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Aid arriving to help Carnage in the Caribbean

Food and emergency supplies are arriving by the plane loads in Jamaica to help starving people and rebuild the country that was hit hard by a five-category Hurricane Melissa. The hurricane was one of the strongest to hit the Caribbean killing more than 40 people in Jamaica, before killing about 31 people in Haiti and Cuba leaving thousands of people homeless.

South Etobicoke charity Global Medic was among the first to offer help to hard-hit Jamaica by providing water purifying kits and emergency medical supplies.

"There's so many Jamaican collection drives to raise money and other supplies are being collected by the Canadian Red Cross, Jamaican Canadian Association and other charities. Some community groups are



JAMAICANS REBUILD THEIR homes and lives after being hit by a five-category Hurricane Melissa that killed about 41 people and 31 in Haiti. At left a woman inspects damage to her home and right the village of Black River was levelled.

accepting donations cash and some goods to help the more than 25,000 Jamaicans who have lost their homes due to Melissa. The Canadian government have

committed \$7 million to help with food aid and supplies to those who lost everything, mostly in the Black River and Treasure Beach areas. The Jamaica Red Cross and Jamaica Defense Force are conducting search-and-rescue, first aid, and emergency shelter operations to help those suffering or stranded by the flooding. Hundreds of people have sought emergency medical care.

Red Cross workers on the island said all the hospitals have been damaged by the hurricane which had winds whipping at more than 290 kilometres an hour knocking out telecommunications.

At one point, 77% of the 2.8 million residents were reported without power and First Responders and emergency services are stretched beyond capacity.

Brakes hit on Parklawn GO Station in Mimico

Mimico residents are still reeling about the derailment of the Parklawn GO Station as another major setback for their community

Already steaming about the bankruptcy of Vandyk's Grand Central Mimico development, residents are concerned the much-anticipated Parklawn GO Station may never arrive, along with accessibility upgrades to the Mimico GO Station.

Residents of Humber Bay Shores are disappointed the brakes have been applied to the GO Station, since many people work downtown and traffic congestion is a major problem.

The Parklawn GO station was to be a jewel in a re-development of the former Mr. Christie Cookie site, at



RESIDENTS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT the Parklawn Go Station has been placed on hold if it is to continue. Much work had been done to design the Station, see photos left and right. Also affected is a TTC loop, possible community centre, library and daycare centres. The project has been ongoing for years with nothing being built.

2150 Lake Shore Blvd. W., on which was planned a mixed-use community with three towers between 46 and 67 storeys, and several mid-rise buildings.

The move also places on hold plans to build on site a school, two day cares, a public library, and a community recreation centre designed to serve thousands of new residents. The station was to include a TTC hub and

other amenities and a master plan also called for Park Lawn Road to be reduced to one lane in each direction with a bike lane.

Ward 3 Councillor Amber Morley said the City and Metrolinx were informed by a partner for the proposed Park Lawn GO Station that they are pausing work as they review their development plans.

"This pause means further delays to construction start for Park

Lawn GO and greater uncertainty for the project," Morley said.

"Transportation and congestion are priority issues for the Humber Bay Shores and surrounding neighbourhoods."

A standalone north station building would have been built at the intersection of Park Lawn and a yet-to-be-named public street serving the new community.

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Mourning our local police



OFFICERS Gosling (left) and Dunmore both died on the job.

Toronto Police are mourning the on-duty deaths of two officers who were friends and neighbours who were killed in separate incidents more than four decades ago.

Both officers worked at 22 Division before tragically losing their lives doing a job they loved.

Constable Paul Graham Gosling, 27, was killed in a motorcycle accident 49 years ago this month.

Gosling, of Milton, was assigned to motorcycle duties at No. 2 District Traffic Unit and 22 Division during his three short years on the force.

The young officer was heading back to base at 3699 Bloor Street W., on November 5, 1976 when he lost his life. He was driving south on Islington Avenue,

near Winnipeg Road, when the vehicle in front of him came to a stop, said Retired Sgt. Theo Holtzheuser, who researched the case.

“Paul’s motorcycle collided with this vehicle and the force of the impact caused him to eject into oncoming traffic where he was struck by a second northbound vehicle,” Holtzheuser said.

He said Gosling succumbed to serious injuries suffered in the collision.

At the time of his death, Gosling’s wife was pregnant and had just purchased a new house and had mortgage payments and other bills. He had decided to transfer to the Traffic Unit as paid duties and court appearances would help financially.

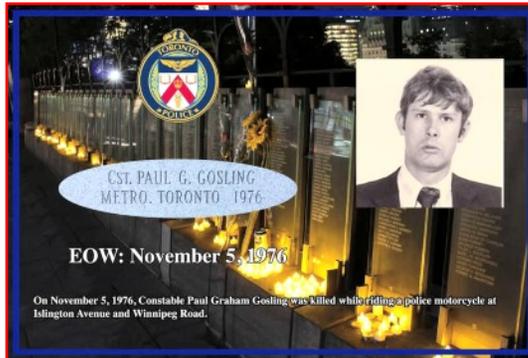
His friend Const. David Dunmore, who worked for a few years at 22 Division, was killed almost eight years later by a crazed gunman.

Dunmore in September 1984 and his partner Const. Bested stopped a suspect in a gun crime at Royal York Road, just south of The Queensway, where a heavily-armed gunman opened fire on their car killing Dunmore, Holtzheuser said.

“Mrs. Dunmore was devastated,” he recalled. “Once the sad affairs of Davids’ death and funeral were completed, she sought comfort from her friend, Mrs. Gosling. “

The two widows became good friends and have comforted each other over the painful years.

Holtzheuser and a few ex-police volunteers through research locate the graves of fallen Toronto officers, which they clean, remove weeds, polish their headstone; and leave behind Canadian flags in memory of the brave officers.



CONST. GOSLING died after his motorcycle collided with a car as he was heading back to his base..

Local shank stabbing suspect under arrest



INTERSECTION of Islington and Lake Shore Blvd. W., where a man was stabbed to death with two people now charged.

It took a year but Toronto Police finally arrested a second man in connection with a fatal New Toronto stabbing.

A suspect was arrested on October 29 in connection with the death of Jesse Christian Halvorsen, 36, in the Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Islington Avenue area.

The fatal stabbing occurred on September 12 last year during a late-night altercation between a group of people.

Police said Halvorsen suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital, where he died shortly after. He was the city’s 60th homicide victim of 2024.

A video of the incident showed two men getting into a fight. They fall to the ground and only one man stands back up.



A SHANK is believed to have been used to kill the victim.

One witness said the victim was stabbed numerous times with a shank, a home-made knife.

A day after the stabbing, police arrested 35-year-old Shawn Downs-Abbot and charged him with second-degree murder.

