

Markham school kept busy during education week

Students at Markham's Kateri Takakwitha Catholic School were kept hopping during Education week, according to principal Leon Kehoe.

On Tuesday, students participated in a Jump Rope for Heart day, taking pledges and raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Parents at a Wednesday function saw Kindergarten students perform the play Peter the Rabbit and also viewed slide shows put together by the school's primary and junior divisions.

And on May 1, Grade 1 students attended a play at the Markham Theatre.

Most of May will be fairly calm as staff and students gear up for the end of the year, according to Mr. Kehoe.

However, he says a parents guild executive meeting will be held at the school May 14 and three days later Grade 4 and 5 students will attend a play at the Ryerson Theatre.

A Fun Day to raise money for school activities is slated for Saturday, June 7.

Kateri Takakwitha, located at 230 Fincham Ave., runs from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. It has 646 students.

Get good and mad!


Have you ever been good and mad? I'm sure, at times, most of us have lost our cool and in a fit of rage given away a piece of our mind that we probably couldn't afford to lose.

Most of us get very angry when we are crossed, hurt, disregarded, not listened to or have our rights violated. Our temperatures seem to rise, our vocabularies can get mean and we may even begin to throw, swing or push.

But that's not my question. I'm wondering if you've discovered and practised the positive quality of good anger?

Most people are either puzzled or shocked to find out that in the Bible God is portrayed sometimes as being angry — yes even furious. Jesus himself, who is often visualized (wrongly) as a Casper Milquetoast kind of pansy, took a whip in his hands and in a far from gentle fashion chased the tight-fisted, unethical, money-hungry

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merchants of his day out of the temple.

There is a positive anger that God actually encourages us to experience and express. The key as to whether it is good anger or bad, constructive or destructive, is its focus.

If we analyzed most of the anger we experience we would have to admit that it is usually self-centered. As mentioned earlier, it is often produced because we have been hurt, crossed, etc.

Anger that results from personal violation is usually damaging and destructive. However, anger

produced over concern for other people's reputation, health and well being is usually very constructive if it results in action.

We need to get angry — good and angry at the many things in our society and world that are destroying the blessings of life God intended people to enjoy.

We need to let our positive anger motivate us to do something about the awful rise in terrorism that kills and cripples individuals and nations.

We need to halt the spread of political ideologies and systems that produce anarchy and destroy freedom.

We need to furiously confront the stupid self-centred arguments that allow us to mercilessly murder millions of babies by abortion every year.

We need to change a justice system that will allow murderers and rapists to go free to repeat their crimes.

Our outrage over child abuse is more than appropriate when we consider the short and long-term damage of such action.

Intense anger over the glut of pornography flooding our society should move us from our silent acceptance to defiant refusal.

We need to be angry when gossip and slander rip apart another person's character or reputation, mad enough to stop the conversation.

Anger is never a pleasant emotion but it can be a positive one if it's motivated by sincere desire for the good of others.

Next time you've tempted to get angry don't just get mad, get good and mad!

EDITOR'S NOTE — Dave Petrescue is the Senior Pastor of Unionville Alliance Church.

Guilty plea in Uxbridge incident

A Metro Toronto policewoman has pleaded guilty to the careless use of a firearm stemming from a siege in Uxbridge Township last summer.

Hillary Hogg entered her plea and was found guilty Wednesday during an appearance in Ajax Provincial Court.

The R.R. 1, Claremont woman will be sentenced in an Oshawa provincial courtroom May 26. A separate dangerous weapons charge will be addressed at that time.

Hogg, then 28 and on sick leave from her job as a constable with the force, held police at bay for more than 12 hours back on Aug. 4 and 5, 1985.

The drama began when Durham Regional Police learned an armed woman had barricaded herself inside an apartment on the grounds of Positive Outlook Farm, west of the Uxbridge Twp. hamlet of Coppin's Corners.

Neighbors in a nearby subdivision reported hearing a series of gunshots the afternoon of Aug. 4. There were no injuries.

Hogg finally surrendered in the early morning hours of Aug. 5 and was taken away under heavy police security.

Metro Police Chief Jack Marks and former Deputy Chief Frank Barbetta were among a team of negotiators called to the scene.

