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Cineplex saved from demolition for 10 condos

Area movie lovers are breathing a sigh of relief after learning the beloved Cineplex Cinemas Queensway has been saved from demolition for condos – for now.

There was a public outcry to save the popular cinema after a proposal was approved by Etobicoke York Community Council on June 4 to build 10

condos, some 46 stories in height, on the 1025 The Queensway site. Cineplex officials have been quiet on the proceedings and on August 26 placed signs outside the theatre stating ‘its credits won’t be rolling anytime soon.’



THE BELOVED CINEPLEX CINEMA has signed a lease for two decades and will remain open for years to come as work will begin on some of 10 condos (centre) in other sections of the large site. Residents are pleased the cinema will continue to show movies.

“We had two exterior banners installed outside the building to act as a visible reminder of our ongoing commitment to The Queensway community,” Cineplex officials said. “Since 2001, the theatre has been more than

theatre. The development will bring about 10,000 people to the area as 4,222 residential units are planned. There will also be a small park and daycare centre. Families have been attending the cinema for generations.

a place to watch movies – it’s an entertainment and social hub for family outings, date nights and fun times with friends.”

The cinema said they will be remaining in the community for now “We are looking forward to continuing to be a part of the Queensway community’s movie memories for many years to come,” it said in a statement.

Thousands of people have signed an online petition to save the

Residents rally against 5G cell tower installation

More than 1,000 Central Etobicoke residents have signed a petition to ban a planned 5G cell tower being planned for a neighbourhood landmark.

Residents are bitterly opposed to a proposed 25-metre cell tower being installed in a parking lot of Renforth Plaza at 460 Renforth Drive.

More than 100 residents gathered at the Etobicoke Olympium last month for an information session held by Shared Tower, the company building the 5G tower, which is to be partially used to boost FIFA World Cup coverage next June.

Many residents living in the area fear increased health risks – including cancer - from constant radio wave emissions from the tower.

“We firmly believed that increased health risks will directly impact the community at large due to the radio frequency electromagnetic fields emitted from this tower,”



SOME CENTRAL ETOBICOKE RESIDENTS fearing health concerns have banded together to try and halt the installation of a 5G cell tower (right and left) at Renforth Plaza. More than 1,000 residents have signed an online petition to stop the project. Centre photo Toronto Today.

according to the petition. “Several public schools exist within close proximity to the proposed tower,”

Residents have concerns that the proposed 5G site affects nearby residential areas, a retirement facility, Centennial Park and the Etobicoke Olympium where families gather. “We trust that public health and safety will continue to be a priority and that our concerns will be taken seriously and

heard,” the petition asked. “We firmly believe that the negative impacts of the health risks outweigh the Internet-availability benefits.”

Ward 2 Councillor Stephen Holyday said he is against the 5G plan.

“The issues raised include concerns over the height and built form of the tower, aesthetics, the placement on the site, [and] the appropriateness and proximity of the location of the radio communications equipment to sensitive uses such as residences and schools,” he wrote in a letter

to the City opposing the project.

He said the tower is being built. “My position is consistent with that of the residents of the community. I am in opposition to this proposal.”

Resident Carlo Di Iorio is concerned about his family’s health. “It is shocking news of a tower that will become a serious health risk to so many, including my family.”

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Paying tribute to heroes

Some Toronto Police officers are paying tribute this month to two former 22 Division officers who died in the line of duty almost 50 years ago.

Const. Henry 'Harry' Snedden, and his partner Const. Donald Chadbolt on September 15th, 1978, were called to an address on Mooreshead Drive, in the Renford Drive and Rexton Road area, for a complaint by a neighbour.

A struggle ensued as they tried arresting a suspect at 16 Mooreshead Drive. The man was able to seize Snedden's revolver from his holster and shot him in the chest, fatally wounding him. Snedden left behind a fiancé and his parents.

Retired Toronto Police Sgt. Theo Holtzheuser and some volunteers were able to locate Snedden's grave years later at Sanctuary Park Cemetery, in Etobicoke.

"Harry's grave was cleaned up of weeds, the headstone shined and a Canadian flag and other items left at the site," said Holtzheuser. He said some of the gravesites are hard to find due to trees and bushes.

Six years later in 1984 Const. David Dunmore was on duty with his partner, Const. Bradley Bested, when they heard an all-points police broadcast that all patrol units were to look for a stolen vehicle whose occupant had threatened two persons with a gun.

The officers were in their squad car travelling on Royal York Road near The Queensway and immediately took up pursuit.

"As the officers attempted to pull the stolen car over, the driver braked sharply forcing them to stop in front of the stolen vehicle," according to Holtzheuser. "The suspect jumped from the car and opened fire with a semi-automatic weapon."

Dunmore was in the front seat and suffered fatal wounds before he had an opportunity to get out of the police car. Constable Bested returned fire and the suspect fled by foot.

Several blocks away, the suspect, Gary White, was confronted by two police officers who returned his fire. The two officers were wounded in the exchange of gunfire and White was fatally wounded.

Dunmore left behind his wife and three children.

His gravesite has also been located and cleaned at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, in Hamilton.



HEROES - THE LATE Toronto Police Constables. Henry 'Harry' Snedden (left) and David Dunmore died in the line of duty and worked at 22 Division.

Police warn of GPS trackers found in cars

Toronto Police say more GPS tracking devices are being found hidden on vehicles and are warning motorists to be vigilant.

Police are alerting motorists that the GPS devices are being

secretly affixed to vehicles and are becoming more popular with criminals now using them.

"We're seeing Apple Airtags being used to track cars and steal them from home driveways," according to an online bulletin from Community Unit officers of 22 Division.

Officers advise people to use their I-phone or download an Android detect application to help find GPS trackers nearby.

A number have been found by police hidden in vehicles at Sherway Gardens and Cloverdale Malls in the last year. Area man Ben Spiller told residents online that he found an Airtag under his vehicle in The Queensway and Royal York Road area.

"Learn how to detect Airtags on your phones," he urged. "Android phones have an app and newer Android phones also a built-in detectors."

Police said thieves used the Airtags to follow a desired vehicle or even an owner to their home and return later to steal the vehicle for resale abroad or for use in committing crimes here.

The hi-tech devices are used by some to track their stolen vehicles while resold in the U.S. and other countries.

The AirTags are also used by some men to stalk women and other individuals. There are cases where the devices were secreted in womens' purses in clubs or on their vehicles to keep track of their whereabouts.