More than a year after the incident, Michael Jones, 61, of no fixed address, was arrested and also charged with second-degree murder. He was slated to appear at the Toronto Regional Bail Centre on October 30. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7400 or 416-222-TIPS-



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Royal Canadian Legion and Lest We Forget



MEMBERS OF THE Royal Canadian Legion Branch 101 Poppy Project (top, bottom). To the right is the Indigenous poppy pin.



"I am overwhelmed by the amount of people who took interest and sent us poppies," she said. "We all have to respect those who made the ultimate



The hundreds of people attending a Remembrance Day service were in awe of a massive net made out of 6,500 knitted or crocheted poppies that were made by dozens of volunteers.

More than 80 women from across the country and beyond



CLAIRE LAPORTE

volunteered their skills and time to make the poppies for a huge net that was draped at the front of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101, in Long Branch.

Legion volunteer Claire Laporte was in charge of the Poppy Project, which organized and fabricated the seven feet wide and 50-foot long net

that took hours to install.

Laporte said a post on social media about the project, led to hundreds of poppies arriving from knitters or crocheters across Canada and as far away as California.

sacrifice."

Legion official Cole Hayes said many of the fallen soldiers were from Mimico and Long Branch, and at one time there was a Corvette named Long Branch, that



THE POPPY SHEET will hang outside Branch 110 during the Remembrance Day service. Staff photo.

escorted ships across the Atlantic during WWII. "The Corvette Long Branch was assigned to convoy duties," Hayes said. "There was also an HMSC

Mimico."

Legion artist Glenn Forsyth has drawn images of the Corvette Long Branch that fits one side of a Challenge Coin, used by the Legions to fundraise.

Forsyth is the artist behind three wall sized panels attached to the outside of the Legion as part of the Remembrance Day memorials. The stainless steel panels features a soldier with a weapon and a field of red poppies.

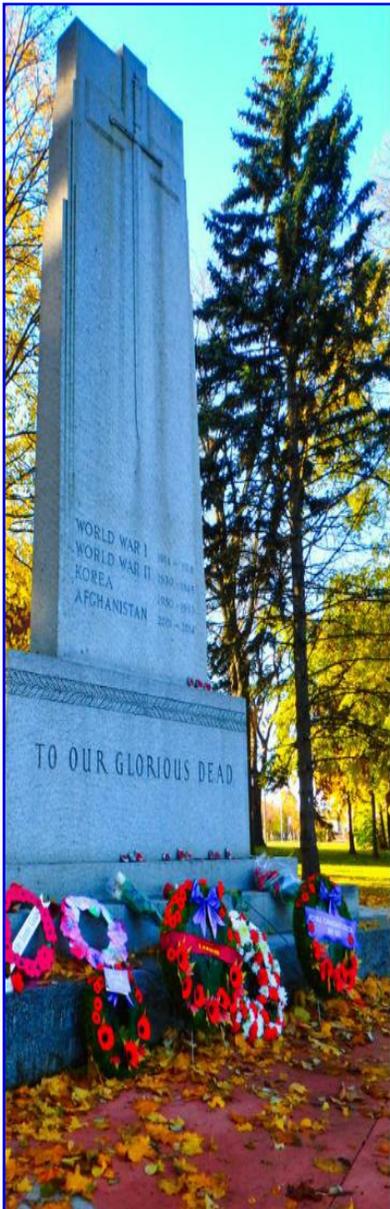
"The artwork will be put up on the week of Remembrance Day," said Forsyth, a former main artist for the now defunct Sears Canada. "The work was a labour of love and the red poppies were done to make them stand out."

Remembrance Day services in our area will take place at the New Toronto Cenotaph, at Kipling Avenue and

Lake Shore Blvd. W.; Etobicoke Civic Centre, at 399 The West Mall and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101, at 101 Jutland Road.



A CORVETTE named Long Branch, an escort ship, was designed on a Challenge Coin by artist Glenn Forsyth. Staff photo.



Flight Lieutenant David Hornell, VC

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

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Sunrise Service
New Toronto Cenotaph - 7:30am
Lake Shore Blvd W near Kipling Ave

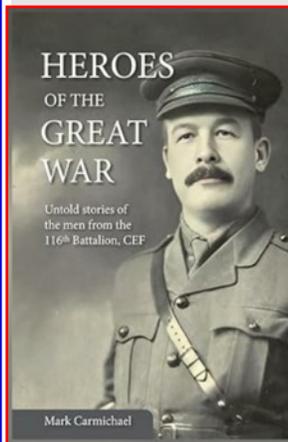
Etobicoke Civic Centre - 11am
399 The West Mall, Etobicoke

Legion Branch #643 - 11am
110 Jutland Road, Etobicoke

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Heroes of Great War at Legion



Canadian military historian Mark Carmichael will be speaking about his new just after Remembrance Day on November 11 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101. Carmichael will talk about his book *Heroes of the Great War, Untold Stories of the Men of the 116th Battalion* at 2:30 p.m. on November 16 at the 3850 Lake Shore Blvd. W. branch.



The author, who has ties to Local 101, is expected to read from the book, which is a collection of 25 biographies of soldiers from the Great War. "While they are predominantly from the 116th Battalion, a fighting unit in the 3rd Canadian Division, they represent the average soldier who volunteered to fight for his King and Empire," according to promotional material.

Each bio covers a different battle, from Courcellette to Vimy Ridge or Passchendaele to Amiens, according to a review. "These are stories of our ancestors, the men of the selfless generation, who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," according to a review. "It brings the names carved in granite back to life and outs them in the palms of your hands." Carmichael is a military history blogger and member of the Central Ontario Branch of the Western Front Association.

Blue Jays fever rocks community with excitement



HOME HARDWARE clerk Panagiota Sartzetakis was one of the Toronto Blue Jays biggest fan.

The community was buzzing with Blue Jays fever. And this Toronto Blue Jays cheering hardware store worker is probably Mimico's biggest baseball fan. "It was the Blue Jays all the way," says Panagiota Sartzetakis. "People were excited and talking about the Blue Jays."

Sartzetakis works at Mimico Home Hardware store, at 2404 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at the corner of Superior Avenue, which has been a hardware for 100 years, she says.

She says customers were excited about the Blue Jays playoffs against Los

Angeles Dodgers for the World Series, which has created a buzz among residents in Mimico and elsewhere.

"Customers are talking about the games or have to hurry home to watch it," Sartzetakis says. "It creates a level of excitement. We are the biggest Blue Jays fans."

She said her store has been owned by the same family, who will be celebrating their 50th year in business in December.

The store was first established as a hardware about 1925, and was purchased by the family in 1975.

"We have been at the same corner of Mimico for almost 50 years," she said. "We know all our customers and they know us."

The busy store is one of the oldest hardware stores in South Etobicoke.

Today, she is accompanied by her seated mom, Melpo, as they work an afternoon shift.

Mom and daughter agree that the Mimico area has

improved since they took over the busy store.

"The area has changed a lot over the years,"



FANS HUG EACH OTHER at the game.



TORONTO FIREFIGHTERS with their Blue Jays flags on their trucks.

