

Thomas seeks Ward 8 separate trustee seat

Luke Thomas will run for trustee for Ward 8 of the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.



LUKE THOMAS
Trustee candidate

"It was after much thought and strong pressure from well-wishers that I have decided to make this step. Perhaps, this time around, the voters should consider electing a new face with new ideas and new approaches to old issues," he said.

Thomas is a Certified General Accountant and a graduate of York University in Administrative Studies.

Thomas feels the board must ensure that the leaders of education in the Catholic school board are convinced Catholics. The trustees have to be vigilant to ensure that the board will be the bulwark of Catholic education.

Thomas believes the safe transportation of children shouldn't be compromised. The existing policies in regard to busing should be urgently examined, he said.

Huge costs for construction and development of school board should be carefully monitored to ensure that maximum benefit is received for every dollar, he said.

Thomas is a proponent of child care facilities wherever possible for the young working families in the area.

York Region Catholic school board should demand fair funding from the provincial government. The burden of expansion should not be only on the ratepayers, he said.

Kids' coats wanted

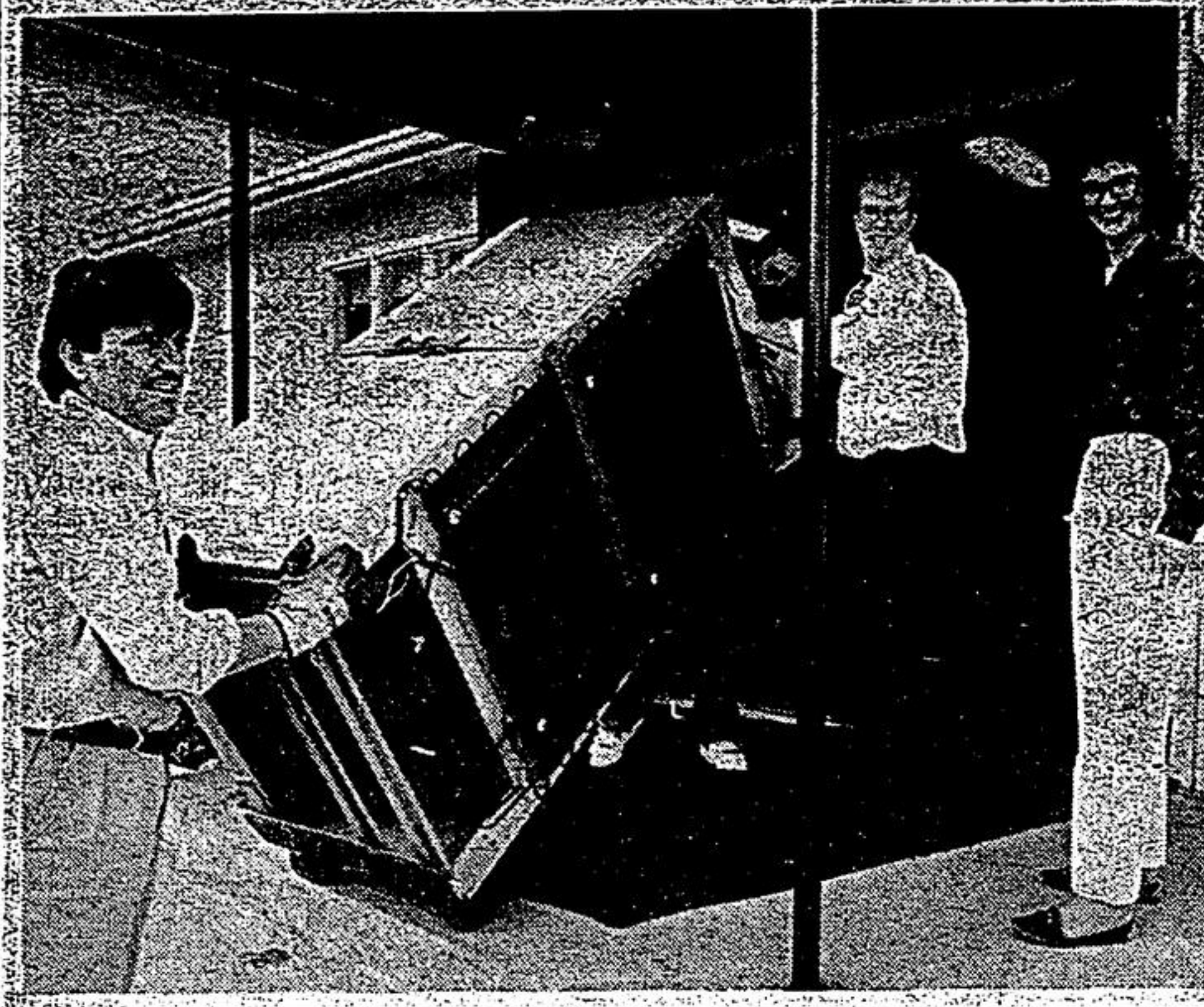
If your child has outgrown a winter coat or snowsuit, it could find a new home. The Markham Clothing Centre is seeking used children's outerwear for the upcoming cold weather.

The clothing centre is at 98 Church St. in Markham in the blue and white portable.

Draw winner

The winner of a draw for sound studio lessons from Sound Stroke Studio in Markham was Aaron Coursolle of Scarborough. The prize was drawn Sunday at Markham Fair.

Fridge for free



Robyn Magee, right, of Whitchurch-Stouffville Foodbank accepts delivery of a refrigerator at Churchill Baptist Church on 9th Line with from, left, Robert Sever, Wieslaw Tomaszewski of Appliances To Go and Tribune editor Andrew Mair. The church has donated space to the foodbank and the refrigerator was donated by The Tribune in conjunction with Appliance To Go of Scarborough. This week is the foodbank's Thanksgiving drive.

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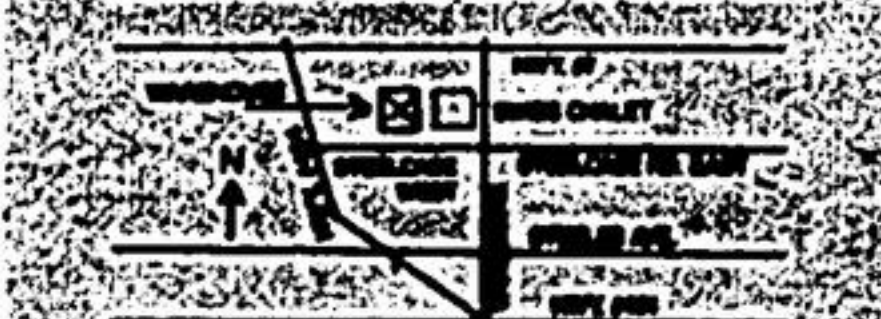
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