

# Religion Page

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## Up, up and away

More than 140 balloons were launched by Sunday School members at Markham Pentecostal Church on Sept. 14. The helium-filled balloons carried cards with a message about the church and some managed to cross Lake Ontario before coming down in New York State. The balloon launch was part of Round-up Sunday at the church located on 16th Ave. east of McCowan Rd.

— Don Bernard

## Three strikes you're out in this life or death game

The hit brings a high. The cheers explode in the ears. The lights shine brightly, nightly, whenever we connect. The glory descends like fluffy snow. The surge of joy and exhilaration is unsurpassed...until it is over. Then we dream about the next time — the bigger and better time — the illusive grand slam.

Not all play the game. But those who have hit make those who haven't wonder and wish. The pressure to play is subtle and sly, but sure.

Mary invites, "Come on — you can do it — just try." Herb entices, "You don't know what you are missing. You're not scared, are you?"

All these pitches make us want to swing. Who wouldn't want the thrill of a hit? So we step up and go for it.

Strike One!

### Living On Purpose

Dave Petrescue



Inexperience got the best of us, I guess. Not to worry! Many big hitters missed their first. The cost of swinging again is worth it. Another pitch.

Foul on the grass.

Strike Two!

Ouch! No one told us about the pain. Will I really hit? If I do, is it really worth it? Why this tension in my gut? Why the hole in my wallet? Why are the fans leaving?

"You've got to hit." A pitch.

Crack! A powerful hit. Higher...higher...it peaks...descends...caught.

You're out!

It's O.K. You're in good company. The Hall of Fame includes Jimi Hendrix, Janice Joplin, Jim Morrison, Elvis Presley, John Belushi, Larry Gordon, Len Bias, Dan Rogers and many others.

Batter up.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dave Petrescue is the senior pastor of Unionville Alliance Church.

## In York Region Post Polio group has first meeting

In association with the Ontario March of Dimes, the York Post-Polio Association will have its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Centre, 221 Cedar, Newmarket.

People who had polio many years ago may experience perplexing new problems as they get older. In order to meet this growing concern, this support group is being founded to provide information about the late effects of Poliomyelitis; to encourage medical research; to educate physicians and health professionals and to serve as a resource centre for information sharing.

Membership is open to any interested persons. The meeting will feature guest speakers Linda Griffin, supervisor of the Ministry of Health Home Care

Program; and Katherine Lunn, a physiotherapist and occupational therapist.

## Food Bank

The Harvest Food Bank of North York is accepting donations of non-perishable foods today at Markville Shopping Centre.

The Food Bank, which serves the needy in York Region as well, is not open Sunday as reported in the Sept. 24 issue of The Economist and Sun.

For more information call 746-8438.



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**Mr. Paul Mullen of Garland Texas**

Worship with us every Sunday at 11 a.m. at The Green River Community Centre.

Date: Oct. 1-5, 1986

Place: The Green River Community Centre, Hwy. 7

Time: Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m.

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11:00 A.M. Guest Speaker  
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