

# Extra officers to patrol court

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the judiciary and the York Region Police Association for more security at the courthouse.

"This is not a new problem," O'Hara said. "We all know we ran out of miracles this summer and a serious incident finally did occur."

The money will be used to hire six additional court security officers, who will not carry guns but will patrol the building and man two new metal detectors provided by the Attorney General's office.

The officers, who will earn between \$37,000 to \$45,000 a year, plus benefits, will cost York Region taxpayers about \$250,000 a year.

The officers bring the total court security manpower to 26, including seven armed constables and a sergeant.

The additional officers fall short of

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O'Hara's suggestion of an armed police officer for each of the building's 20 courtrooms.

But York Insp. Peter Thompson said placing an armed constable in every courtroom is beyond the department's financial capacity.

"Every judge would like a police officer in their courtroom. That's just not possible," he said.

In sensitive cases, where violence is possible, judges can request special security measures, such as the presence of heavily armed special-tactics units.

Det.-Sgt. Gary Colangelo, the commander of the court bureau, said the key to preventing violent attacks with weapons in the courthouse is controlling access.

Metal detectors at the main entrance will allow police to screen everyone who enters the building for guns and knives.

New technology will allow police using the metal detectors to find concealed weapons without forcing everyone entering the building to empty their pockets of keys and coins.

The metal detectors should be in place within three months.

Other entrances to the building, including the Eagle Street entrance Wiche's attacker used, have already been closed to the general public.

Part of the problem facing police is the building must be secured for 14 hours. Although the courthouse is only open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., judges, lawyers, cafeteria staff, cleaning staff and other officials are in the building from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Mother Teresa mourned

The Christian Blind Mission International joins the global community in mourning the loss of Mother Teresa, the great humanitarian.

The funeral for the 87-year old nun was held on Saturday in Calcutta, India.

"Mother Teresa's untiring efforts on behalf of the poorest of poor in India can only be described as heroic," said Art Brooker, spokesperson for the Christian Blind Mission.



**BARBECUE DAYS:** Summitview Public School held a cook-out last Thursday after school and the fun was enjoyed by many families. Above, Gwen Knox serves up a cob to Rick Lewis as Denis Taylor waits to hand out another one. At right, Taryn Deasley relishes a freshly cooked cob of corn. Students, parents, school staff and even a couple of family pets, enjoyed many activities, including dancing the Macarena and playing a variety of games.

Photos by CHERYL JOHNSON

## Corn on the cob



## Day dedicated to child development

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Every child has a right to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development, Katrai pointed out.

The day will provide a forum for all citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville and neighbouring communities to consult on this "important subject so that we can ensure for our children those circumstances which will be most conducive and beneficial to their growth and development, and to the preservation and safeguarding of our priceless heritage—our world civilization," said Katrai.

Anyone needing more information is asked to call 888-1929.

## Charities aided by bingo proceeds

Several charities and associations have joined together to benefit from the proceeds earned at the Stouffville Country Market daily bingos.

Pam VanEgmond, fundraising co-ordinator for the Ontario March of Dimes, explained that volunteers run the bingos and "profits are used by each non-profit organization to further their

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mandates." Bingo games began at the 10th Line location at the end of August. They're held seven nights a week and on Sunday afternoons.

Each organization is allocated a time slot, said VanEgmond. Mean-

while, representatives of each group are on hand to greet the public as they arrive to play bingo.

Charities involved include the Ontario March of Dimes, Mobility Transit, the Jennifer Ashleigh Association, York-Durham Heritage Railway, Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, the local figure skating club and the local St. John's Ambulance.

## Museum seeks helpers for special events

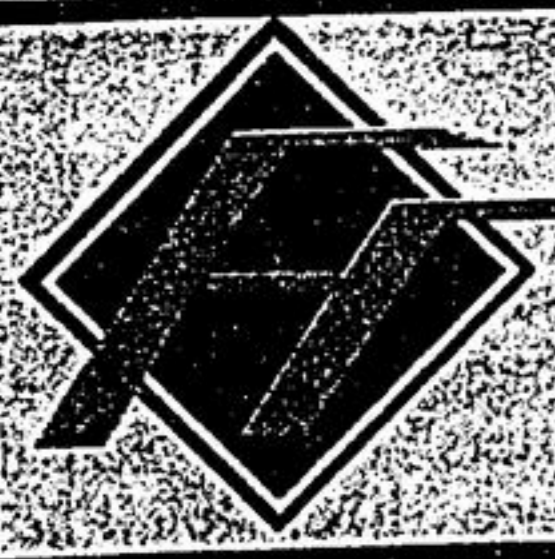
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum needs volunteers to help with special events and fundraisers for the museum.

If you can volunteer your time, please call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at (905) 884-3839 or 1-800-363-2412.




**BOARD BATTLE:** Brent Turner and Justin Croker tussle for Stouffville skateboarding supremacy Saturday.

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