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22 Toronto Maple Leaf fans have caught hockey fever. But what happens to everyone else?

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EVENT: Music Mania
WHEN: Tonight through Saturday night
WHERE: Stouffville District Secondary School



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THURSDAY FOCUS

St. Marks Catholic Church marks milestone for Father Leslie Tamas

Thomas heats up in time for Cup race

Markham native leads Maple Leafs

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
 Staff Writer

When you're hot, you're hot. And right now, Steve Thomas is just that.

A Toronto Maple Leaf, the 36-year-old right winger, could not have found a more appropriate time to wield a hot stick.

The former Markham resident became the Ottawa Senators' worst nightmare in the first round of the National Hockey League playoffs.

Through the six-game series, Thomas recorded a team-leading six goals and two assists to help the Maple Leafs send their Ontario rivals packing Monday evening for an early summer vacation.

While all of the five-foot-10-inch right wingers' goals were crucial to the final cause, a couple proved to be turning points in the series.

In Saturday's pivotal fifth game, Thomas scored a goal with 4:30 remaining in regulation time to enable the Maple Leafs to draw even with the Senators at 1-1 and send the contest into sudden-death overtime.

Not standing pat on his heroics, Thomas delivered an encore performance in the extra session by depositing the game-winning goal, a feat he accomplished 11 times during the regular season — an NHL record.

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STAFF PHOTO/ISLIEDR WITTEVEEN

Father Leslie Tamas has devoted the last 40 years to the Catholic church, most recently at St. Mark's in Stouffville. His friends and parishioners will celebrate the anniversary this weekend with a party and special mass. Tamas' sister is being flown from Hungary to help mark the occasion.

Priest feted after 40 years

BY BRUCE STAPLEY
 Correspondent

A popular Stouffville pastor who once escaped religious persecution in his native Hungary to realize his dream of becoming a priest is being honoured this weekend.

Father Leslie Tamas of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church will be feted with a special anniversary celebration Saturday and Sunday, marking his 40th anniversary as a priest.

The weekend is to include a gala dinner and dance at Stouffville's Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club. A special Sunday mass will be followed by a reception at the church hall.

The guest list is to include bishops, dignitaries, lifelong friends and former parishioners. Tamas' sister Ida is being flown from Hungary to attend.

The anniversary weekend will also see Tamas presented with a new Chrysler Intrepid by his parishioners.

According to Ron Renwick, a member of the committee organizing the celebration, the weekend is an acknowledgment of Tamas' exemplary attributes.

"We're very fortunate to have such a decent man to run the parish. Most people think the world of him and that's why we're making such a fuss about his 40th anniversary," Renwick said.

Renwick and his wife Louise helped build the church in 1983. Tamas has been the pastor at St. Mark's since 1991.

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