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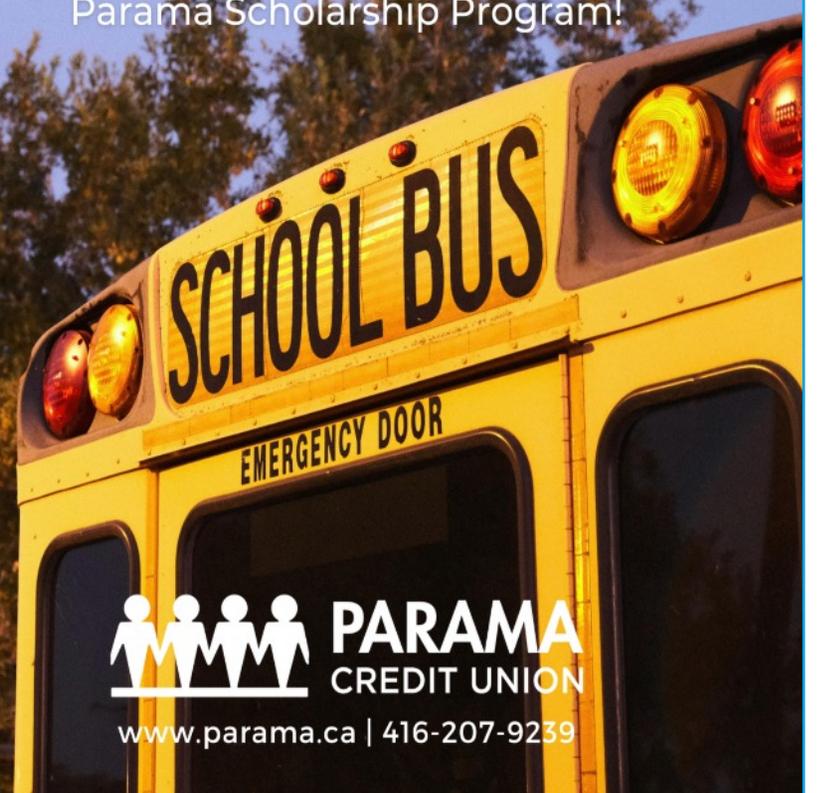
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Skatepark finally renamed after Jordan Carter



JORDAN CARTER'S aunt Sharon (right) and grandmother, Agna, in front of the new skatepark sign.

It took two years, but the Eighth Street Skatepark has now been renamed the Jordan Carter Memorial Park. About 50 friends and family members of Carter assembled at the skatepark on August 30 as a ribbon was cut to rename the park, with speeches by Councillor Amber Morley and MPP Lee Fairclough. His family members are calling for tougher justice for Carter's killer, who was 13 at the time, and failed to show up to serve his three-year sentence in a youth facility for the cold-blooded murder. The youth, now 16, was arrested by police and on August 29 ordered by a court to serve the remainder of his sentence.

"We are relieved that we finally have a place to honour and remember Jordan," said his aunt Sharon Carter, who with his grandma Agna, and mom were at the ceremony. "We just wish justice was done. The killer we were told committed five more crimes while he was on the run."

More than 9,000 people from around the world signed an online petition calling for Carter's name to be immortalized on the skatepark that he frequented. There were blue and white balloons draped around the sign and a skateboard memorial attached to a large tree and a hand-made poster of Jordan. There was also a DJ with his friends skating around the park. More than \$15,000 was raised in a Go Fund Me page to help with his funeral services after he was shot and killed in East York.

"All of Jordan's friends were here and he would have loved the ribbon-cutting," said Agna. "He was a good kid."



JORDAN CARTER

The arts student from Lakeshore Collegiate Institute was shot in an apartment parking garage in the Gamble and



FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS (top) at the skatepark renaming ribbon-cutting event included Jordan's family, MPP Lee Fairclough (left) with Councillor Amber Morley beside her and Toronto Police 22 Division officers. Below is a memorial for Jordan with stateboards on a tree. **Staff photos.**

Pape Avenues area around 11:30 p.m. on January 19, 2022. Six community groups sent letters of support of the re-naming. He was known for mentoring teens on life and skating and was well-loved by fellow skaters. A commemorative bench is also named after the skater at the park.



South Etobicoke News T-shirt winner



CHRISTINE COUTINHO is this month's proud T-shirt winner.

Congratulations to Christine Coutinho, of the West Mall, for winning a beautiful South Etobicoke News T-shirt. Hers was the fifth e-mail to arrive with the correct answer that Jean Augustine was the first Black woman to be elected to our federal Parliament, and introduced Black History Month in Canada.

Christine is a former banker who is active in the community. She is from India, but lived in Bahrain, before arriving in Canada many years ago.

"We love this community," she said. "I love reading and we find out what's going on in the community by reading the South Etobicoke News."

Christine said she has never won anything and loves the nice-fitting shirt.

We would like to thank the hundreds of readers for taking part in the T-Shirt quiz contest. The response was excellent and we plan to get some more shirts printed up for the next contest. Thank you and it was great to meet the many winners and hear their love of the newspaper and its local coverage.

New builder seeks to bring to life failed condo projects left dormant in Mimico



THREE TOWERS from 39 to 42 storeys high are now proposed for 39 Newcastle Street.

A new builder has stepped up to develop a section of Mimico left untouched following the receivership of Vandyk Properties in 2023.

A new application has been filed to the City for the re-development at 39 Newcastle Street by the Mimico GO Station to construct three rental towers ranging from 39 to 42 stories. This plan calls for Phase 1, which will be a 42-storey tower with 508 units above a five-storey podium. Phase 2 is two western towers with 1,070 units on a podium stepping from five to seven storeys.

The three buildings account for 1,578 rental suites and a total gross floor area of 105,835 square metres.

The area is prime as Mimico GO station on the Lakeshore West line is less than 100 metres away.

There will be three levels of underground parking for 406 residents, 19 for visitors, almost 600 spots for bicycles.



ARTIST RENDERING of what the proposed complex will look like.

Other projects planned around the GO station includes a 25-storey tower at 25 Audley Street and Grand Park Village with three towers ranging from 23 to 40 storeys. North of the site, 21-31 Windsor Street is proposed with four towers from 7 to 46 storeys.

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Animal lovers rally to save Pet Valu from closing

Some New Toronto pet lovers are banding together to try and halt the closing of a popular pet care store.

Customers of the Pet Valu store, at 2734 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Dwight Avenue, have started an in-store and online petitions to try and prevent the closure of the busy pet food and accessory store. The store has been at the First Street location for more than 30 years. It has been managed by George Zhang for the past 12 years.



