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Candidates square off in Vandorf

JANET RICHARDS
 Correspondent

Both Sophie Angelis and Peter Dobrich, candidates for Ward 3, include development in their platforms.
 Angelis said she is against over-development and stressed the importance of each proposed project being examined individually.
 According to Dobrich, well-planned development is the key and he feels residents should be involved in the planning process.
 The issue of the private road on

the north side of Preston Lake was raised. The road is in poor condition and a resident asked the candidates what they would do about it.
 It was pointed out by Angelis that residents who use that road have mixed feelings about whether it should be made public.
 She said the residents would have to get together on the issue before it could be brought to council.
 Dobrich also expressed an interest in meeting with concerned res-

idents and then taking their concerns to the town.
 Ward 3 resident Clyde Smith also raised a development question in asking about the possibility of a communal water system being brought into the area.
 Smith said residents did not want to be forced into paying for a water system, and asked about the impact it would have on development.
 While raising the point that the water would be an advantage for

firefighters, and lower residents' insurance costs, Dobrich said he did not agree with the implementation of a communal system for domestic water.
 "I think everyone's got a good well in this area," he said.
 "I would not want to be hooked up to it and I would not vote to force anybody to hook up to it."
 The views expressed by Angelis were similar. She said she did not believe in forcing people to hook
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Troubles with the sound system didn't keep residents of Wards 1 and 3 from voicing concerns at a candidates' meeting Tuesday night.
 About 70 ratepayers gathered in the Vandorf Community Hall to listen to and address their candidates for council, along with the two mayoral hopefuls.
 Development of the Vandorf and Preston Lake area was presented as



FOUR-LEGGED SPRINTER: Molly the Mascot works out with some of the members of the Stouffville Track Club as they practise sprint starts on the Stouffville Rec Centre track on Monday. Luckily the track is still free of snow, at least for now.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Dealing with her pain

A 23-year-old pleads guilty, a judge will pass sentence in January and a Musselman's Lake woman wonders when the pain of losing her child will lessen.
 Driven by a mother's love and a need to see justice served, Jennifer Cook of Elmyale Blvd. monitored about 15 court appearances over



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the past 14 months.
 Last week, Tonino Iafrate of Downsview pleaded guilty to criminal negligence causing death in connection with the death of Cook's daughter Darlene O'Blenes, 16.
 Iafrate was also charged with impaired operation of a vehicle causing death and

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'Clean industry' to replace sold Erie

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

A deal is in the works to buy a 30,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Ballantrae.
 When Erie Manufacturing closes its doors next month, a new industry will take over, confirmed Eric Lismanis, the town's economic development officer.
 "Erie will be sold in the next two weeks," said

Lismanis. While not at a liberty to announce at this time who the new business owner is, Lismanis said the replacement industry will offer some employment and it'll "be clean" industry.
 Erie Manufacturing, an American-owned operation, announced last month that it will close, forcing 50 people out of work.



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