Melpo reflects. "Before the Motel Strip was down here and there were issues."

Sartzetakis said the thriving area has more diversity and a range of restaurants and people.

"Now it is better," she insists. "I think it is much safer here now."

There are big changes coming to the area as several large condo developments are in the planning stages that

will change the face of the small-town area.

Mimico was an independent municipality until 1967, when it was amalgamated into the new Borough of Etobicoke, which was itself amalgamated in 1998 into the current city of Toronto.

The community was ranked

Young girl with rare heart condition in dream toy shopping trip to store

A local girl with a rare heart condition has received a dream-come-true shopping spree in her favourite store - Toys "R" Us.

Abby, at the age of 7, has shown remarkable resilience in her young life. She was born with Hypo plastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and a rare genetic condition called Menke-Hennekam Syndrome, from which she has already undergone three open-heart surgeries. She remains full of life despite ongoing health challenges such as frequent respiratory infections and the need to see a liver specialist.

During the Dash, she snagged over 65 toys! Some of these toys included a scooter, Barbie Dreamhouse, a toy piano, and a Care Bear.

True to her generous spirit, plans to share some of her new toys with other children in hospital, said Kristina Hopp, of the Starlight Children's Foundation Canada

Toys "R" Us Canada, in partnership with Starlight Children's Foundation Canada, granted the spirited and energetic child a lifetime: a three-minute shopping spree at their local store. Abby was able to fill carts with as many toys as possible in just three minutes. The Dash is designed to provide seriously ill children with joyful memories away from hospitals, treatments, and medical worries.



ABBY (left) WHO SUFFERS from a rare condition with some of her toys from a Toys "R" Us shopping dash.

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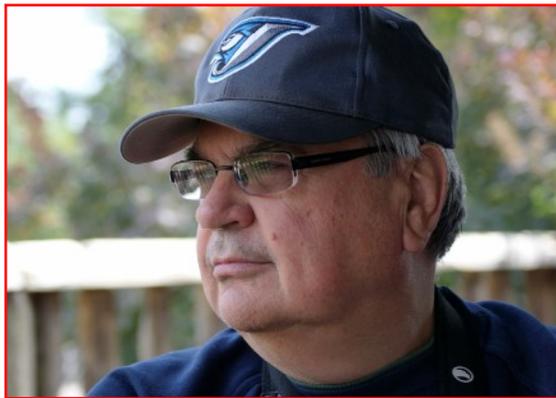
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Field of dreams for Jim Horton

One of Etobicoke's top amateur baseball booster may soon have his field of dreams. The name of late baseball lover Jim Horton, who passed away last February at the age of 76, may soon grace the North West Baseball Diamond at Martingrove Gardens Park, at 31 Lavington Road. Ward 2 Councillor Stephen Holyday in a motion to be considered by City Council on October 21 proposed the field be named the 'Jim Horton Baseball Diamond,' for his dedication to the sport. Horton, who was dubbed "Mr. Everything," started coaching the sport in 1987 and was a life member of Martingrove Baseball. He received the prestigious Etobicoke Baseball's Lifetime of Excellence Volunteer Award for his 'outstanding dedication to the sport of baseball in the city.'



THE LATE JIM HORTON's name may live on in a baseball park. He loved the sport.

"Jim's contributions went far beyond coaching," Holyday said. "He served as executive member of the Martingrove Baseball for more than 35 consecutive years." He said Horton held nearly every executive role, including president, vice-president, equipment manager, umpire-in-chief and treasurer. Holyday said the avid basketballer was instrumental in getting the City, with an Optimist Club donation, construct the Centennial Park baseball diamond, which is 'still a jewel of ballparks in the west end.' More than 325 people signed a petition showing their strong and positive community support for the park being named after Horton. Letters and testimonials of support were sent by members of the baseball community. "Considering Jim Horton's contribution to our community, and with the support of his family, it is appropriate that the City recognize his impact by naming the north west baseball diamond in Martingrove Gardens in his honour," Holyday wrote. He said Norton was dedicated to supporting children and youth, as well as fostering community health and well-being through the sport. Martingrove Baseball was founded in 1958 and is an all-volunteer, community-based organization featuring all levels of co-ed baseball and girls' softball from ages 4 - 28.



JIM HORTON WAS well known in Etobicoke amateur baseball circles. A diamond at Martingrove Gardens Park may be named after him.

Sobeys' gone and so will be the Kipling Queensway Mall soon



Some of the large mainstay businesses at the Kipling Queensway Mall are shutting down to make way for condos. The beloved Sobeys grocery store permanently shut its doors on October 24 and the Royal Bank of Canada will be moving to another location nearby shortly, along with the Mandarin Restaurant. About 60 of Sobeys employees, many who have been there for a long time, were transferred to other stores, laid off or retired. The Sobeys has been a fixture at 1255 The Queensway for decades, and was hugely popular for its large parking lot. An application is being heard by City Council to demolish and replace the mall with 13 towers up to 65 storeys tall, along with over a hectare of new public parkland and a potential elementary school. The 7.4 hectare site will also include a large ramp to link The Queensway to the Gardiner Expressway if approved. A second community Sobeys store is slated for closure at 125 The Queensway plaza, near Park Lawn Road, where seven condos are proposed ranging up to 50 storeys high. The proposal is going through the hearings process. Sobeys is planning to build a huge new Sobeys and Longo's grocery stores and shopping centre with other stores at 1061 The Queensway, just east of Islington Ave. Sobeys own a major stake in Longo's and the stores will be massive and side by side. Sobeys has said the moves are "part of our strategic plan to enhance our offerings and better serve our customers." Sobeys is a Canadian business, which was formed in 1907 as a meat delivery business in Nova Scotia, and has grown to more than 1,600 stores across the country. The company is one of the largest grocery chains in Canada, which through its franchise affiliates employ more than 128,000 people.

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Automated speed cameras gone



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Ford claims the cameras are a cash grab for cities. The City of Toronto has 175 of the cameras, which rake in more than a hefty \$40 million yearly from speeders. Ford accused City officials of collecting millions of dollars and "not spending a dime" on road safety. He said the province will establish a new fund to help



PREMIER Doug Ford says the roadside speed cameras are tax grabs. They bring in \$40 million yearly for the City.

Many motorists are breathing a sigh of relief now that the cash-cow Automated Speed Enforcement cameras will soon be history. Premier Doug Ford has introduced legislation to get rid of the 700 cameras in Ontario which are expected to be all gone from provincial streets on November 14. Work crews will be hitting the streets to install speed bumps, roundabouts, raised cross walks or curb extensions to reduce speed. There will also be flashing lights, more visible signage and public education.

municipalities with new safety measures. "Municipal speed cameras have become nothing more than a tool for raising revenue," he said. "Local governments should be focused on making life affordable, not



THE BUSY SPEED camera on Parkside Drive that has been cut down more than six times.

imposing new revenue tools that set back families and seniors across Ontario."