DOG LOVER CHRISTINA Murie with Pet Valu storeowner **George Zhang**.

customers' daily lives. "It's a well-established space in our community for measurable impact to many customers' who regularly visit as part of their routine. He said the community is growing and the Pet Valu franchise stands to benefit, as it is the only pet care store in the area.



PET VALU'S George Zhang

Pet Valu customer care official Johnett Ricks in a note to Zhang said she couldn't reveal the decision that led to the closure of the store due to confidential reasons. "We do sincerely thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding the closure of the Lakeshore & Long Branch location," she said. "We are still very sorry to hear that your favourite location is closing, and do appreciate you reaching out in support of keeping this store open."

Ricks said customers can still shop online. The company has also opened another large store in Long Branch at 3590 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Pet lovers complain there are no other pet friendly stores within walking distance or leaving the area. "I am in that store a couple times a week," said animal lover Christina Murie. "The people are great and there is a great selection and it is walking distance." Another pet lover said the store is busy and is the only one in the community for the hundreds of pet owners in search for pet food or accessories.



ZHANG (top) with his best friend outside his Pet Valu store (bottom), in New Toronto. Another larger store has been opened in Long Branch.



SOME OF THE PETS (dogs right) and their owners (above) who shop at the store.

"The store is very involved in our community," Zhang said the closure will have a significant impact on his



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Teacher swims English Channel to raise funds



PROUD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER Sam Garrison with Canadian flag after conquering the English Channel. Courtesy photos.

Garrison said. "It was a life-changing event and there were so many things I could not control." He trained for three years, by even swimming in the winter at Marie Curtis Park, in preparation for the challenge. "The English



SAM GARRISON taking a well-deserved break after the life-changing swim.

Channel is supposed to be the toughest swim in the world," Garrison said. "It is long and the busiest shipping channel in the world and the water is cold and filled with jelly fish." In preparation for the swim, he spent countless hours in the pool, in the lake, and in the ocean. "I swam in the cold water in winter to get used to frigid temperatures. I also had to figure out how to eat while swimming." The Burnhamthorpe Road resident had to hire a British captain and boat and three-member crew, who were from Toronto, to make the cold crossing in the dark and to remain on the lookout for ships.

He said the rules that govern the cross-Channel swims are strict as swimmers are not allowed to touch their vessel during the journey and are thrown fruit, juice and other goodies for food at intervals while swimming. Notes with instructions were written on a large chalkboard which he read from the water. They also have to wear flashing lights attached to their gear for visibility and avoid being hit by a ship on the waterway.

"It's all been a life changing experience, with so many firsts - and along the way, I've met amazing people who have encouraged, guided and inspired me to keep going," he said.

The Etobicoke native was told by swim officials that about 2,000 swimmers had made the gruelling trek in the last 150-years. He was among 35 Canadians to have successfully completed the journey.

"The end of the swim was very emotional when my hand touched the sand," Garrison explained. "I didn't think I would make it and all the effort was worth it." The swim raised almost \$8,000 in an online Go Fund Me in support of the Daily Bread Food Bank.

"We're incredibly grateful to Sam for his generosity and dedication. Swimming the English Channel is an extraordinary physical and mental challenge, and to take it on in support of Daily Bread is truly inspirational," said Food Bank CEO Neil Hetherington.

"His determination to make a positive impact is a powerful reminder of what's possible when we come together to fight hunger."



GARRISON WAVING VICTORY after stepping out of the cool English Channel after a multi-hour swim.

A local man has a lot to talk about with his friends after a fundraising swim across the treacherous English Channel to raise funds for charity.

The South Etobicoke high school teacher spent some his summer swimming across the dangerous English Channel to raise more than \$10,000 to help feed the needy who use the Daily Bread Food Bank.

Sam Garrison, 42, returned to Canada on August 6 following a gruelling 35-kilometre July 27 swim from the busy Port of Dover in England, to Wissant, France, in choppy, cold and current-stricken waters. The non-stop trip took him 16-hours and 15 minutes to complete.

The Grade 9 to 12 teacher at Martingrove Collegiate Institute, has been teaching for 17 years. He said he had reached a point in his career during the pandemic and 'needed a goal that would force him to change his life.' "The swim was an endurance challenge that they call the 'Mount Everest of swimming,'



GARRISON WITH FAMILY and friends celebrating his rare athletic feat. Courtesy photo.



IT TOOK GARRISON more than 16 hours to swim across the choppy, current-swept English Channel.

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Bishop Allen student named Top Scholar in City



SOPHIE KUKOVICA of Bishop Allen Academy has earned the distinction of being the City's Top Scholar.

A South Etobicoke teen has earned the distinction of being the City's top scholar for achieving a 100 per cent average in her schoolwork.

Sophie Kukovica, 18, who graduated from Bishop Allen Academy, at 721 Royal York Road, obtained top marks city wide for the 2024-2025 academic year.

She is the only Etobicoke student to earn 100 per cent in a Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) list of their top 16 students with the highest averages.

Her younger sister Madelaine was also a top scholar with 100 per cent previously.

Sophie credits her family and being consistent for helping her achieve success.

"Doing the work every day, asking for help when I needed it, and just building good habits that add up over time," she said, adding that Madelaine provided a large motivation for her.

Sophie will this month be attending the University of Toronto, where she'll be studying French, theology, and education. She intends to pursue a career in teaching, possibly at the university level.

"I just hope to help inspire the next generation of students and share the same passion for learning that my own teachers inspired in me," she said.

"For me, what was really helpful was just planning and customizing my learning to my personal learning style," Sophie told CTV News. "I tried to plan my time so I could work on things in small sections before the deadline that way I'm not doing multiple assignments at once."

This year's Top Scholars not only achieved record-breaking grades in advanced programs, but also led STEM and leadership clubs, conducted research, earned national and international awards in science, music, and the arts, organized charity events, and dedicated hundreds of hours to community service.

Dr. Brendan Browne, director of education at the TCDSB, said the group of top scholars prove that hard work pays off.

"You've obviously got really bright and talented students, but it really is all about hard work, perseverance, and the resiliency to be able to achieve the marks that they've achieved," he said.

"These students are incredibly talented, but what really stands out is their hard work, perseverance, and resilience in reaching such remarkable results." Dozens of well-wishers took to social media to congratulate the teen on her scholar status.

"Bishop Allen Academy is a great school which produced a lot of talented people over the years," wrote Monika Lipa. "Congratulations Sophie! Well done to both of you and your sister!"

