds for St. Margarets New Toronto from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 156 Sixth Street. There will be activities, take-out food for sale and donations accepted to help the church replenish its funds after COVID. For more information call 416-259-2659.

NOVEMBER 26 THE LAKESHORE GROUNDS INTERPRETIVE Centre is holding its third annual New Toronto Holiday Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 2 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive to shop for homemade gifts for the holidays, or entertain the kids at a free craft station hosted by Friends of Sam Smith Park. All proceeds go to LAMP Community Health Centre.

NOVEMBER 29 FALL WELLNESS SERIES Pillars of Resilience every Tuesday. LAMP CHC is pleased to offer this free workshop featuring *Mary Craig*, RVT both online and in person from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. until November 29. This series includes mindful movement, meditation and breath work strengthening our resilience strategies. Email: jasmind@lampchc.org or call: 416-252-6471 Ext. 308 for registration.

NOVEMBER 30 'Tis the Season Children's Art Show and Community Open House' from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, to vote for your favourite artworks created by students from area schools, while enjoying diverse family friendly activities. Exhibition runs from November 15 to December 14. For more call 416-338-7255 or E-mail assembly@toronto.ca. Sponsored by Long Branch BIA, Mimico by the Lake BIA and Mimico Village BIA.

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When: Sunday November 13th, 12noon-1pm. Followed by lunch
Where: 156 Sixth St, Etobicoke. Come to the community hall at St Margaret New Toronto Church
Who is it for: This remembrance gathering is open to everyone

During the gathering we will read out the names of the loved ones we are remembering. You will be invited to write the name of your loved when you arrive at the hall, or you can email the name to Zarita

Lakeshore Arts will be supporting children and families with a grief art activity. Lunch will be provided from 1-2:30pm

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Campbell's Soup plant now a distribution centre

Developers are proud of The Birmingham, a brand new three-warehouse 'last mile' distribution centre, built on the former Campbell's Soup plant site on Birmingham Street.

Photos have been released online of the three huge buildings, at two elevations, called The Birmingham, which totals near 400,000 square feet of leasable space, according to information from the company.

"This one-of-a-kind, last-mile, distribution campus will utilize the latest in design and technology," according to the developers. "Special care is being given to the heritage element ... which will be incorporated into the new industrial façade."

The properties are slated for completion in the Spring of 2023 by QuadReal Property Group, a global real estate investment, operating and development company based in



THE NEW CAMPBELL'S facility will be state-of-the-art and user friendly.

The facility will provide on-site parking for 285 cars, of which 28 will be reserved for office related uses. Some 86 loading dock spaces are proposed to support warehouse



SOME OF THREE warehouses (above) with 400,000 square feet of space now for lease on the former Campbell's Soup land at 60 Birmingham Street. Some residents have posted anti-warehouse signs (above) to block large trucks that will be using the local roads.



THE WAREHOUSES WILL contain some 86 loading docks for cargo to be transported to trucks. The facility will be called The Birmingham. Courtesy photos.

Vancouver. The addresses of the warehouses are 60 Birmingham Street, 160 Dwight Street and 175 New Toronto Street.

The designers Cavalieri & Associates claim to be 'project and development leaders involved with hundreds of facilities totalling millions square feet of industrial and commercial space.'

distribution operations. The company said both truck level and drive-in door spaces are spread across each structure, yet strategically located to minimize views and excessive noise from the residential neighbourhood streets.

Area residents are worried that The Birmingham will lead to many more trucks in the area with increased noise to their neighbourhood, which has many young children and schools.

Dozens of signs appeared before the October 24 elections blaming the former councillor for bringing many more large warehouses to the community, where trucks congest local roads, causing dust and air pollution.