Officials point to a busy camera on Parkside Drive that was chopped down about seven times in months. The device issued more than 65,000 tickets racking up almost \$7 million in revenue.

Mayor Olivia Chow insist the cameras work and slows down traffic. She said 250 people have died or have been seriously injured on Toronto roads since 2024.

"Speed kills," she said. "Automated enforcement works." It saves lives. Police said the devices save lives.

Church trying to bring refugee to Canada

Members of the Alderwood Church are trying to give a better life in Canada to a man who has been living in a refugee camp in Indonesia for a decade.



IBRAHIM NASIRI

More than 100 members of the Delma Drive Church held a potluck dinner October 4 to heighten awareness of its refugee sponsorship program. The church has filed papers with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to sponsor an Afghanistan man who fled to Indonesia and has been living in a refugee camp there for about 10 years. Ibrahim Nasiri, 34, who has been recognized by the United Nations as a refugee, will be the fourth refugee sponsored by the congregation, said Pastor Lawrence Nyarko.

"Ibrahim's journey is a testament to his strength and perseverance in the face of adversity," he said. "His story is one of resilience, adaptability and the enduring human spirit."

On this day, members of the congregation brought in home-made foods which filled a long table that was billed as 'a potluck culinary delight' that was enjoyed by all.

Nyarko said the church had been waiting for almost three years for a decision by immigration officials to approve Nasiri's asylum claim for Canada.

Church member Allan Petrie said Nasiri's father and his brother were killed by Taliban linked groups in his homeland. He faces persecution in his native land.



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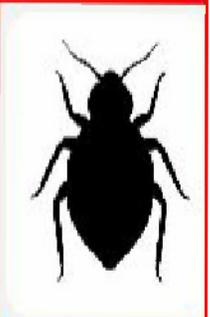
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Some of our local business and services to win GEMS

Small businesses and services in South Etobicoke were honoured at the 22nd Annual GEMS of Etobicoke Lakeshore Awards 2025 presented by MP James Maloney. We at the South Etobicoke News are among the hard-working residents who copped a GEMS Award this year. More than 200 people attended the gala

The Old Sod Pub and Long Branch Social House were thumbs up for wins as Favourite Social or Entertainment



TOM GODFREY, Publisher of the South Etobicoke News, with his GEMS Michael O'Connor Thompson Award.



SOME OF THE WOMEN honoured with GEMS with MP James Maloney.

event on October 2 at the Mimico Cruising Club.

"We are pleased with the caliber of winners this year," Maloney said. "The Awards are well-received and people look forward to the ceremony every year."

South Etobicoke News Publisher Tom Godfrey said the winners work hard to improve their businesses and serve the community.

"We are ecstatic to have won a GEMS Award for our work," Godfrey said. "Readers appreciate the hard work by our staff to produce the best product for our community."

The winners included: Il Paesano Pizzeria and Restaurant and Hong Kong Gardens which were selected as Favourite Restaurant-Café; as Freebird Market and Blooms & General were chosen as Favourite Retail Business.

Venue. Favourite

Service Business awards went to Hound & Purr Pet Grooming Spa and Physio in the Six.

The Favourite New Business went to Corazon Agave and Gud Daae restaurants. The Michael O'Connor

Thompson Award winners were Neighbor Magazine and The South Etobicoke News.

The Etobicoke Humane Society and Oak Learners won for Favourite Non-profit Organization. The Favourite Front-line Workers Awards went to Lia



MP MALONEY with realtor Selena Pollard (right) and another board member of the Jean Augustine Centre.

Buchkovska, Larysa Tarasenko, Maria Marginean, Oleksandra Maherovska and Olena Gomenyuk of Ivan Franko Homes. Also receiving a GEMS was Alan Roy, of the Royal Canadian Long Branch Legion, 101 Branch 101. See page 13.

Women's Habitat stage Boundless Gala to raise funds for its diversified programming



Women's Habitat held a Boundless Gala 2025 event to raise funds and celebrate the community.

The gala took place on October 23 and the historic Old Mill was packed with members and supporters.

"We are raising funds to continue providing vital shelter, support, and group programs that empower women and children impacted by violence," according to a release. "Without the support of generous community leaders and friends like you, this work would not be possible."

Women's Habitat offers a safe, confidential location with all the services a woman needs to make a new life for herself and her children.

Women's Habitat is a community-based, feminist organization providing vital support to self-identified women and their dependents who are survivors of violence and poverty. Founded in 1978, the emergency shelter and outreach centre, established in 2006, offers a suite of services including group and individual counselling, parenting support and housing assistance. Their Shelter 24/7 Crisis Line can be reached at 416- 252-5829

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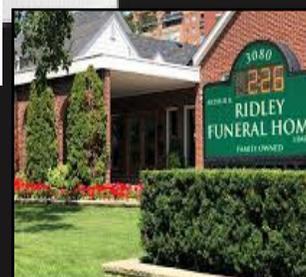


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LIFE'S UNDERTAKING a podcast

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Sunset Grill hosts seniors on their Appreciation Day



FRIENDLY STAFF are there to welcome you to the Sunset Grill. **Staff photo.**

The family-operated Sunset Grill Restaurant is celebrating its 10th anniversary and is reaching out to the South Etobicoke community.

Today the grill is hosting a group of seniors from the Parkland on Eglinton West Retirement Home in a Senior Appreciation Day.

The busy 150 North Queen Street restaurant is well-known for its all-day breakfast, large

tasty portions and great service. On this day MPP Lee Fairclough dropped by to greet the seniors.

“The food quality does not disappoint for the price you pay and our staff are extremely friendly,” said owner George Kolitsopoulos. “Our food is prepped fresh daily and cooked to order to ensure you’re eating the highest quality freshest-tasting food.” He said many of the seniors come in for the breakfasts with their friends.

The favourite staples include: Sunset super bacon and eggs and two fluffy pancakes, scrambled eggs with peameal bacon and home fries, three eggs and toast and bacon strips or strawberry cheesecake French toast.



DELICIOUS Sunset Grill breakfast

“We believe in supporting local people and businesses,” Kokitsopoulos said. “Our family has been in the business for a long time.”

The restaurant was also taking part in a Peel Childrens Aid Purple Ribbon fundraising

Campaign, by making purple pancakes for customers, with some donations going to the charity.

The staff are friendly and offer a kind smile. They are helpful and the restaurant is spotless.

Sunset Grill claims to be Canada’s number one restaurant destination for the best breakfast and lunch. The company, which now has about 100 restaurants nationwide, was founded in 1985 by chef Angelo Christou in the Beaches area.

The company’s philosophy Fresh is Tastiest, which works since still to this day there is long lineups of loyal customers.

“All our menu items are cooked fresh to order using healthy methods: flat top grills, pat dry bacon and nothing is ever deep fried,” is the motto of Sunset Grill.

