

Announcement



**And the winner is ...**  
 Mrs. Monica Ganzhorn and her husband Robert, are the Grand prize winners of Markville Shopping Centre's "New Home Buyers" contest. The prize consists of a payment of \$2000 each month in the year 2000.

Over 1,000 entries were received from Markham residents who moved into the community in 1999. Clive Baxter, General Manager of Markville, drew the entry on January 4th. "With the incredible growth in Markham, we wanted to be a major part in the welcoming of new residents to our great community. As the premier shopping designation for Markham, Markville felt the time was right to "Thank" our growing number of customers.

Pictured here from L-R: Clive Baxter, Markville's General Manager, Monica Ganzhorn and her daughter Abigail and Markville's Customer Care Supervisor Pauline Delaney.

# Popular teen bands spill their guts on TV show

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Karyn Gordon is inviting some of Canada's most popular bands to spill their guts on her new television series.

Recently, the techno-pop band Prozzak answered questions from students at Thornhill Secondary School for a taping of the music talk show, which premieres on Global at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Gordon, who counsels teenagers in Newmarket, began work on the show 2-1/2 years ago, after being told by teens she should have one.

After being a motivational speaker for four years, Gordon knew what kind of show she wanted to create.

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She asked teenagers what they wanted to see on TV and the result was Spill Your Guts.

"We want to get students involved. The show is done by young people, we want to involve everyone. Music is just the language," Gordon said.

The first step for her was to make a demo tape, which included bands like Our Lady Peace.

"Our Lady Peace was the first to 'come on,'" Gordon said. "And once you have a band like that, you know something is going to happen; you know you're doing something good."

After taking the demo to Global Television, the next step was to get the bands involved.

And that meant going to the record labels. Jennifer Henderson, consumer campaign planning manager at Sony Music Canada, said it was an "amazing thing to see her (Gordon) so dedicated to

this and focused on what she wanted to do. Sony was happy to participate."

Sony chose several bands, which accompanied Gordon and her crew to a high school and answered questions from the student audience.

Prozzak, a cartoon band whose characters Simon and Milo are actually Jay Levine and James McCollum of The Philosopher Kings, chose Thornhill Secondary because Levine went there as a teenager.

The group was chosen for Spill Your Guts because "(their) music is honest and straightforward," Henderson said.

Levine said although there is a sad undertone to their songs, the actual music is upbeat and happy.

He even goes as far as to call it the "musical anti-depressant", hence the name of the band.

Its hits include Sucks To Be You, Strange Disease and the newest single, Europa.

**MOST EMBARRASSING QUESTION**

On Jan. 11, Prozzak, a techno-pop band, accompanied Gordon to Thornhill Secondary School.

Prozzak started in 1998 after Levine and McCollum started writing songs that didn't fit the musical style of The Philosopher Kings.

Although getting started in the music business was the hardest part of the career, everything takes a long time.

"It's a matter of believing in yourself," Levine said.

"Don't give up," McCollum added, "but everything takes a lot longer than you think."

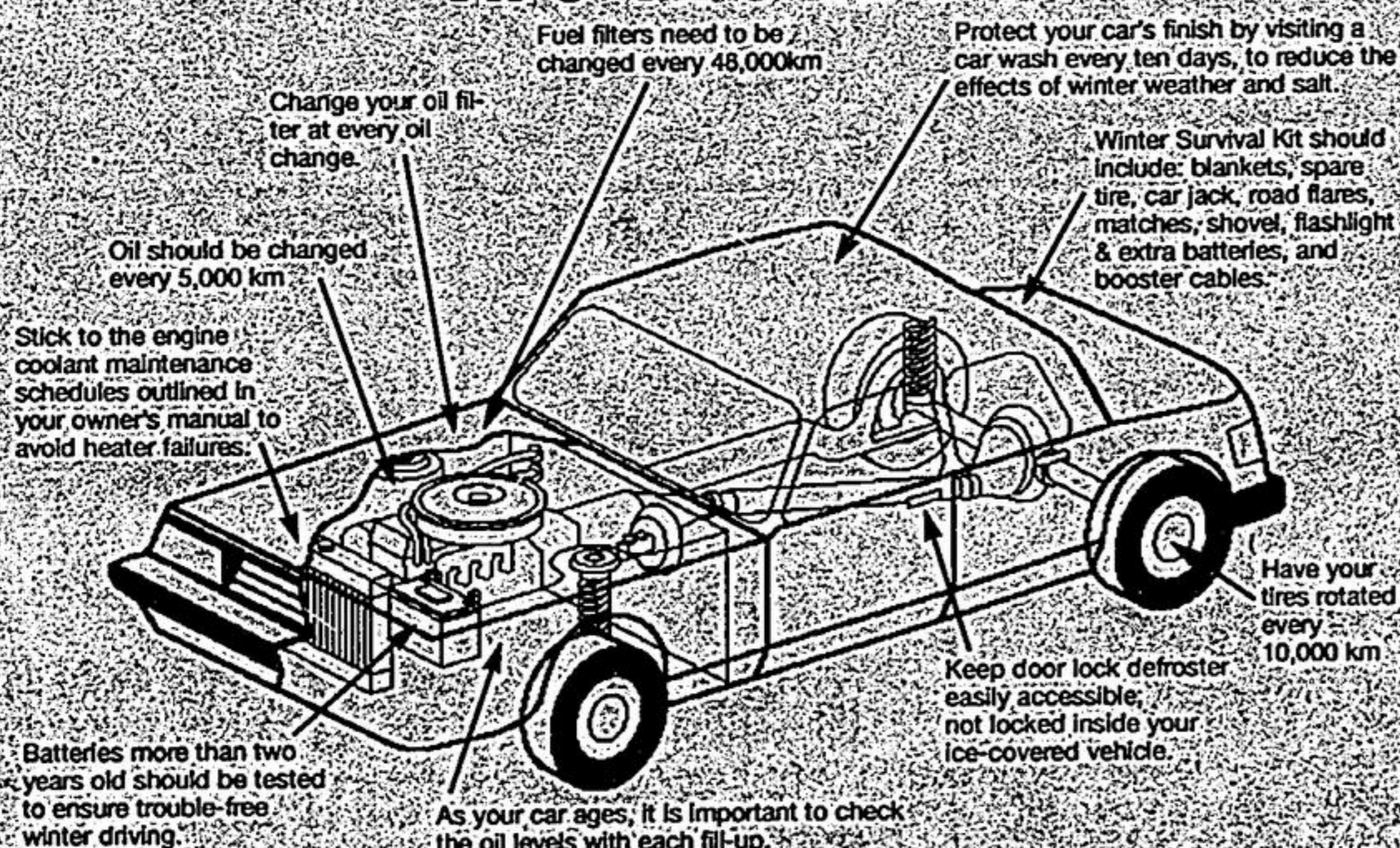
The band members said they enjoyed the taping, which included questions ranging from how far you should go on a first date, to how many one night stands have you had.

"The more embarrassing, the better," Levine said, although both band members laughed and blushed during the taping.

"We were there to spill our guts," McCollum added. "I'd do more."

"If they let us back," Levine added, smiling.

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