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COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

ON NOVEMBER 13 JOIN us to remember our loved ones at this Community Remembrance Gathering from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Followed by lunch at St. Margaret New Toronto, at 156 Sixth Street. The remembrance gathering is open to all in the community. You will be invited to write the name of your loved one on a memorial page, which will be read out during the ceremony. Lakeshore Arts will be supporting children and families with a grief art activity. Lunch will be provided from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The gathering is provided by St. Margaret New Toronto, Lakeshore Arts and The Dorothy Ley Hospice. For more information contact Zarita at operations@lakeshorearts.ca

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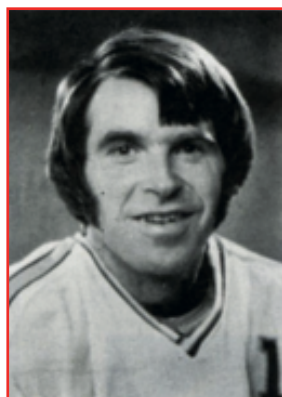
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Fans mourn local hockey legend Dave Dryden



THE LATE GREAT Dave Dryden (above, right) was loved by many in South Etobicoke.

Hockey fans in the community are mourning the loss of Dave Dryden, brother of Ken, both Etobicoke goalies who left their mark in the National Hockey League (NHL). A visitation was held for Dave in Oakville on October 9.



DAVE DRYDEN the goalie, school principal and family man (centre, right). Courtesy photos.

Dave on retirement obtained a Masters in Education and began teaching in Oakville, where he lived. He retired as an elementary school principal. "He was passionate about creating strategies for children to learn, especially those in his special education classroom," his family said. He soon after volunteered and became chairman for his parents' charity, which provided thousands, if not millions, of bed kits to children in developing countries.

The athlete, teacher and hockey equipment innovator, passed away due to complications following a surgery on October 4. He was 81.

Memorial donations may be made to Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), a charity founded by Murray Dryden, father of the famous brothers-team of record-breaking goal keepers.

Dave (and Ken) were born in Hamilton but moved during their early years in South Etobicoke where they distinguished themselves as athletes, the family said.

"It was at Etobicoke Collegiate in chemistry class that he met his "sweet," his wife of 59-years, Sandra," they said in a statement. "When they married in 1962, little did Sandra know what adventures Dave would take her on."

"She married a steady school teacher, so when Dave was called up to the NHL and World Hockey Association (WHA) a few years into their marriage, their life together took on a new trajectory."

With his family in tow, they went to Chicago (Chicago Blackhawks), Buffalo (Buffalo Sabres), Chicago (Chicago Cougars) and Edmonton (Edmonton Oilers). During those years in the crease as a goalie, Dave analyzed his goalie mask and ultimately created the template for what is now the norm in modern hockey, the mask-cage combination goalie mask.

"The pandemic brought with it not-to-be-missed Zoom calls every Sunday night," the family said. "Dave loved seeing not only his children and grandchildren on the call, but also his siblings' kids and their grandkids, who called him 'Great Dave.'"



Friends describe him as an academic, athlete, educator, innovator, a humanitarian, but most of all a family man- husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather. Dave is survived by Sandra; their children Greg and Debbie; six loving grandchildren: Jeff, Chris, Kevin, Jenn, Theo, Anaka; siblings Ken (Lynda), Judy and their families.

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Canada bracing for more Russians fleeing war



Canadian immigration authorities are bracing for a wave of Russians who fled their homeland due to the war with Ukraine and may show up here as immigrants or refugees.

A report by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) estimate more than 200,000 Russians fled their homeland due to the war with Ukraine and forced military conscription.

The internal report called 'The Exodus: Russians Fleeing Rising Authoritarianism and Upcoming Severe Economic Hardships' was prepared last March for IRCC brass in Ottawa.

The report said Russian authorities have not released data about the number of their citizens who fled the country since the war began last February 24. "It is estimated that the number is likely in the hundreds of thousands," according to the study. "Most are relatively young, highly educated and have good English skills."

An estimate by a Russian economist claimed more than 200,000 Russians have fled since the war.

"People leaving are generally those who can afford to, including Russia's well-educated urban middle-class," federal officials were told. "Many are tech profession-



IT'S A LONG TRIP to the border for those who are healthy and strong.

als who can work remotely. Others are in the academic or financial sectors."