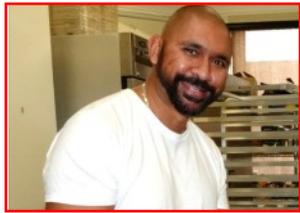


SENIORS DIG in for hearty all-day breakfasts at the Sunset Grill.



MPP LEE FAIRCLOUGH with Sunset Grill staff on Seniors Appreciation Day.

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Pepper salesman Sanathan Kassiedass has been selling his red hot Trinidadian-style pepper sauce at local markets. The founder of Red Cap Hot Sauce makes his sauce from a recipe that has been passed on through generations of family members.

“Our sauce captures the authentic taste of Trinidadian dishes like doubles and rot,” Kassiedass said.

He said his sauce is made without added water and features fresh lemon and lime juice, giving it a bright, fresh flavour and a bottle will typically last someone longer than the same sized bottle of a competitor.

His ‘flavour first’ hot sauce is made from local Ontario-grown scotch bonnet and habanero peppers, garlic, celery and cilantro. The sauce goes well with most foods, including pizza, pasta or burritos.

“Our mission has always been to share the bold, flavourful taste of our family recipe with as many people as possible,” he said. The company has partnered with Second Harvest and donates some of each purchase to help feed the community.

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New business association planned for Humber Bay Shores thriving



A HUMBER BAY SHORES Business Improvement Association is being formed.

City officials are looking at creating a Humber Bay Business Improvement Area (BIA) to help small businesses. A report by the City's Economic Development and Culture recommends that City Council consider creating a new BIA at its meeting in November. This report recommends the City conduct a poll to determine if there is support to designate the area southeast from the CN Rail Corridor from Mimico Creek to Humber Bay River and connecting with Humber Bay Park East and West side areas as the Humber Bay Shores BIA. Upon completion of the poll, the results will be reported to City Council through the Economic and Community

Development Committee. Staff are to prepare the necessary by-laws and bills to begin the BIA. A staff report said there has been a longstanding interest among local community members in forming a BIA in the Humber Bay Shores area. Small businesses in the area have been trying to create a BIA since 2012. A Steering Committee was formed in January 2025, consisting of seven local business owners. The Committee believes a BIA will improve the neighbourhood through increased opportunities for streetscape beautification, area branding and marketing, community events, advocacy, and capital improvements. "The desired outcome is the development of a pleasant, safe, walkable, inclusive neighbourhood that maintains top-of-mind awareness as a preferred destination for residents and visitors," according to a report. The report said members of the Steering Committee contacted potential business improvement area members to determine the initial degree of local interest in the formation of a new BIA. A brochure was produced for the 150 small businesses and property owners about the BIA, the benefits and costs. A poll indicated more than 50 per cent of members were in favour of the BIA.



HUMBER BAY SHORES

Sherway Gardens submits plan to tweak condo towers on lots



THE MASSIVE SHERWAY development is also on pause as not enough units are sold.

Here is another sign of the shifting Toronto condo market. Sherway Gardens has filed paperwork with the City of Toronto to tweak its plan to build four towers from 14 to 41 storeys high in the parking lot of the mall. The project by Diamond Corp. and Cadillac Fairview proposes to build condos and purpose-built rentals on the property.

Development planned for Dixie Road Discount Mall continues as a mega-project called the Clove planned for Cloverdale Mall has been put on pause due to lack of sales. The project would consist of four buildings with heights of 12 to 41 storeys on the paved property. Phase 1 of the massive project is estimated to deliver 1,650 homes, 940 condominium and 710 rental units, according to the developers. There will also be three public streets built to link the community, according to plans. Phasing will see a 41-storey rental tower advancing first, followed by a 40-storey tower, and finally a 35-storey condo and the 14-storey rental building. There will also be a small park and open green space, according to plans filed. Also planned is a three-level garage with 829 spaces for vehicles and 84 for visitors. The complex provides 1,244 bicycle parking spaces, split between 1,124 long-term and 120 short-term stalls.

Students offered cash tuition help by police liaison group



STUDENTS JULIA WU (left) and Regan St. Dennis receive funds for college.

Four graduating high school students were helped with tuition fees for their college or university education by a local group. The Student Leadership Awards Gala organized by the 22 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) and venue partner Famous People Players (FPP) Theatre held a gala event last

September 27 at Famous People Players Theatre, on Evans Avenue.

CPLC co-chair Michael Georgopoulos said this year they welcome FPP's Diane Dupuy, whose organization hosted the event.

He said \$8,000 was awarded to four well-deserving high school graduates from the community. Each student received \$2,000 to assist



STUDENTS Ralph Bouabboud (left) and Kaitlyn McWatters are also receiving tuition fees.

them with their first year tuition at a certified Canadian College or University of their choice. The FPP has been operating for 51-years and is known as Canada's Goodwill Ambassadors to the world. They bring inclusion and integration for people with disabilities. Those individuals share duties in dining room management, arts administration, and theatrical and visual arts performances.

Funds raised from the gala will benefit four high school students from at-risk communities as they seek higher education. The committee is made up of community volunteers and police service representatives from neighbourhoods across Central and South Etobicoke.



VOLUNTEERS at work to promote the event and keep things running smoothly. Courtesy photos.

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Cloverdale condo complex nixed due to lack of sales

Front section of historic home to be demolished for Metrolinx Royal York-Eglinton station



THE MASSIVE CLOVE Development that has been paused due to a lack of sales. Less than 10 per cent of units were sold.

Group, in a release said they are not moving ahead with the project, as it is not in the best interest of “purchasers or the community,” as the market experiences “significant headwinds.”

They said only 10 per cent of the units were pre-sold despite receiving strong initial interest from buyers. “The market has to come down if they want to get their units moved,” said Daniel Foch, a Toronto-based chief real estate officer.

“What happened with The Clove probably is they couldn’t sell units because they were trying to launch at a higher price than the market was willing to

A massive condo development on The Queensway has been cancelled after less than 10 per cent of the pre-construction units were sold.

The Clove condominium complex was slated to be built at 2 The East Mall Cres., across from Cloverdale Mall, and included a 33-storey tower and adjoining nine storey



THE INSIDE LOBBY (above) OF THE CLOVE development and below is a master view of the Sherway Mall with towers.

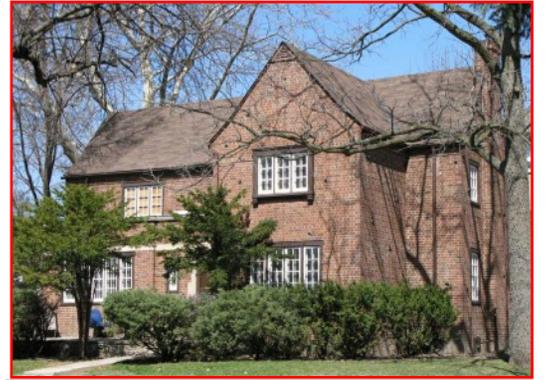


SHERWAY MALL with planned condo towers in the parking lot, similar to Cloverdale Mall.

midrise, totalling over 600 condos. Developers Mattamy Homes, Canada’s largest home builder, and QuadReal Property

bear,” he said. Foch said this cancellation is part of a larger trend across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), where other developments have had to significantly lower their pre-construction prices in order to sell units. The lack of sales has also led to a stoppage in the construction of the much-anticipated Parklawn GO Train Station and it is not known if it will proceed. The housing market in the GTA has dropped since its peak in early 2022. Reports in August showed 118 townhouses and low, medium and high-rise buildings were sold in the GTA, a 59 per cent drop from before.

