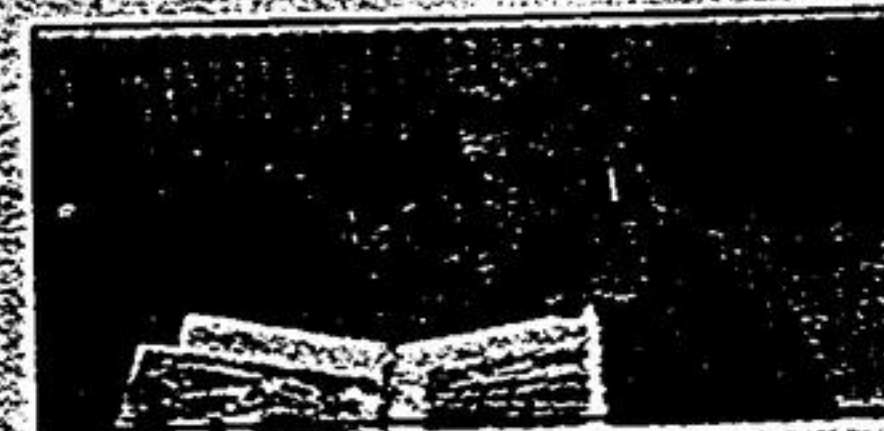


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## Stouffville nursing home gets bed boost

*Green Gables receives 75 long-term care beds*

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
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There will be 683 new long-term care beds in York Region by 2004, bringing nursing home spaces closer to residents who want to stay in their communities.

Stouffville will receive 75 beds, with Markham receiving the largest allocation of 352 beds, Richmond Hill with 192 and 164 for Aurora.

The beds were allocated to the areas where need is greatest, according to Graham Constantine, executive director of the York Simcoe District Health Council.

"The north is reasonably well served and the southwest and southeast were a priority for development," Constantine said.

The 75 beds for Whitchurch-Stouffville and the 192 new beds for Richmond Hill will mean better access to long-term care for the citizens of Oak Ridges, said MPP Frank Klees. It will also mean care provided closer to home for 267 patients and their families.

"The health minister's announcement is great news for York Region," said Klees.

"It is yet another measure of the importance that the government of Ontario places on quality health care and is another step in meeting our commitment of

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## Shaken, not stirred



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Brenda Lobraico, chairperson of the aquatic centre fundraising committee, does her best James Bond impression aboard the York-Durham Heritage Railway. She's promoting the James Bond Retirement Mystery Party, set for May 27. For the full story, please see page 18.

## Mother says dog bite jury suggestions not enforced

*Province is ignoring inquest results: Donna Trempe*

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
 Staff Writer

A year after the inquest into the dog-bite death of Courtney Trempe, little has been done to address the jury's recommendations, the Whitchurch-Stouffville girl's mother said.

"To my knowledge, from a system of government standpoint, not much has been changed," a frustrated Donna Trempe said this week.

Certainly, within the town of Stouffville, obviously people are using more control over their dogs and I think that's because it was so close to home. Almost everyone walks their dog on a leash and I believe the town has increased its animal control.

Courtney Trempe died April 29, 1998, when Mosley, a 130-pound bull mastiff, was released into a backyard where the child waited with a playmate. The dog attacked the eight-year-old almost immediately. She died of a severe bite to her neck.

Last May, a five-member jury deliberated for two days following the three-week



**COURTNEY TREMPE:** Died in 1998 after being bitten by a bull mastiff.

inquest into Courtney's death and they produced 35 recommendations.

If the jury's recommendations were followed, big changes would be made to Ontario's Dog Owners Liability Act, requiring stiffer penalties for offenders and quicker action for restraining dogs who have bitten.

The jury also indicated that the current system, which relies on municipal bylaws, is inadequate to safeguard the public.

But a year later, Trempe said, changes have only happened locally.

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