"Congratulations and best luck in your future endeavours," said Afshan Maroof. "Always nice to see someone being acknowledged for their hard work."

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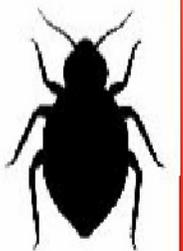
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Toronto Police cop award for Taylor Swift shows security

Local man holds Guinness World Record for phone cards



TAYLOR SWIFT

The operation required months of planning and seamless integration across multiple agencies, including Toronto Fire, EMS, transit authorities, private security and Swift's international team. The City was buzzing from the concerts, which brought thousands of people from across the world to attend the shows in Toronto.

In addition, Detective Constable Christopher Devereux was presented with the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award, sponsored by Canadian Bankers Association, for his leadership in a cross-jurisdictional investigation into a national business email fraud scheme.

The investigation led to the arrest of two individuals responsible for targeting companies across Ontario and B.C. with fraudulent payment requests and stolen banking information.

Devereux's work - conducted in collaboration with the Abbotsford Police Department, Guelph Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police Cybercrime Investigations Team - resulted in the dismantling of a sophisticated financial fraud operation affecting numerous Canadian businesses.



CHIEF MYRON DEMKIW (right) with award winner Det. Const. Christopher Devereux

Toronto Police have won a national award for public safety in their smooth coordination and handling of six Taylor Swift concerts last November.

The award was one of two received last month by the force at the 2025 Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Summit in Victoria, B.C.

The summit highlighted the Service's leadership in both large-scale public safety operations and complex criminal investigations.

TPS received the 2025 Policing Partnership Award for its coordination and execution of public safety efforts during Taylor Swift's six sold-out Eras Tour concerts at the Rogers Centre in November 2024.

The result was a safe and incident-free experience for more 240,000 attendees over six nights, marking one of the city's largest and most logistically demanding events in recent years.



ERIC COUTINHO with his Guinness World Record (above and right) and phone cards at bottom. Courtesy photos.

How many of us can boast that we hold a Guinness World Record.

South Etobicoke's Eric Coutinho has bragging rights. He holds a record for having the largest phone card collection.

An inscription on his Guinness World Records certificate states 'the largest collection of phone cards is 8,266 and was achieved by Eric Coutinho in Toronto on 11 October, 2021.'

"This is an immense honour for me to receive this prestigious recognition and make my family and friends who have helped me along the way proud too," he said from his The West Mall home.

His collection began when he was working as an airport worker in Bahrain in 2001. There he was able to develop contacts with travellers and over time exchanged cards from collectors in more than 100 countries.

He said, "They mailed over their used phone cards from their respective countries," Coutinho said. "Friends, colleagues and family knew I was serious about the collection and helped me grow it."

As his collection grew, the cards were organized in binders according to countries; and subgroups as flowers, or cartoon characters, he said.



Coutinho said the used cards have no monetary value as he zeroed in on the world record. Eric always made sure to send 'Thank You' cards to all the generous people who help him, said his wife Christine.

With the help of his son, Coutinho was able to get in touch with Guinness officials who conducted an inspection and presented him with a certificate shown above.

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Tasty Mexican cuisine Corazon in the community



LINDA ROSADO the owner of Corazon Agave with some of her popular tacos. Staff photos.

Restaurateur Linda Rosado and her family are bringing some spicy home-made Mexican cuisine to the South Etobicoke community. Rosado is the owner of Corazon Agave restaurant, at 765 The Queensway, near Royal York Road, which is receiving rave reviews from food lovers.

"We serve fresh, homemade authentic Mexican cuisine," she said during a busy lunchtime. "Many of our customers are regulars and we treat them all as family."

The restaurant seats about 20 people and is decorated with Mexican art and crafts Rosado has collected over the years.

She has always worked in the restaurant business,

and has managed them at home in Yucatan, Mexico, before moving to Canada more than 18 years ago.



Popular dishes include homemade salsas, nachos, guacamole and a range of taco meals; including taco trio that features fish and shrimp and the mouth-watering steak and vegetable alambre taco. "People love our tacos," Rosado smiles. "We have a wide range of fresh tacos that are popular with our customers."

The restaurant, which has been open for about a year, only serves Mexican tequila, liquor and beers.



"People enjoy our vibrant Mexican flavours and that every meal is a celebration of love, heritage and a joy of good food," she insists.

The specials includes Taco Tuesdays during which the tacos are \$5 each: there is also \$6 beer on Wednesday and Tequila Thursdays.

She chose The Queensway to locate her business due to a lack of Mexican cuisine in the area.

"People here are very nice and have really supported us," Rosado said. "We know some of our regulars and their families."

The restaurant is promoted heavily on social media, and there are a number of positive reviews of the eatery online.

"Etobicoke has a new gem! Very friendly, welcoming owners serving up delicious authentic Mexican dishes," wrote Lenny P.

"Excited to have a new spot to visit frequently."

"Everything here was amazing!

The food, the service and just the scenery within the restaurant," said Alexander E. "Everyone is so nice and we will definitely be coming back"

Corazon Agave can be reached at 416-503-0306 or e-mail at corazonagave765@gmail.com



LINDA OUTSIDE her restaurant at 765 The Queensway. A Mexican sombrero on the wall (below).



Great Lakes Brewery turns 25

Customers and staff of South Etobicoke's successful Great Lakes Brewery are celebrating the company's 25th year of making enjoyable beers.

The brewery, on Queen Elizabeth Blvd., was founded in August 2000 and has grown from a 'little beer shop with a cash register that barely worked, a few T-shirts and two beer offerings.'

Today, the GLB retail store is home to a taproom pouring up to 22 fresh beers, fridges stocked with over 25 options to take home, a wall of merch, and a team of passionate staff ready to help customers discover their next favourite beer.

"It was pretty humble beginnings," recalls Mike Lackey, the brewery's Head of Brewing Operations. "We've grown slowly throughout the

years, now with a lineup of 20-30 beers available that we're happy to make."

From lagers to IPAs, stouts to vodka sodas, and even non-alcoholic options, the retail store continues to be the heart of GLB's commitment to freshness, variety, and fun. What started as two beers in a fridge has evolved into a community hub where beer lovers can shop and connect.



GREAT LAKES staff celebrating their 25th with some of the beer.



FORMER MP Jean Augustine cut a GLB ribbon.




