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Persistence is the name of the game

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. True. For many however — when the going gets tough we say, "Tough! I'm going."

"I quit!" "I've had it!" "I can't take it any more!" "Who needs the hassle anyway?" "There's got to be an easier way than this!"

Quitting — that once despised activity — is now cheered as a hero's sport; a national hobby.

Once reserved for the weak it is now the glorified option of the strong.

Social stigma has also switched teams. Once clearly against the

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quitters, she now sings their anthem and directs the cheers. A bona fide mascot.

Whatever happened to persistence, dogged determination, stick-to-it-iveness, tenaciousness,

persistence and resolve? This team of sure-winners has been put down by the media, booed by the crowds, rejected by the advertisers and forgotten by the millions who love the game of life.

"The easy way out" has become the unchallenged motto of our day. We believe and practice it in every arena of life.

The marriage gets tough — we divorce.

The financial pressure is on — we declare bankruptcy.

The diet is too demanding — we stay fat.

The baby is unplanned — we abort it.

The church isn't perfect — we leave.

The job isn't ideal — we strike.

The conviction is challenged — we capitulate.

The course is too difficult — we drop it.

In every human heart there is a deep longing to achieve; to be successful; to accomplish; to be able to look back and say with joy "I did it!! I made it!!" But we need to remember that triumph is just "umph" added to "try".

Longing is only satisfied when persistence is applied:

Failure is the path of least persistence.

There will always be the crowds who say, "It can't be done", "Give up now", "Throw in the towel", "Slip out the back, Jack" "Quit!"

Sweet success, however, whispers "stick with it" "hang in there" "give it all you've got" "keep on keeping on".

Two frogs fell into a can of cream, or so I've heard it told;

The sides of the can were shiny and steep,

The cream was deep and cold.

"O, what's the use?" croaked No. 1.

"Tis fate; no help's around. Goodbye, my friends! Goodbye, sad world!"

And weeping still, he drowned. But Number 2, of sterner stuff,

Dog-paddled in surprise,

The while he wiped his creamy face

And fried his creamy eyes.

"I'll swim awhile, at least," he said—

Or so I've heard he said; "It really wouldn't help the world If one more frog were dead."

An hour or two he kicked and swam,

Not once he stopped to mutter, But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked, then hopped out, via butter!

Friends, don't croak in the cream. Let life butter you up. Keep on kickin'!

Dave Petrescu
Senior Pastor
Unionville Alliance Church

Artist to teach

Artist John Leonard will lead a class in conceptual art at the next three meetings of the Markham Group of Artists.

Mr. Leonard will discuss conceptual drawing next Wednesday and painting on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3.

The artists meet each Wednesday at the Markham Community Library program room at Hwy 48 and 7. Meetings run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break at noon.

Membership costs \$75 for the year, but will be reduced to \$60 in January.

For more information call President Jessie Chin at 477-2961 or Vice-President Judy Livingston at 471-5559.

Benefit concert

A benefit concert for the Cystic Fibrosis Charitable Foundation will be held at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium Friday Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. Performing will be Hagood Hardy, well known Canadian pianist/composer.

Tickets are available at the box office at 491-8877.



Couple take the cake

Paul Reesor and wife Ann (nee Roth) took a minute to pose for guests at their recent Breslau, Ont. wedding. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Reesor of Markham and Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Roth of Breslau, spent their honeymoon on the west coast. They now reside in Markham.

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BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN GOSPEL CHURCH
Sun. Nov. 16th, 1986
Rev. Bryan Coker
9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (a Fellowship Church)
76 Main St. West
Pastor Mark Burger
Sun. Nov. 16th, 1986
9:50 A.M. Bible School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
6:50 P.M. Warm Fellowship Service
Wednesday
8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study
For information call 640-2911

Coming Sat. Nov. 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
"The Torchmen in Concert"
A WARM WELCOME AT EVERY SERVICE

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
STOUFFVILLE
640-6665
SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

HEISE HILL BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH
Gormley, Ontario
Rev. Marlin K. Ressler
Pastor
Phone: 887-5489
Sunday Nov. 16th
Christian Education Hour 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Bishop Harvey R. Sider, Speaker
Musical Concert by The Unity Singers
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
Club Ministry 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
YOU ARE WELCOME AT HEISE HILL

BAKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
On Hwy 48
2 mi. north of Hwy 47
Pastor Dana Struve
MISSIONS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 15, 16

Saturday, November 15th - 7:00 p.m.
- Slides and reports by Peter and Kathy Baker, special music Dick and Shirley Ohlman, preaching Rev. Charles Dert.

Sunday morning:
9:50 A.M. - Reports by Cathy Fondse and the Barts.
11:00 A.M. - Worship Service - Rev. Charles Derr preaching, special music.

EVERYONE WELCOME

SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH
Gormley-Stouffville Rd.
At Kennedy Rd.
Pastor Rev. Rob. Flemming
Asst. Pastor - Mark Rodgers
887-5651

9:45 a.m. - Bible School
11:00 a.m. - Rev. Mawhorter, Ontario Field Representative for F.E.B.
7:00 p.m. - Film - #1 in Series: Howard Hendricks "Making Marriage Work"

WED. 7:00 P.M.
Adult Prayer & Bible Study
AWANA PROGRAM (ages 3-14 years)
FRI. 7:00 P.M.
"Youth Alive!"
NURSERY PROGRAM AVAILABLE

MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sun. Nov. 16th, 1986
Pastor Calvin Stone
Main-Stouffer
10 A.M. Sunday School
11 A.M. Worship Service.
Wed. 7:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting

LEMONVILLE UNITED CHURCH WEEKEND CELEBRATION
Sunday, November 16th - 25th Anniversary Celebration - 11 A.M.
Guest speaker - Rev. Wayne Reed of Gaspe
Special Music
ALL WELCOME

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
Hwy. 48 - North of Major Mackenzie
Phone 640-1227
Pastor James R. Shantz
Sun., Nov. 16th, 1986
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Guest speakers Harold & Jewel White of Canadian Revival Fellowship.
7:00 p.m. Praise a Sharing Time. Topic "The Key to Continuous Revival"



STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
159 Main Street East 640-3911
Pastor: Rev. James Clubine
Assoc. Pastors: Douglas Gray
Charles Mashinter
Sunday, Nov. 16th, 1986
9:30 & 11:00 A.M. - Sunday School
Hours & Morning Worship Services
7:00 P.M. - Evening Service
Wednesday
7:00 P.M. - Boys' & Girls' Club Programs
7:15 P.M. - Adult Prayer & Bible Study
7:30 P.M. - Youth Bible Study
Friday
7:30 P.M. - Youth
"You're Always Welcome at the Missionary Church"

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
34 Church St.N.
640-1163
SUN. NOV. 16th
11 A.M.
Service of Baptism and Renewal of Faith
Sermon: Faithful to the end.

Church School Program For All Ages Including Infant Care
REV. JANET CAWLEY

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH
254 Sunset Blvd.,
Rev. Paul D. Seuse
640-1461
Sun. Nov. 16th, 1986
8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 Main St.E.
640-3151
Minister Rev. Herb Gale
Sunday, Nov. 16th, 1986
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11 a.m. - Morning Worship

stouffville pentecostal church
460 MAIN ST., STOUFFVILLE
ONT. 640-5696
9:45 a.m.
Christian Education
11 a.m. - Morning Worship
6 p.m. - Gospel Rally
Rev. Craig F. Pitts