It’s the old versus the new. Developers are calling for a section of a historic Etobicoke heritage home to be demolished to make way for Metrolinx’s Royal York-Eglinton Station. The station is part of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension rapid transit line, a new underground station on the north-west corner of Royal York Road and Eglinton Avenue West.



THE HISTORIC Mary Reid House at 4200 Eglinton Avenue W., was built in 1939 and is 86 years old.

The demolition was considered by City council at its meeting last month to determine if a low stone wall with gateposts outside the home will go. The stone fixtures are to be reconstructed in their exact location after the station is built in its original stone, according to a City report.

“This property remains as a reminder of the intended appearance of this part of Etobicoke,” according to a City report. “It is a well-crafted example of a Period Revival style house that was designed and set in landscaping that was inspired by the English Garden City Movement.”

The low-stone wall with gate posts along the southern frontage reflects the style and character of the house as well as the intended relationship that the landscaped gardens were planned to have had with the roads in this part of Etobicoke. The 2.5 storey Mary Reid House at 4200 Eglinton Avenue W., is owned by the City of Toronto.

The house was constructed in 1939 as a country residence in what was intended to be a small residential enclave similar to those in the Kingsway Park area. However, the remainder of the subdivision was not developed as envisioned and this property is a reminder of the intended appearance of this part of Etobicoke.



THE FRONT of the building will be losing its front walls and gateposts in a bid to enhance the home.

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Movement,” according to City documents. “It said the ‘low -stone wall with gate posts along the southern frontage reflects the style and character of the house as well as the intended relationship that the landscaped gardens were planned to have had with the roads in this part of Etobicoke.’ Documentation and photographs regarding the dismantling, storage specifications and the salvage, storage, reconstruction, landscape are to be kept to re-construct the heritage site.



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City to shut down Humber Yacht Club to protect nature

The City has bowed to public pressure and is shutting down the Toronto Humber Yacht Club (THYC) after 70 years due to environmental concerns. The move comes as some 2,500 people have signed an online petition calling for the club to be shut.

A report will be presented in December to council detailing why a lease for the club should not be renewed, according to Ward 3 Councillor Amber Morley.

Morley said the stretch of the Humber River with the yacht club has been designated as a Canadian Heritage River that faces serious erosion and flood risks. "Its home to several endangered species," she said in a statement. "We have a responsibility to protect this sensitive environment and ensure its future use reflects this commitment."

The THYC has been located at 101 Humber Valley Road, for seven decades and some residents wanted to reclaim the land for use as a park or paddling club. A group called the Revitalize the Humber (RTH) said the club's lease expires on July 31 and a City staff report on the use of boat club lands is expected by the end of the year.

The report will first be considered by a General Governance and Licensing Committee and then City Council for a vote.

"... we are still fighting an uphill battle with the city to reject THYC's 20-year lease request," group member Jason Sills wrote. "It's always easier for City staff and the bureaucracy to go with the status quo vs working to create something wonderful for the general public."

The RTH claim marine life are in jeopardy from pollutants as dirt and unburned fuel from boat; many which create a wake that erodes the shoreline.

The group said that personal water craft, as jet skis, stir sediment in the shallow river, 'introducing pollutants such as unburned fuel.'

The RTH said construction of 60 gazebos along the shore has degraded the riparian zone, displacing native species and disrupting natural habitats.

Members of the community flooded social media to welcomed the good news.

"Sorry but good riddance," wrote Amanda Green. "Big boats and jet skis have no business up in the river if they don't know how to act."

Marc Beaudry said club members have been responsible stewards of the historic location

and the river.

"People should stop painting everyone with the same brush," he wrote.

Jim Graham was ecstatic of the pending club closure.

"Double yay," he yelled. "Back to a park no more jet skis on Humber."



CANOE DRIVER in calm Humber River and Yacht club at the bottom.



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In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



The IZZY DOLL to raise funds for the Royal Canadian Legion.

On this Remembrance Day we take stock of a little knitted toy called the 'Izzy Doll' that has changed the lives of many war-stricken children across the world.

Canadian Armed Forces soldiers have for more than three decades been handing the volunteer-knitted Izzy Dolls to children during UN peacekeeping missions to help befriend locals.

The dolls in time became a symbol of Canadian peacekeeping and humanitarian work.

Alan Roy, president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 101, said the dolls are loved by children and help soldiers make friends in some countries, that may not be to friendly.

Roy said the dolls, with their famed blue UN cap, are knitted by volunteers across Canada who through Royal Canadian Legion branches send them to the Armed Forces for peacekeepers being stationed abroad. The dolls were made to bring comfort to children living in war-torn areas.

"The children love the dolls," he said. "They help our soldiers in peacekeeping duties."

The dolls were named after Master Cpl. Mark (Izzy) Isfeld, who gave out the small dolls knitted by his mother, Carol, to children while he was serving as a peacekeeper in the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia. Canada was part of several peacekeeping missions in the former Yugoslavia during the early 1990s.

Isfeld was killed on June 21, 1994, near the village of Kakma, Croatia, when his vehicle hit a tripwire that triggered a roadside bomb that exploded.

The family continued Isfeld's legacy after Carol died in 2007. The word by then had spread and Canadians have donated more than 1.5 million Izzy Dolls to date, bringing comfort to children suffering as a result of war or natural disasters.

The tag on the doll reads: "IZZY DOLL Made for you with love in memory of Mark Isfeld killed in Kakma, Croatia 21 jun 94 removing landmines serving with 1CER Unprofor."

The Izzy dolls are distributed through the Canadian Armed Forces, the International Community for the Relief of Starvation and Suffering Canada (ICROSS Canada), Health Partners International Canada (HPIC) and many other Canadian charities.

Let us not forget that peacekeeping is key to Canada's role in world affairs. Our soldiers are known world-wide for their peacekeeping skills. More than 125,000 Canadian peacekeepers have served on more than 50 international peacekeeping missions. And, August 9 was National Peacekeepers' Day.

Just last year to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the Izzy Doll Initiative, sponsored by the Defence Attaché Office of Canada and the Canadian Military Engineers, launched a special project: "80 Izzy Dolls for the 80th," to deliver 80 boxes of dolls to communities across France as a symbol of friendship.



THE IZZY DOLL with founder Master Mark (Izzy) Isfeld.