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Local developer teaches LAMP kids rock-climbing to build leadership skills



LOCAL YOUTH TRY their hands at rock climbing to help them build skills for the future in a program by the John Zanini Foundation. **Courtesy photos.**

Dunpar Homes president John Zanini brought his love of rock climbing to inspire local youth. Children aged 8 to 11 from single-parent households at LAMP Community Health Centre had the opportunity to learn climbing at Boulderz Climbing Centre in Etobicoke, in a program sponsored by the John Zanini Foundation.



JOHN ZANINI

The climbing sessions ran throughout July and August with over 30 children. It emphasized teamwork, confidence and leadership, skills that will help the youngsters grow into the leaders of tomorrow. To extend the sense of community beyond the climbing wall, each session ended with a healthy dinner catered by Il Fornello of Sherwood Village Mall. The kids enjoyed it. The wall is more than a recreational outlet. For many children, it is challenging, daunting, but always rewarding when persistence pays off. Through the support of the sponsors, these young participants are learning to push past fear, trust themselves, and rely on teamwork.

“I would like to thank Dunpar Homes and the John Zanini Foundation for providing this opportunity for our youths to learn and participate in rock climbing,” said LAMP official Linda Frempong. Zanini, an avid climber, envisioned this initiative as a way to share his passion for the sport with children in the neighbourhood. “Having lived and worked in this community throughout my life, I wanted to share something that has played an important role over the years,” said Zanini. “Rock climbing has taught me about character development and collaboration, that I wanted to share it with young people.”

Pastor Veta at Etobicoke Praise Centre moves her meeting place



PASTOR VETA SAUNDERS (right) with some of her congregation are moving to another meeting space.

Pastor Veta Saunders wants her congregation and supporters of Etobicoke Praise Centre to know they have moved to a new meeting place. Saunders is the founding pastor of Etobicoke Praise Centre, formerly the

New Toronto Church of God Prophecy, which has been helping local residents for many years.

The congregation will be meeting every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 6 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, the Holy Trinity School, in the Kipling Avenue and Lake Shore Blvd. W. area.

Pastor Saunders, who was born in Jamaica, has served the South Etobicoke community for many years.

A tireless worker, she launched Oikos Enrichment Consulting in 1999 to help spread the message of the Gospel.

And in August 2001, joined with local police and initiated a month-long free art and music program called Camp Can-Do for about 20 youth and children in the area.

This program was geared toward fostering positive relationships between the police and Lakeshore area youth. Saunders also initiated the Etobicoke-Lakeshore Youth Group which created music programs to address issues of anti-drug and substance abuse; bullying and harassment.

Saunders always had a passion for youth and children and assisted in mentoring at-risk youth and improving relationships between them and the police.

Her passion for children and youth did not go unrecognized. In 2002, she received the Commemorative Medal for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s Golden Jubilee for her significant contributions to Canada, her community, and to at-risk youth. She also recently won a LAMP CHC award for her work.



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Calls for lake jet ski ban



SOME RESIDENTS want motorized jet skis as these banned from the bay.

Almost 900 people have signed an online petition to ban jet skis in the waters off Humber Bay Park.

The calls come as Toronto Police Marine Unit and the Canadian Coast Guard were searching for a man in his 20s in the lake, east of Bluffer's Park, after he fell off his jet ski August 24 around 9:15 p.m.

Police said the man was not wearing a life jacket when he went into the water, but his female passenger was, and she was able to be rescued with the help of another jet ski operator.

The petition draws attention to jet skiers posing threats to swimmers and marine life, including ducks or swans of a small lagoon near Thomas Waite Park.

The small bay area nestled between Marine Parade Drive and Humber Bay Park East

serves as a sanctuary for diverse wildlife and a peaceful haven for the local community, according to the petition.

"Designating this bay as a restricted zone for motorized watercraft is imperative for preserving its ecological integrity and ensuring safety for all," it stated.

"Watercraft are supposed to be about 30 feet out or so from nesting wildlife areas. These jet-skiers violated the boundaries set for shoreline wildlife."

It said there have been multiple jet ski accidents in the waters off Humber Bay Park in recent years. Residents are seeking a motorized watercraft exclusion zone, as recently approved at Hanlan's Point.

The group Friends of Humber Bay Park said they have been pushing for authorities to address reckless boaters since 2016.

Group president Mike Janetakes said he's seen jet ski users speeding close to swimmers, as well as groups of ducks, grebes and swans on the water.

"They drive these things close to marine life and also people on kayaks and canoes," he said. "People who aren't experienced kayakers or canoeists [have] overturned."

"We're not against people having fun on jet skis but they need to follow the rules," Janetakes added, saying he suspects many of the reckless jet ski users are renting the vessels with little water safety training.

Humbervale United Church celebrates



THE ORIGINAL Humbervale Church (above) was founded in 1882.

A South Etobicoke church that is more than 140 years old is still helping others today. Humbervale United Church, at 1447 Royal York Road, is holding a food drive in a Meet your NeighboUrs event on September 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The church began as the Humbervale Church in 1882 and in 1925 became part of the United Church of Canada.

You are urged to share your stories, meet faculty and staff, gather information on

Humbervale Place Residence for Independent Seniors and the broken 'vase' mystery!

The United Church of Canada is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and churches across the nation are setting up tables outside their buildings to connect with more folks in the community.

The food drive will supplement the regular donations made by Humbervale United Church congregation to the food bank operating out of Westway United Church. For more call 416 249-2821 or e-mail humbervaleunited@msn.com.



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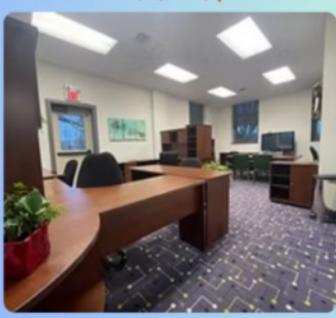
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Graffiti artist Angel Carrillo (in blue shirt) creates beautiful art of what was a run-down Long Branch laneway.

Well-known Long Branch graffiti artist Carrillo and other volunteers have been beautifying some of our decrepit laneways with beautiful murals for about 10 years. Carrillo with about six volunteers spent two days in early August painting large colourful murals to beautify a laneway at 3371 Lake Shore Blvd. W., near Thirtieth Street.

“We are introducing the next generation of artists to the community,” he said. “We are all volunteers and we are giving back to the community.”

Carrillo works by day as a tattoo artist at Southside Ink, which is across the street from the laneway.

He and his group of painters have painted a number of large murals in the community.

Muralist Julia (below) loves painting and bringing art to the people.