The report said many Russians have managed to reach Europe by crossing the land border to Finland or the Baltic states since international flights are now limited.

"The others mostly head to Georgia and Armenia, but also to Kazakhstan, Turkey and Kyrgyzstan, where an entry visa is not required," according to the



CANADIAN IMMIGRATION officials say thousands of Russians are fleeing to Canada so the men can escape a draft that would send them to fight in Ukraine with little training, equipment or food. Courtesy photo.



WOMAN WITH DOG on the move. Photo by Oleksandr Rausshniak

report. "Many of them might be looking for a long-term solution in a Western country in the near future." It said Russian-issued credit cards are no longer accepted as a federal government pay-

ment system and this can cause delays as they find alternative ways to pay.

"The number of applications submitted by Russian nationals might further increase in the coming weeks," the report warned.

Canadian immigration officials in Russia will closely monitor the situation in regard "to potential Russian inland asylum claims or potential overseas refugee applications."

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Man sought for committing indecent acts against users of Marie Curtis Park

Peel Regional Police are searching for a man who is accused of committing indecent acts in front of two different women walking through the beautiful lakefront park that straddles Long Branch and Mississauga.

Police believe the acts are related and took place in the area of Dixie Road and Lakeshore Road, in Mississauga.

Police said on September 15, and September 23, between 7:50 a.m. and 8:55 a.m., two female victims reported seeing a man engaging in indecent acts as they traveled along the Marie Curtis Park Waterfront Trail.

"Both incidents occurred in the exact same spot south of the Small Arms Inspection Building," Peel police said in a release. "Both victims did not sustain any physical injuries."

The man is described as a male, white who is medium to heavy build. Officers have some tips for everyone to remain safer when out walking. They said residents should be aware, plan ahead and trust their instincts.

Park users should walk with a purpose and exude an assertive image. They should avoid isolated area that are not well lit.

They should also tell others where they are going and when they expect to arrive or return and report any suspicious activity or persons to police.

Investigators are asking other victims to come forward and anyone with information concerning these incidents or who believes they have had a similar encounter involving this man are encouraged to contact police at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1233.

Information can be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.



City called to get rid of graffiti in public areas



LAKESHORE VILLAGE BIA officials want help from the City to remove unwanted graffiti that is everywhere.

Unwanted graffiti sprayings are appearing everywhere in the South Etobicoke area and something has to be done about it.

Graffiti on walls and stores in the area are getting worst and residents have approached the City of Toronto for help to get rid of the unwanted artwork.

Mayor John Tory has made graffiti removal one of his top priorities during his third tenure in office and officials said it is about time.

The mayor and city officials are also conducting blitzes on unruly public garbage bins, construction zones, clothing drop boxes and problem potholes.

Members of the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area in an earlier letter to the Mayor said New Toronto is getting worst due to the escalating graffiti.

“Over the past two years the Lakeshore Village neighbourhood has seen a significant increase in graffiti on businesses, city assets, furniture and BIA assets,” according to the BIA. “We are sure that this is not an isolated problem and is likely the case throughout the city.”

BIA Chair Chris Korwin-Kuczynski said the graffiti is ‘everywhere you look in the community and something has to be done about combatting the issue.’

“The Lakeshore Village BIA would like to know what your office (Mayor Tory) and City Council as a whole is planning to do about this increasing vandalism,” the BIA asked.



PRECIOUS MURALS in Islington Village (top and bottom) was tagged with ugly and unwanted graffiti that cost a lot to be removed. A number of beautiful works were tagged leaving community residents upset. Courtesy photos.



“As the city regains its footing post-COVID, we would like to see significant action deterring further graffiti in the BIA and throughout the city.” He said the policy regarding graffiti in the City of Toronto must be reviewed and improved on. Business owners say they face fines from the City if the graffiti is not removed in a timely manner. It can cost a small fortune to have the graffiti removed from public areas and private property. Call 311 to report graffiti that can be removed.

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