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Your Money \$ Wealth

Saving Money with RATTAN GANDHI

In my previous columns, I have written extensively about budgets and savings tips.

The budgeting process should have identified areas that would have been controlled and/or reduced.

If this detailed process was not undertaken on a formal basis at least one look at the spending pattern one would have been implement the steps to move forward and incorporated them going forward.

This process and the savings tips should have resulted in moving forward to pay down debt or creating an emergency fund and/or focus on investing

In this article I will be talking about investing. Investing lets you diversify beyond a savings account into GICs, (Guaranteed Investment Certificates) mutual funds, and ETFs (Exchange Traded Fund).

All these instruments are offered by various financial institutions. The success of personal financial goal is simple spend less and manage debt and invest regularly. There was an individual whose guiding principle was straightforward: never spend more than one's daily income. Simple yet difficult to move forward given the high cost of living, expensive housing etc.

GICs are a straightforward investment option. Investors can continue adding to their GICs using their savings and renew them with the interest earned.

The magic of compounded interest comes into play, in the words, you will be earning interest on the interest earned. I have heard of some significant build up in savings especially people who are in the mature age and have had no knowledge of various other options, they kept it simple and continued to GIC portfolio.

DIY (Do It Yourself) investing is probably the best way forward, if GICs does not meet your investing goals. Use ETFs and digital investing. Look for bland sensible product with a good blend of stocks and bonds that mimic major stock and bond indexes.

ETFs cost very little without extra effort. A dialogue with the financial institution or online research will provide details on charges. Always keep an eye on the charges you are paying, loyalty should not come into play.

When investing the process needs to be consistent without looking at the ups and downs of the market. Markets plunge and move up; overreaction should be avoided. Keep on moving forward consistently.

Big banks pay little on savings account and charge big dollars a month for chequing accounts. Alternate banks pay higher rates on savings accounts and offer no fee chequing. Alternate banks are Wealthsimple, PC Financial, EQ Bank to name a few. Another area where bank competitors really come through for mortgages. Do not sign up with a bank without seeing a mortgage broker.

Minor rate differences will add up to major savings in the long run. Changing mortgage companies may require some administrative fees, do the math and see it makes sense in the big picture.

Investing for the future requires some hard-core decisions re spending and setting up goals and sticking with them. Educate yourself by reading up on various option, talk to people in the know. Never get unsettled, continue to revisit the goals as circumstances change over an extended period.

One of the most important goals one should adhere to is never pay interest on consumer debt, i.e. credit cards etc. Only good debt/ interest is mortgages and maybe vehicle loan, if the vehicle is being used to earn a living. Talking about cars do you really need a new/latest model vehicle or can one settle for a used.

This article will give the reader some viable options, some easy to do and some require gaining knowledge. Knowledge once gained will become second nature as one goes forward in life.

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Retired Judge Speaks

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI

Canada's military transformation during the First and Second World Wars was nothing short of extraordinary.

From a force in 1914 to one of the world's largest by 1945, Canada's army, navy, and air force played pivotal roles in global conflict. Yet behind these national achievements were thousands of communities whose contributions powered the war effort.

Among them, South Etobicoke's historic towns—Mimico, New Toronto, Long Branch, Alderwood—and neighboring Lakeview in Mississauga stood out for their deep commitment, industrial might, and heroic service.

In World War I, Canada entered the conflict with a small army and virtually no air force or navy. But by war's end, over 620,000 Canadians had enlisted—an astonishing figure for a country of just eight million. The Canadian Corps earned a reputation as one of the most effective fighting forces on the Western Front, distinguishing itself at battles like Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. While Canada's navy was limited to coastal patrols and convoy escorts, and its airmen served within British forces, the country's military reputation was firmly established.

Our towns were young but growing rapidly during this period. Mimico, incorporated in 1911, sent many of its sons to war. New Toronto, with its emerging industrial base, became a hub for wartime production and civic mobilization. The New Toronto Soldiers' Comforts Association, a volunteer group, sent thousands of care packages overseas and built a memorial fountain in 1920 to honor 19 local men who died in the war. Long Branch and Alderwood, though smaller, contributed volunteers and supported the war through school campaigns, Red Cross drives, and community fundraising.

For the first war Lakeview was also home to Canada's first aerodrome, the Long Branch Aerodrome, established in 1915. It trained pilots for World War I and later became a Royal Flying Corps base. During WWII, the skies over Lakeview and South Etobicoke were filled with aircraft, including Lancaster bombers built at Victory Aircraft in Malton. Residents recall the thunderous roar of these planes flying overhead on test flights or enroute to training bases or ferry flights overseas.

World War II saw Canada's military expand dramatically. By 1945, Canada had the third-largest navy and fourth-largest air force among the Allied powers. The Royal Canadian Navy grew from a handful of ships to over 400 vessels and 95,000 personnel, specializing in convoy escort and anti-submarine warfare in the Atlantic. The Royal Canadian Air Force ballooned to 215,000 personnel and 78 squadrons, flying bombers, fighters, and reconnaissance missions across Europe. The army, with over 1 million Canadians enlisted and 500,000 serving overseas, fought in key campaigns from Sicily to Normandy and the Netherlands.

South Etobicoke's contribution to this massive war effort was profound. New Toronto's factories, including Goodyear Tire and Campbell Soup, shifted to wartime production. Mimico's rail yards and shipping facilities became vital for transporting goods and personnel. The area's proximity to Lake Ontario made it ideal for military logistics and training. Nearby Lakeview hosted the Small Arms Limited munitions factory, which employed thousands—many of them women—to produce and inspect Lee-Enfield rifles and other weapons for Allied forces.

During the Korean war The Rifle range where the old coal generating station was located in Lakeview was still used for practice, i remember the sound of gun fire during many summer days.

My Dad worked as an electrician building Mine Sweepers at the docks just south of Spadina and converted their two acre farm to grow vegetables for Campbell's Soups war production

Among the most celebrated local heroes was Flight Lieutenant David Ernest Hornell of Mimico. In 1944, Hornell piloted a Canso flying boat that attacked and sank a German U-boat near the Faroe Islands. Despite critical damage to his aircraft, he crash-landed in the sea and endured 21 hours in freezing waters, sacrificing his own comfort by staying in the water to make room for other survivors in the boat to survive. He died shortly after rescue and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Another hero was Corporal Frederick George Topham of New Toronto, a medical orderly in the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion. During Operation Varsity in 1945, Topham braved enemy fire to rescue wounded comrades and continued treating others even after being wounded himself. His valor earned him the Victoria Cross and a permanent place in local memory.

The Korean War also touched South Etobicoke, though on a smaller scale. Veterans from WWII re-enlisted, and younger men joined the Canadian forces in Korea. While fewer memorials exist for this conflict, the names of Korean War veterans appear alongside those from earlier wars on cenotaphs and plaques throughout the Lakeshore communities. After the wars, South Etobicoke continued to support veterans through housing and community services. In Queensway Park and Alderwood hundreds of homes were built by the Wartime Housing Corporation to accommodate returning soldiers and war workers. These neighborhoods became tight-knit communities where stories of service and sacrifice were passed down through generations. Some of these smaller homes can be seen on the Queensway near the Frills Store at Royal York.

