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Growth in Vandorf, Preston Lake studied

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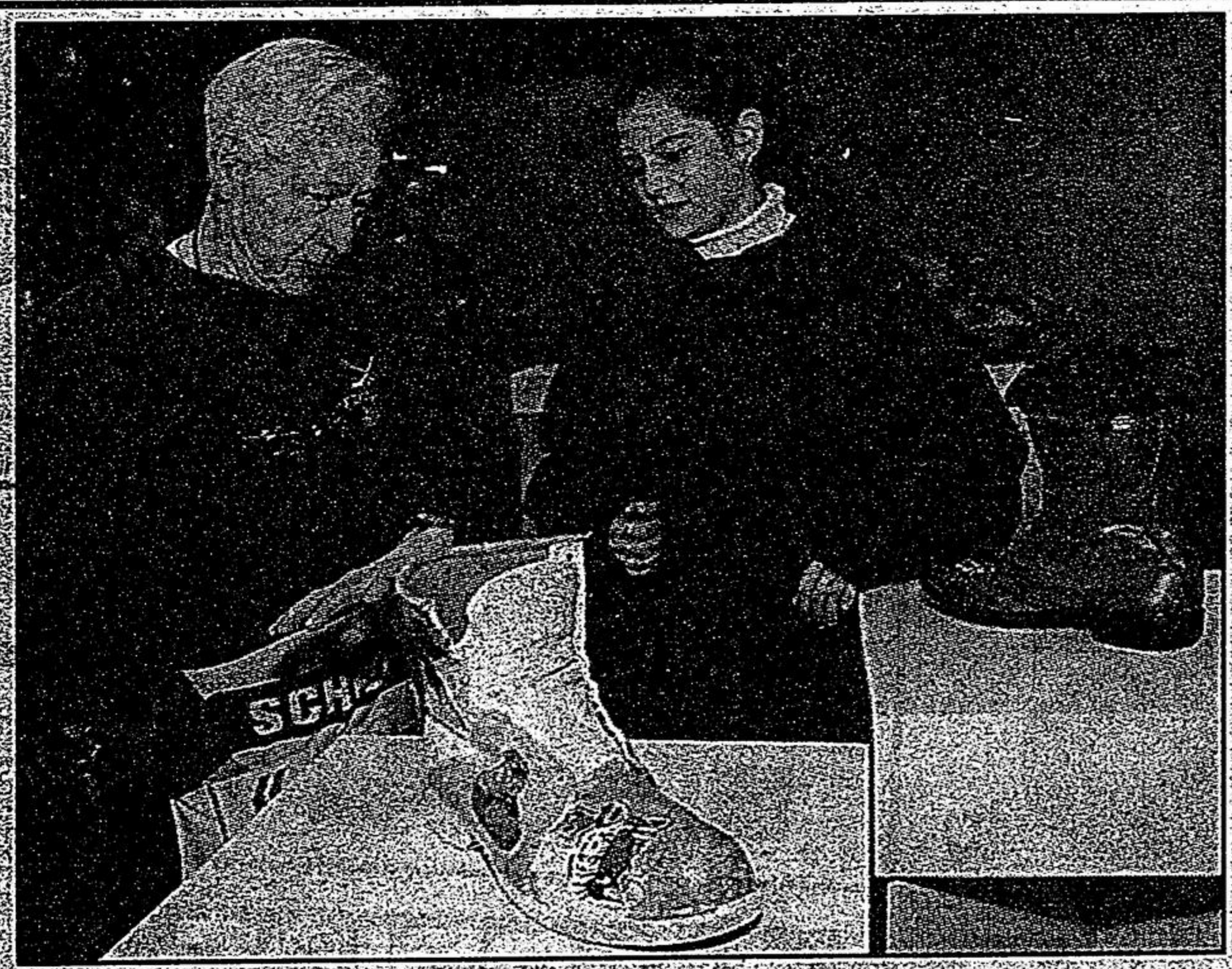
Big change is in the wind for Vandorf and Preston Lake. On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Council launched a plan to have both hamlets studied. As well, arrangements are being made with the Town of Aurora to have the sewer and water services delivered to the northern hamlets. While staff had recommended that each

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hamlet be studied separately, council opted to lump them together. The Secondary Plan, to be paid for by land owners, will help municipal government determine what goes where in Vandorf and Preston Lake. The issue is attracting lots of community interest. Officials of the Pride and Preston Lake Group and the Vandorf Ratepayers' Association, concerned about the future makeup of their neighborhoods, attended the council meeting. If the water and sewer services find their way to the hamlets, it'll translate into substantial residential and industrial growth. If the population of Vandorf jumps from 600 to "thousands" and, if a huge area is earmarked for industrial growth, it will have a profound impact on the lives of the existing residents not to mention the overall makeup of the communities, Chris Dymond of Vandorf told council. Area residents opted for the quiet life when choosing Vandorf and Preston Lake as places to call home, stressed Dymond. The major concern in the neighborhood is that the rural aspect of life "will be lost" forever if sound and sensitive planning measures are not incorporated. Area ratepayer group members plan to take an active part in the process which will include a number of public meetings. A similar study, costing \$300,000, is being

carried out for downtown Stouffville. It will be completed next month.



IF THE SHOE FITS: Bud Sanderson, Latham Gallery volunteer discusses the merits of this art piece with Cathy Hendren of Stouffville District Secondary School. The student's work is now on display at the gallery. Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

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NDP leads Cookie Poll
 With just over two weeks left until the June 2 federal election, the NDP is in the lead in The Tribune's Cookie Poll. The Heritage Ice Cream Parlor and Deli in Stouffville, together with The Tribune, is holding the home-made cookie election. Customers are asked to cast their vote by the kind of cookie they buy. The results at the end of this week saw the NDP out front with 315 of their chocolate chip cookies purchased. The Conservatives are second with 255 of their white chocolate macadamias consumed. In third is the Reform Party with 188 chocolate peanut butter cookies bought. In fourth spot in the poll are the Liberals, with 132 voters choosing their oatmeal raisin cookies.

Neighbors say 'no' to 24-hour aggregate plant

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A request to have an aggregate plant in Stouffville operate 24 hours a day, Monday to Friday for 13 weeks received a resounding "no" from its neighbors. Lafarge Canada Inc. was told, point-blank Tuesday that a round-the-clock operation is not welcome.

Ron Graham, general manager of the Durham Road 30 plant, has agreed to meet with area residents to try to work out a compromise. The company tries to be considerate of the needs of its neighbors, said Graham. Graham stressed, however, that when it comes to gravel, "noise is part of the business." Area resident Lew Kennedy told council

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that the noise and the dust has been "making life unbearable" for the past five years. "We have no protection," said Kennedy. "Sitting outside in the summer months is out of the question. Verena Jaeger told council: "Also, our animals are suffering," she said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council delayed making a decision, giving company officials and area residents time to hold a meeting, sometime next week in the municipal council chambers. The company wanted the all-day work permit to apply from next week and end during the third week of August. The same permission was granted last year, council was reminded.

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