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PIGGING OUT: Bentley, the Mystical Potbellied Pig selected the Liberals to win the election June 2. Candidates John Andersen, Wynne Hartviksen and Bryon Wilfert were on hand to see the all-seeing porker pick the Liberal cookie as the favorite to win. Edward Sarafian joined in the fun later. Photo by LORI EMMERSON

Bentley shows true Grit

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

It took nine minutes and 27 seconds. When the Oak Ridges federal election candidates turned into cheerleaders to coax, plead and beg, Bentley huffed, puffed, snorted, swayed and drooled. Bentley then paced, looked to the heavens for guidance and changed his mind 13

times. Finally, Bentley saw red. The potbellied pig's cookie of choice is Liberal. With 10 days left in the campaign, The New Democrats are in first place in Stouffville's human cookie election with 447 chocolate chunks sold. Sponsored by the Heritage Ice Cream Parlor and *The Tribune*, the poll shows the Progressive Conservative's macadaneon

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nut is running a close second with 383 votes. The Reform Party's peanut butter chocolate has attracted 283. Trailing behind are the Liberals' oat meal raisin with 221 sales to date. Bentley's not letting any numbers sway him. Last place or not.

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Lawyer speaks on chief's case

KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
 Staff Reporter

In an unusual move, the lawyer representing York Regional Police Chief Bryan Cousineau held a press conference Thursday to dispel rumors of wrongdoing by the chief during a 1994 trip to China. And while Peter Shoniker says he has no idea whether the trip forms part of the Ontario Provincial Police investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct levelled against the chief, he knows some media outlets have speculated that is the case. OPP Insp. Clancey Grasman declined comment on details of the investigation and said he could not confirm or deny the China trip was part of the probe. He added it will



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likely be two more months before investigators wrap up the case. Shoniker said Thursday he has been hounded by reporters on this issue and felt he had to

clear the air. Cousineau, two Asian speaking officers and the 13 members force's pipe and drum band were invited guests at the International Trade Convention in Beijing, May 20 to 24, 1994, aimed at developing business and trade contacts between Canada and China.

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News you can use

The shelter is overloaded. The York Region Branch of the Ontario SPCA is appealing to potential dog owners to reduce the overcrowding at its shelter at 16640 Yonge Street in Newmarket. The shelter is offering dogs at the reduced rate of \$75 each until the end of May. This price (\$40 less than the normal adoption rate) includes vaccinations, deworming and a \$25 spay/neuter rebate. The shelter staff are very anxious to find homes for two particular dogs who are wonderful pets. "Cooper", a cute

tri-coloured Hound type, has been waiting for a family for over three months. He is only about a year old and was rescued by an Ontario SPCA Inspector from neglect. Cooper is quiet, very friendly with kids and adults and loves walking. "Emma", a one year old Terrier mix, is also friendly, energetic and loves to play and go for walks. For more information contact Sara Hawton at 895-8932 or 773-6592.

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