The team had to first clean up the wall and then apply primer, before the more than 100 cans of paint are applied. Today Julia is one of the artists helping out with the colourful and elaborate work.

“It is a big honour to bring my art to the people,” she said. “I love art and to paint every day.” Her works appear in a number of venues in the City, like Coronation and Woodbine Parks, among other places

The group plans to create other murals to help beautify the community.



In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



The City is growing by leaps and bounds and its time our civic leaders did the right thing by increasing the size of our police force and emergency services personnel.

So many times we hear that it took police a lengthy time to arrive at a crime scene or respond to 911 calls. We hope the new officers will help reduce wait times and crime on the streets.

We also have to consider that a steady stream of Toronto officers are retiring or resigning yearly; with many leaving to work at police forces outside the City, where it is less

taxing.

Mayor Olivia Chow last month unveiled a plan to hire hundreds of new police officers and dozens of new 911 operators to speed up services.

So far 60 emergency operators have been hired this year and another 30 people are expected to join the team before 2026.

The new staff is part of a five-year hiring plan that will see Toronto Police grow by 720 new officers in the first two years.

The badly-required new hires will go where they are needed most, as there have been increases in gun violence, hate crime, car theft and intimate partner violence.

The brazen non-stop gun violence taking place these days are concerning and threatens all innocent Torontonians. Something has to be done.

We need stiffer penalties for gun crimes, car thefts and less release on bail for those who are suspected of committing serious crimes.

Many of us are heartbroken that eight-year-old JahVai Roy lying with his mother in his own bed can be shot and killed. And still the killer is on the loose. What gives. Days after a young man was shot dead in the food court washroom at the Scarborough Town Centre. That shooter is also at large.

We all know that most of the killer guns are being smuggled across the border from the U.S., but yet they keep on coming in the country and ending up in the hands of criminals.

Once the bullet has been fired the emergency is on to save lives. The additional staff will mean faster 911 service, which has been an ongoing concern for decades. The average 911 wait time in Toronto is about 28 seconds, according to police brass. The standard set out by the National Emergency Number Association requires 90 per cent of calls to be answered within 15 seconds and 95 per cent within 20 seconds.

We need as many officers as we can get. Hopefully with the more police boots on the ground will help deter the violence taking place in our city, with shootings taking place nightly.

Still many people seem to be avoid serving on the front-lines due to the long and demanding hours, the danger involved and it is thankless work.

Supt. Greg Watts acknowledged more needs to be done to improve operator training to save lives.

“Our reality is being a 911 operator is an unbelievably stressful job and it’s not for everybody,” said Watts. “We do have a high fail rate, we’re working to fix that.”

The TPS is the largest force in Canada, with about 7,600 full-time and part-time uniform and civilian members including front-line police officers, criminal investigators, community response officers, parking enforcement officers, communications operators, court officers, civilian specialists and support staff.

The force is the single largest expense in the city's annual operating budget, with about \$1.2 billion yearly, which makes up 7.4 per cent of the city's \$15 billion total operating budget as of 2022.

Having said that, we as residents expect more pro-active work by police and others to be conducted to save lives in this diverse city.

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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Know what you owe. Start by building an understanding of your student debt—how much you've borrowed, who you owe and what the interest rates are. The National Student Loan Service Centre is your go-to hub for tracking federal loans and exploring payment options.

Budgeting is your new bestie. Budgeting isn't about cutting off all your fun, it's about knowing where your money goes. Start by listing all your sources of income: part time jobs, scholarships, family support and grants. Track monthly expenses like rent, groceries, transportation, tuition, books, entertainment and debt repayments. Take advantage of online budgeting tools, like the one offered by the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, to make things simpler to manage.

Prioritize needs over wants. When your budget feels tight, focus on the essentials first. Look for student discounts and campus resources to help stretch your dollar further, and look critically at your expenses—be honest with yourself about what you can cut until things improve.

Start repaying early (if you can). Making even small loan payments while you're still in school or during the grace period can help lower your overall interest costs. Setting up automatic payments helps keep things on track and can make it easier to manage your obligations.

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We all want to feel safe in our homes. And when someone breaks in, our first instinct is to protect ourselves and our families. That's natural. But what happens after — when police get involved, charges are laid, and the public starts talking — is where things get complicated. Too often, we react to headlines, not facts. Worse, some politicians jump in making statements that can sway public opinion and affect how justice is carried out. Take the recent case in Lindsay, Ontario. Around 3:20 a.m., a man reportedly woke up to find someone in his apartment. A fight broke out. The intruder — a 41-year-old man with outstanding warrants — was left in critical condition from multiple stab wounds. The homeowner was charged with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon. Many people were outraged. "Why charge someone who was just defending his home?" they asked. Ontario Premier Doug Ford added fuel to the fire. He said, "This criminal that's wanted by the police breaks into this guy's house, this guy gives him a beating, and this guy gets charged. Something is broken."

But Ford left out a key detail: the homeowner didn't just fight off the intruder — he allegedly stabbed him several times, nearly killing him. That changes the story. The law in Canada says you can defend yourself, but the force you use has to be reasonable. If someone punches you, you can't respond by stabbing them. If someone is unarmed and trying to leave, you can't chase them down with a knife. The law protects people from real threats — but it also protects against going too far.

This idea of "reasonable force" is important. It's not just about what you feel in the moment. It's about what the law allows. And that's why we have courts — to look at all the facts, not just the first version of the story.

But we can carry the idea of home protection to dangerous extremes. There are cases where the instinct to defend turns into something far more tragic — and legally troubling. In South Carolina, 20-year-old college student Nicholas Donofrio mistakenly tried to enter the wrong house, thinking it was his own. It was early morning. He knocked, kicked the door, and broke the glass. The homeowner, believing it was a break-in, shot him through the door. Donofrio died on the porch. No charges were laid. The shooting was ruled "justified" under South Carolina's castle doctrine — a law that allows homeowners to use deadly force if they believe they're in danger.

To many, this felt deeply wrong. A young man made a simple mistake and lost his life. But under that law, the homeowner's belief — not the actual threat — was enough to justify lethal force. That's very different from Canada, where the law asks whether the force used was truly necessary.

We saw another extreme in South Africa, where Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp. He claimed he thought she was an intruder when he heard movement in the bathroom. But the couple had reportedly argued earlier that night, and the evidence raised serious doubts. Pistorius was convicted of murder.

