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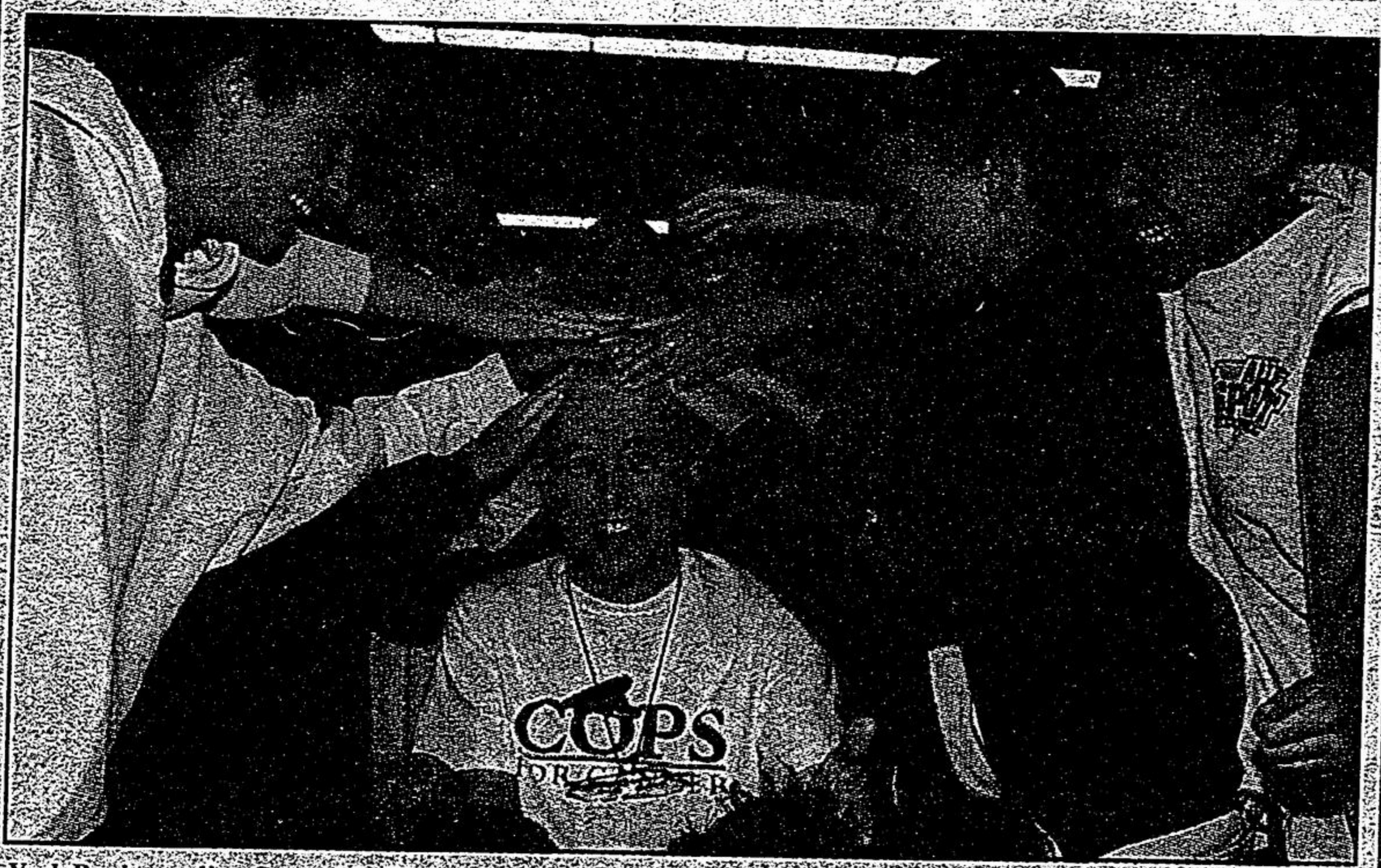
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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



York Region police Constable Wayne Snooks lets Orchard Park students feel his shiny, bald head after a student shaved off his hair for the Cops for Cancer program. Snooks, a cancer survivor himself, is a champion of the cause.
 Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Using his head to champion cause

KATE GILDERDALE
 Correspondent

Losing his hair to support a cure for cancer is no big deal to Constable Wayne Snooks. The affable police officer, who is well-respected in the community for his work with students in local schools, has already experienced hair loss not once, but twice, when he was undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

On April 16, he visited Orchard Park Public School to launch Cops for Cancer, a fundraising campaign which was started in 1994 in Edmonton. In return for pledges from people in the community, Snooks had his head shaved by an Orchard Park student Thursday at 9 a.m. The original campaign started after Sergeant Gary Goulet met a 5-year-old boy, Lyle, who had lost his hair during treatments for

cancer. Because Lyle had endured endless taunts from his peers, Goulet, whose head was already shaved, decided to step in and help by inviting the youngster to be photographed with him in his cruiser. He was joined by several other officers, who also had their heads shaved in support of the venture, and the idea for the cam-

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Blackburn bids adieu

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Town treasurer Ed Blackburn is releasing a 32-year grip on the town's purse strings. Blackburn, 55, confirmed Friday that he is retiring on Oct. 30. While looking forward to spending more time with his wife Jayne and grown daughters Cindy and Jennifer as well as devoting more time to golf, fishing and the cottage, Blackburn can look back on his long career with much pride. The man has given Whitchurch-Stouffville sound financial management. "I tried to recommend policies that have allowed us to

buy our capital (items) once instead of twice," said Blackburn. In Whitchurch-Stouffville, having capital spending come from reserves has been the rule and not the exception. This is because of Blackburn. Meanwhile, the town treasurer has been a stickler for long-term planning. It paid off. Since Blackburn kept the wolf away from the door, the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville benefited year after year. In the past three



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Win a Bateman

What do you do when others take up residence under your house? If you're wildlife artist Robert Bateman, you grant them squatters rights and make the most of a golden opportunity to immortalize them on canvas. This weekend, a lucky bidder at the Celebrity Doodle Silent Auction will walk away with an original drawing of

one of Bateman's beautiful lodgers, donated by the artist in support of the York-Durham Heritage Railway and the Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts. A full-size, framed limited edition print, number five in a series of just 20, has also been donated by the artist and will be featured in the live auction which takes place during the evening. Other contributors to the Celebrity Doodle Auction, which will be held at the Uxbridge Community Centre starting at 6 p.m. today, include Pierre Berton, John Travolta, Don Cherry and Long John Baldy. Tickets are \$5 each at the door.

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