Today, Remembrance Day ceremonies in South Etobicoke are held at several key sites: the Etobicoke Cenotaph near the former Civic Centre, the Humber Bay War Memorial, and school-based memorials in Mimico, New Toronto, and Long Branch. These events draw residents of all ages, reaffirming the community's commitment to honoring its past. Canada's military might in WWII was a dramatic leap from its modest WWI beginnings.

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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NOVEMBER 5 HUMBER COLLEGE noon-hour music series Songwriting Masterclass with **Tara Kannangara** from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Campus Humber Cultural Hub Recital Hall, A Building, 1399 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at the Main Entrance on the East Side. Free event. Contact Dewi Minden at Humbermusicdegree@humber.ca

NOVEMBER 6 HOMEOPATHY PRESENTATION to discover the natural way to wellness at 12:00 p.m. at LAMP CHC, on Fifth Street. Join the Ontario Homeopathic Medical Association for an informative presentation about how homeopathy can support healing and complement conventional treatments. A light lunch will be provided. For more contact jasmind@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

NOVEMBER 8 INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Spirit Garden at Toronto City Hall as the City honours those who served through the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, Afghanistan, peacekeeping missions around the world, and who still serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.

NOVEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY - Sunrise Service, New Toronto Cenotaph; 7:30 a.m. Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Kipling Ave. **Etobicoke Civic Centre**, 399 The West Mall, at 11 a.m. **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 643**, 110 Jutland Road at 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 13 HUMBER COLLEGE MUSIC Jazz Night featuring Humber's Jazz Big Band and Bebop Ensemble from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Humber Cultural Hub Recital Hall, A Building, 1399 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Main Entrance on East Side. Tickets required. Contact Dewi Minden at Humbermusicdegree@humber.ca

EVERY MONDAY DANCE AND SWEAT Exercise Sessions join Anny for low-impact exercise and dance cardio yet high energy. Mondays 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. program runs until December 15 at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane or email

health.promotion@stonegatechc.org or call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

NOVEMBER 15 ANNUAL BAZAAR presented by St. Ambrose Church, at 782 Brown's Line, (Hwy. 427 and Brown's Line) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a Tombola Table, silent auction, bake table, arts and crafts and tea room, lunch café. For information call 416-251-8282.

NOVEMBER 20, DEC. 18 QUILTING GROUP third Thursday of every month join **Sandra Kuzniak** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. as she leads participant in making their own machine and hand-pieced quilts at Stonegate CHC, Unit 201, 10 Neighbourhood Lane. All levels welcome. Some quilting materials provided. To register e-mail health.promotion@stonegatechc.org or call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

NOVEMBER 22 CHRISTMAS MARKET fundraiser at St. Margaret Anglican Church, 156 Sixth Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Book your table today. E-mail jas15gov@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 22 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Branch 344, 1395 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Invites you to a Classic Country Music Show & Dance with **Mary Rowan** featuring Country Class Band. Dinner 5:30 p.m., dance 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 call 416-532-8892 or e-mail rcl344@aibn.com

NOVEMBER 28 HEARING SCREENING take care of your hearing health with a free screening session. Learn about your hearing and explore available supports at LAMP CHC, at 185 Fifth Street. To sign up contact jasmind@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

NOVEMBER 29 FRANKLIN HORNER Indoor Christmas Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a range of vendors and artisans, bake sale and BBQ lunch in our gym. Contact franklinhorner.matthew@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 30 MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH celebrates their 70th anniversary of serving people from Mimico and the GTA German speaking community. There will be a special German-English worship service at 11 a.m. All is welcome to the church's annual

Christmas Market Fundraiser and Open House from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 2379 Lake Shore Blvd. W., or call 416-251-6293 or visit martinluther.ca

DECEMBER 6 ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR presents "A Ceremony of Christmas" which celebrates the art and joy of choral singing. Delight in traditional carols and a sing-along to some of your favourite carols at 7:30 p.m. at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede. Tickets required. For more call 416-695-9034 or

Visit: www.etobicokecentennialchoir.ca

EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 28 womens' walking group meet at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., to reduce stress and reduce blood pressure. To register 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or e-mail

health.promotion@stonegatechc.org

EVERY WEDNESDAY SENIORS GENTLE EXERCISE November 5 and December 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Trillium Room. A U of T kinesiology student will lead the exercises. To register call 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or e-mail

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EVERY FRIDAY DRUMMING CIRCLE to end your week with rhythm and no experience needed. An uplifting drumming group focusing on creativity, stress relief and community through music. No experience needed and drums provided.

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UNTIL DECEMBER 2 Haven on The Queensway annual Christmas Toy Drive. New unwrapped toys and \$25 and \$50 gift cards required. Drop items off at Haven, at 76 Fordhouse Dr. Call 416.640.2005

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Community worried about wasteful data centres

Many Etobicoke residents are concerned that a massive power and water-hungry Microsoft artificial intelligence (AI) data centre is being constructed in the area.

The AI facilities have left residents disgruntled in places where they are built as they can use millions of gallons of water daily to cool the many computer chips that operate 24-hours.

The Etobicoke centre, known as YTO 40, which will be more than 278,000 square foot in size, is being constructed on the site of a former Lowe's store at 48 Lowe's Place, in the Islington Avenue and Highway 401 area.



A MICROSOFT DATA CENTRE being built Etobicoke Centre that uses a huge amount of water and power to cool down computer chips.

The YTO 40 centre was approved to use up to 39.75 litres of municipal water per second for cooling purposes, according to documents filed to the City. It would be the equivalent of around 1.2 billion litres a year, or 500 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Clean drinking-quality water is required by the hi-tech companies due to the sensitivity of the technology, officials said.

The monstrous centres are used to house the many computer servers that power much of the online world, whether it is online shopping, booking a flight, banking, or other commercial, medical and entertainment uses.

The B.C. government is proposing to limit the amount of electricity made available to the data centres. They also want to ban cryptocurrency mining which uses a huge amount of water and energy.

The new Microsoft building would be energy-efficient and have 20 emergency backup generators. It will provide equipment and security for servers and offer networking equipment for the ever-growing number of digital businesses.

The Washington-based corporation purchased seven large tracts of land in Canada in 2021, including a golf course near Quebec City and the Etobicoke site.

As tech companies spend billions of dollars on data centres, citizens around the

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RESIDENTS NEAR THESE mega-centres say they suffer power blackouts and water shut downs and want something done about the blackouts.

where the sprawling centres are built. They claim the data centres cause huge environmental impact and some cost up to \$27 billion to build.

There are at least eight of these mega-projects underway in Canada, according to the federal government.

Some residents said Canada is jumping into the AI construction race with few



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