These cases show how the right to defend one's home must be balanced by reason, restraint, and accountability. When fear becomes a blanket excuse for violence, we risk turning tragic misunderstandings into irreversible outcomes. The law must protect people from real threats, but it must also prevent deadly overreactions driven by panic or anger. When politicians speak before the facts are known, they do more than stir emotion — they shape the public narrative. Ford's comment that "something is broken" didn't just reflect frustration; it amplified it. It suggested the legal system was failing, that police and prosecutors were out of touch. But the justice system is built to assess facts, not feelings. It's designed to weigh evidence, not outrage.

They also use these moments to deflect responsibility. In Canada, bail reform has become a political football. When someone with a criminal record is released and re-offends, provincial leaders often point fingers at Ottawa. But bail decisions are made in provincial courts, by provincial judges, based on evidence from provincial Crown attorneys. The federal government writes the Criminal Code, including bail rules like reverse onus — where certain accused must show why they should be released — but it's up to provinces to use those tools properly.

If someone walks free despite a long history of violence or breach of conditions, it's not always because federal law is too weak. It may be because the province failed to argue for detention, present risk factors clearly, or follow through on breaches. Still, politicians often blame "the system" instead of explaining how it actually works — and what role each level of government plays.

Former U.S. President Donald Trump used similar tactics, often commenting on criminal cases before investigations were complete. Whether defending police officers or attacking prosecutors, his words blurred the line between legal process and political theatre. Like Ford, Trump's early statements often served to rally supporters and simplify complex legal issues into black-and-white stories.

The Lindsay case, the South Carolina shooting, and the Pistorius trial may seem worlds apart, but they warn against the same thing: the cost of reacting before we know the whole story. In one, a mistaken entry led to a fatal shooting. In another, a break-in led to a stabbing that may have gone too far. In the third, a domestic argument ended in death, disguised as self-defence. In all three, the facts matter. And in all three, the first version of the story wasn't the whole truth.

If we keep reacting to headlines instead of waiting for the facts, we risk bending the law to fit our fears. Ottawa writes the laws. Provinces apply them. Courts interpret them. If we don't take time to learn we'll keep aiming at the wrong targets.

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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A leafy Long Branch beauty has been nominated as a contestant in the annual Ontario Tree Pageant. That's right there is one.

A Long Branch Heritage Applebee Catalpa tree, located at Twenty Third Street and Iris Road, is also a candidate for the cherished 'Tree of the Year.' The 127-year-old Applebee Catalpa was designated a Heritage Tree by Forests Ontario, said Long Branch historian Bill Zufelt.

'The tree is a 'real show stopper' and getting better with age too,' said Zufelt.

He said the 70- foot high Northern Catalpa is located on lands that once belonged to Moses Applebee the first Ward 1 Councillor for the Township of Etobicoke. The Applebee family immigrated from Yorkshire, England in the early 1800s.

Today the healthy tree stands more than 70 feet high and with a magnificent 40-foot canopy.

Nominees are required to send a photo and 30-word note on their prized tree to a selection committee, whose tree-expert judges will announce their top three trees on September 15.

"The story is evaluated for creativity, depth of meaning, and its ability to convey why the nominated tree is special, with emphasis on compelling storytelling within the word limit," according to pageant website.

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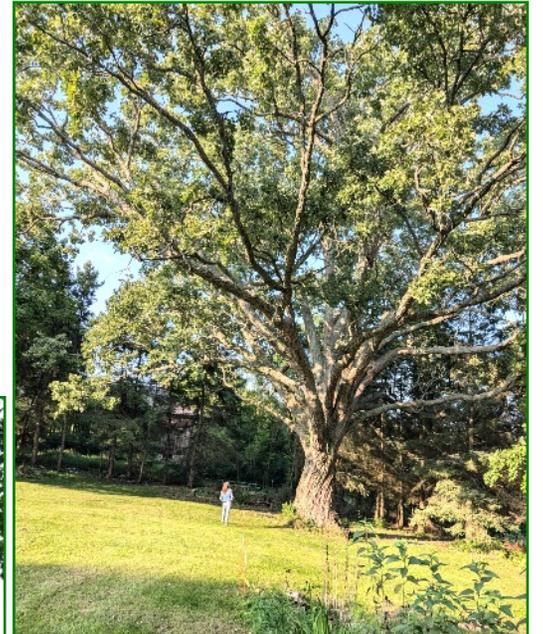
Zufelt said Long Branch is home of a 'Fab Four' of heritage trees, which are dubbed Big Red, Titan, Stop26 and the Applebee Catalpa Heritages Trees.

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The Long Branch area has a rich



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The deadline for this year has passed, but if you want to nominate a tree, e-mail a photo, the location of the tree and what you know of it's story to longbranchnato@gmail.com or provide details and they will review and get the nomination process started for candidates.

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SEPTEMBER 18 MYSTERY BOOK CLUB at Stonegate CHC from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for discussion of *A Talent for Murder by Peter Swanson* at Stonegate, 10 Neighbourhood Lane, 2nd Floor. Copies of the e-book or audio book available at Humber Bay Library. Call to register at 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or email health.promotion@stonegatechc.org

SEPTEMBER 18 LAMP CHC 48th Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. at Humber College G Building, 17 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive. Speakers are Nation Cheong and Diana Yoon; and the topic is affordable housing. RSVP to jasmind@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 308. All is welcome.

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UNTIL OCTOBER 26 THE LAKEVIEW FARMERS MARKET runs every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Small Arms Inspection Building at 1352 Lakeshore Rd. E., for goods by local farmers, food producers and artisans with live music. The Lakeview Artisan Market takes place on August 3, 17 & 31. For more information e-mail

BALLROOM & LATIN DANCERS – Come dance with us at 30-Up Club! Every Friday or Saturday dinner and dance from 6:45-midnight at Dorchester Ave., across from Cineplex. For more www.30-up.com

EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28 YOGA IN THE PARK at 10 a.m. Amos Waites Park, Mimico Square. Open to all levels, bring a mat and water.

