

# Block Parent membership at standstill: meeting Tuesday

**50TH ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to Metro and Gwendoline Sudeyko of Gormley, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 20. Gwendoline (formerly Johnson) has lived in the area all her life and Metro, originally from Saskatchewan, has spent most of his life in Gormley. The couple has three children: Ivadelle Coneybear of Listowel, Gerald Sudeyko of Whitby and Sam



Sudeyko of Newmarket, and seven grandchildren.  
**BLOCK PARENT NEWS**  
Whitchurch-Stouffville Block

Parents are holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church on Main Street, just east of the fire hall. The group is urgently seeking new block parents, said co-chair Maryann McManus. "This town is at a standstill as far as membership is concerned and we need new people to keep the program going." Because it is a preventative measure, the program's value can be underestimated, she said. "I would hate to see a rush of applications because something has happened and there were no block parents in the vicinity." Anyone can apply to become a block parent, she pointed out. "You don't need to be a stay-at-home parent and you only put the sign in your window when you're at home and available." The fact that not all the signs are displayed all the time is another reason that more people are needed in the program, she

added. "We need people on weekends, week nights and through the day time hours as well. We would like everyone to come out to our meeting whether they are block parents or not." Application forms will be available and a new executive will be voted in. "We need people to come out and show their support. If we don't have an executive, every sign in town is collected and the program is dead," McManus warned. The meeting will last a maximum of 45 minutes, she added, and parents are welcome to bring children. Cookies will be provided.

**FAMILY VISIT** Karen Johnson, daughter of Gail and Ivan Harris of Main Street, visited her parents earlier this month with her three-month old son, Brandon. Karen grew up in Stouffville, leaving to go to university in 1984. Her husband, Brian, has been serving as a medical assistant with the Canadian forces in

Somalia since December and will likely return to Petawawa in July or August. Brian will be home on leave for two weeks just after Easter, and Karen gets mail from him at the base and is able to speak to him on the telephone at regular intervals. Karen is looking forward to the time when the family can be reunited and Brian and Brandon can get re-acquainted.

**JURIED ART SHOW** The Markham Group of Artists is holding a juried art show at Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts from March 30 to May 2. A number of artists from the Whitchurch-Stouffville area, including Lyn Marnoch Liddle, will be represented in the show.

**CHILD EMERGENCY WORKSHOP** Markham Prenatal and Newborn Educators Inc., a local childbirth education group, is offering a Child Emergency Workshop at Markham Stouffville Hospital, in conjunction with Link to Life Seminars Inc. The objectives of the workshop are to provide participants with basic first aid skills so that they can handle an emergency involving infants and children until professional help arrives. Participants must register in advance, and the cost is \$35 plus G.S.T. payable on registration. Workshops are usually held on the last Saturday of every month. There will be no workshop in April; instead there will be an additional session on Saturday, May 1. For more information call 294-BABY.

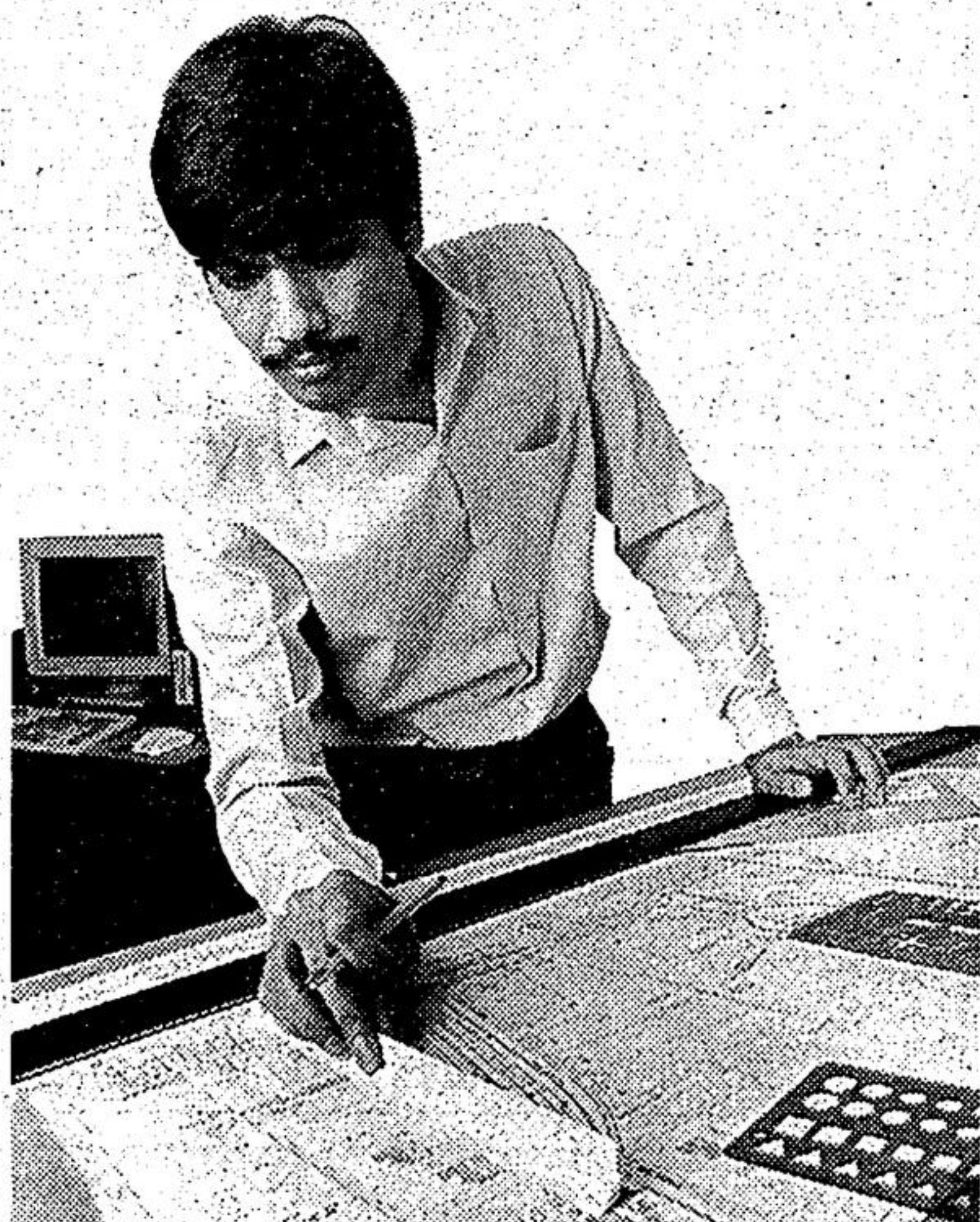
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