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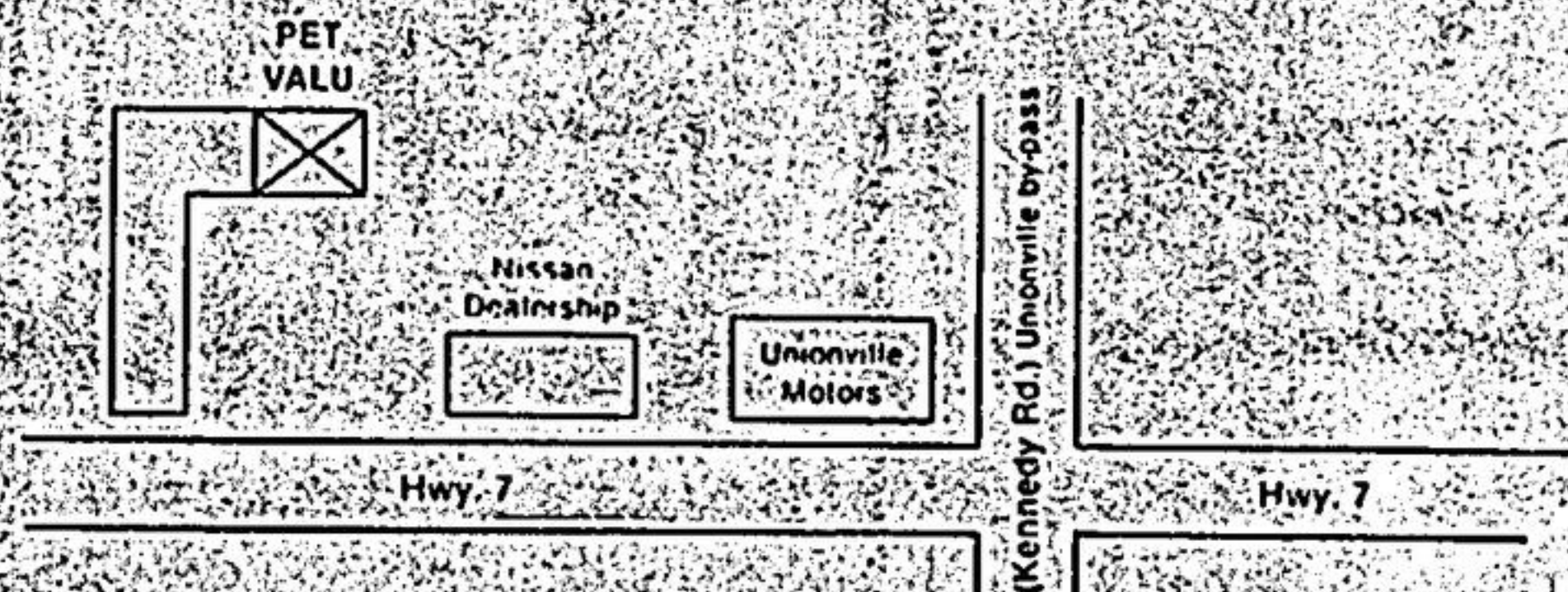
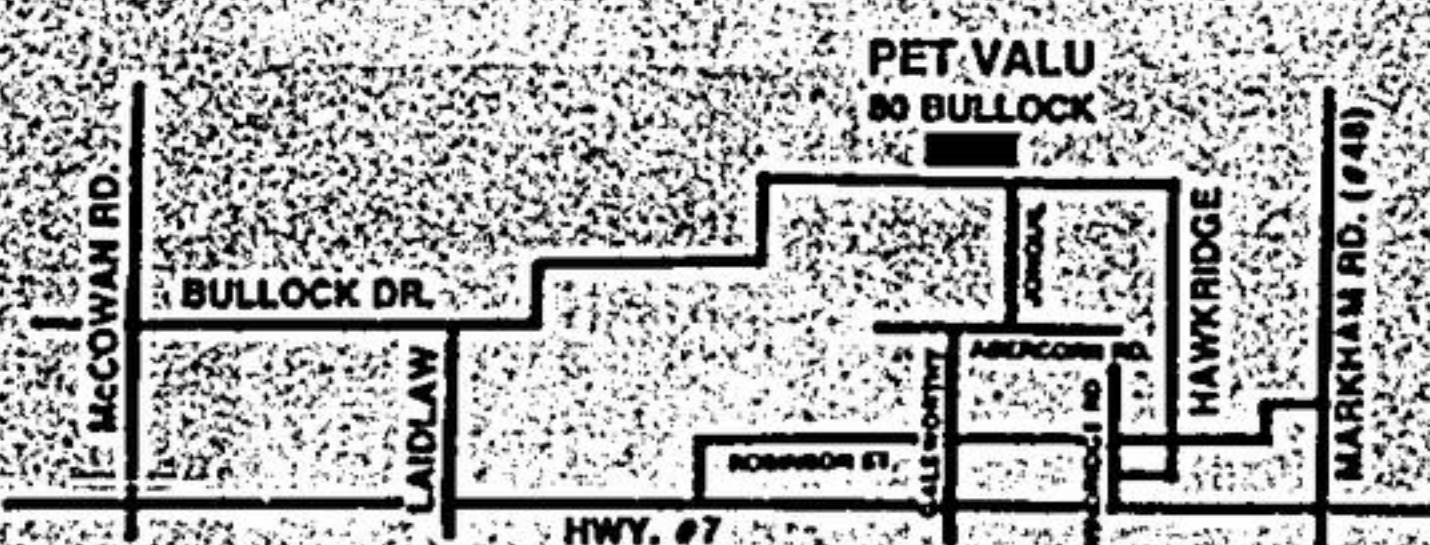
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