SEPTEMBER 29 SCOTTISH COUNTRY Dancing as beginner classes begin and no experience needed but partner or Scottish heritage required. You will find a welcoming community ready to dance with you. Dancing goes from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays at Alderwood Convention Centre, 2 Orianna Drive. Visit dancescottish.ca

SEPTEMBER 30 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH and Reconciliation at the Campfire Sculpture at Humber Bay Shores Park at 12 p.m. with guest speaker Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation **Chief Clare Sault**. You are asked to wear an orange shirt and bring a chair if wish. Contact info@eculinks.ca

HEART HEALTHY COOKING Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at LAMP CHC to learn easy and affordable methods of cooking heart healthy food! For more email FatimaA@lampchc.org

DEADLINE OCTOBER 25 CALLING ALL DANCERS apply for the Process and Practice Dance Residency at Assembly Hall for two-year opportunity to develop and present new work. The residency offers rehearsal and performance space and community engagement and double bill production. Visit: www.toesfordance.ca

EVERY MONDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 15 Dance and Sweat Exercise Sessions from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Stonegate CHC, Trillium Room. Join Anny for a low impact exercise and dance cardio that involves Latin inspired music. For more call 416-2317079 ext. 307 or email

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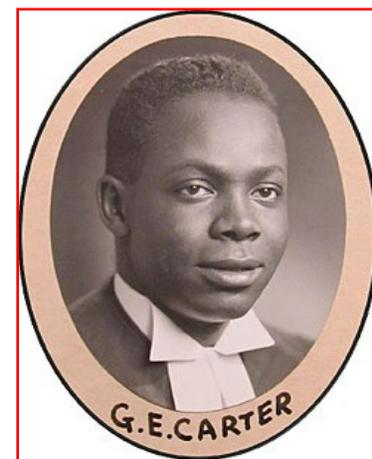
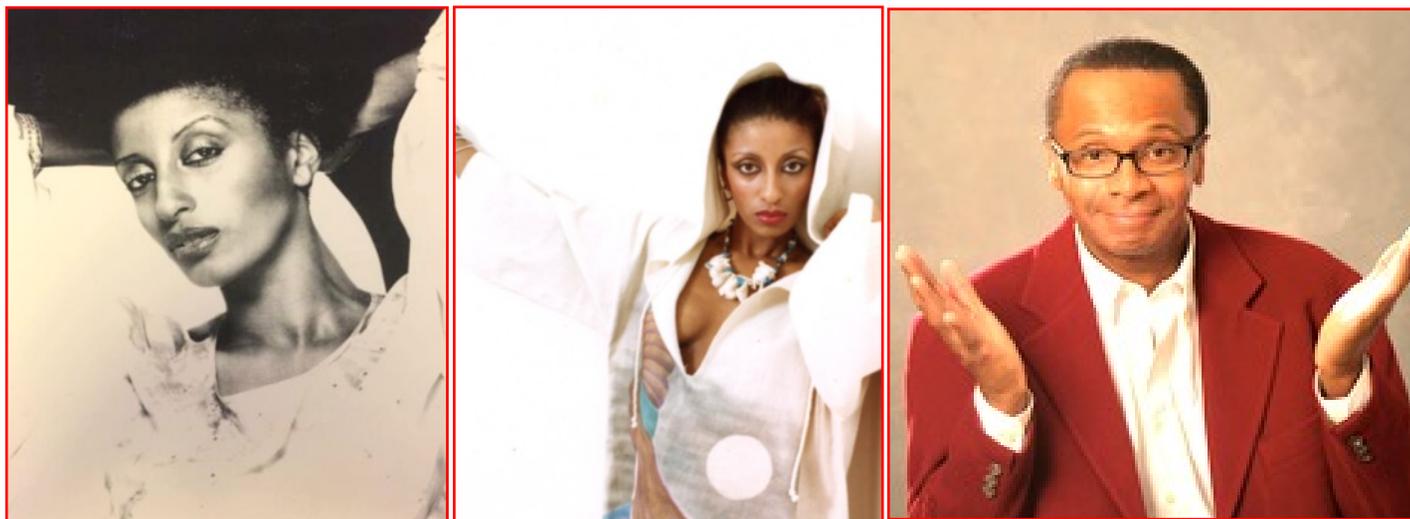
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The talented Carter family and growing up in Etobicoke



ETOBICOKE RAISED CARTER family including Linda. V. Carter (photos on left), with brother Evan, and dad late Hon. Justice George E. Carter. The siblings were recently at Montgomery's Inn to talk about their family's history. **Courtesy photos.**

done by her and other Black models, she began to get more work by the 1970s. She was described by co-workers as an "extraordinary talent," a beauty and

Two South Etobicoke raised siblings who have made their names in the entertainment fields were back in the hood to speak to residents about the history of Black families in Etobicoke.

Actress Linda V. Carter and her brother Evan Carter, a comedian and storyteller, were at Montgomery's Inn on August 21 to share their family stories in an evening that was also organized by the Etobicoke Historical Society.

Linda is known for being a trailblazer among Black women in the early part of her modelling career, when Black women were not represented or welcomed in the fashion world. She is known for shows as *The Shape of Things to Come*, *12 Monkeys* and *The Best Man Holiday*. The actress is also a writer, director, producer and TV host.

Growing up in Toronto and experiencing multiculturalism at its global peak was an inspiration and guiding force for Linda's life and career. During the 1960s, she recalls there were no women of colour in catalogues or on the runways, but through the work

personality that is "so real," a diverse presence on film and a trailblazer. Brother Evan is a well-known stand-up comedian who was is a legend in the Canadian comedy scene and has been considered by fans and comics to be one of the best ever. For years he has been at the top of the heap and continues to deliver clean and witty comedy.

Their father was the late Honourable Justice George E. Carter who was the first Canadian born Black Judge in the country. The family grew up in Etobicoke.

Judge Carter had his own law firm and practised in the areas of real estate, criminal and family law for 31 years. He was appointed an Ontario provincial court judge in 1979 and later served with the Ontario Court of Justice for 16 years.

He worked as a porter to pay his tuition to law school, and served with the Canadian Army in World War II. He was instrumental in establishing Legal Aid in the Province of Ontario.

Two men busted in suspicious boxing club fire on Norseman



Two men are under arrest and charged with arson in connection with a fire at Kingsway Boxing Club, on Norseman Street.

"Our commitment to our community remains unshaken," said Jennifer Huggins and Virgil Barrow in the statement. The club said their classes will resume at a 3046 Bloor Street West location.

"Most importantly, everyone is safe," according to the site. "While the damage to our facility is extensive, our team is strong, and our commitment to our community remains unshaken."

Jamar Brown, 30, and Rahiem Williams, 18, both of Toronto, were arrested and charged. with break-and-enter and arson. They are before the courts.

ONE OF TORONTO FIRE Services new electric fire trucks that was put into service last May that reduces diesel use and has zero emissions.

4 a.m. and said a fire was burning by the time they arrived. Nobody was injured. The club suffered significant damage and was expected to be shut for about a week, according to its website. It was reported that a motorist alerted officials to the fire in the early morning.

Police were called to respond to a break-in on August 13 around



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