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Pro-life booklet available in schools

Catholic board excludes abortion as an option

BY PATRICK CASEY
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York Region's Catholic school board will provide principals and guidance counsellors with a new pamphlet that offers women information so they can make informed decisions about their pregnancy.

Entitled *Pregnancy — A Guide for Decision Making*, the 14-page booklet was created by Citizens Voice Association, a York Region pro-life organization.

The association was organized after one of our members overheard a woman at York Central Hospital say she had changed her mind and didn't want to go through with an abortion. However, she was told it was too late," explained Dr. Patrick Redmond during a presentation to trustees at a board meeting last week.

"We want to make sure there is information available. We are committed to providing information to women so they can make a better decision. There are names and phone numbers for women to turn to if they need help and we have found that one phone call can often be a key point of their decision."

The booklet gives advice for women who plan to keep their baby or if they choose to give the baby up for adoption.

Contact numbers for housing accommodation, clothing, financial and legal help, day care and counselling are also available.

The organization has approached school boards, libraries and hospitals to help distribute it, as well as handed it out near abortion clinics in Toronto.

CRIME: Seven-day police surveillance ends in Main Street scuffle with suspect

Tip leads to police sting

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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A seven-day sting operation involving the York Regional Police tactical and canine units paid off early Wednesday morning.

Acting on a tip related to break-ins at area businesses, an observation post was set up on Main Street. After failing to get access to the building, police got a warrant to search the premises for a wanted man.

After a tense all-night surveillance of the downtown store and its occupants, police apprehended a suspect minutes after he bolted from a garage at Park Road and Main Street. Const. Peter Fleming said.

"We believed he could be dangerous," Fleming said. "We believed he could be an escape risk so we brought in the tactical unit and canine unit."

"We knew he was in the

garage. The night wore on and the rope tightened for him. Finally, the door burst open and he ran. He didn't get far. He was tackled and handcuffed."

Just before the suspect bolted, a female came out of the house and objected to the police action.

On Thursday, David Moir, 32, of no fixed address, was sentenced to 26 days in jail after pleading guilty to charges of assault linked to the scuffle with

police, and failure to appear (in connection to a previous charge).

Gina Strati, 24, of Stouffville, was charged with obstructing justice. She was released on her own recognizance and is awaiting a court date.

Toronto police had issued three bench warrants for Moir, one involving a narcotic charge.

Criminal charges linked to Stouffville and Markham crimes could be laid, police said.



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SLAP HAPPY

Glad Park Public School Grade 8 student Ashley Robson takes on classmate Leah Reesor in a friendly match of splash hockey outside the school Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures were mild, and the students headed outside for a winter carnival.

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