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RETAILER KEEN ON CLOSED IGA OUTLET

Lease won't permit grocery store: Town

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

The old IGA in downtown Stouffville will not be empty much longer, providing a business deal can be struck.

Negotiations are underway for a retail store to move into the Main Street store left vacant when the IGA pulled out last fall. Town officials, including Whitchurch-Stouffville's economic development officer Eric Lismanis expect the deal to close within a month.

An unidentified retail operation has the potential to draw "hundreds of people to downtown Stouffville every day," said Lismanis. "They're excited about moving to Stouffville," he said.

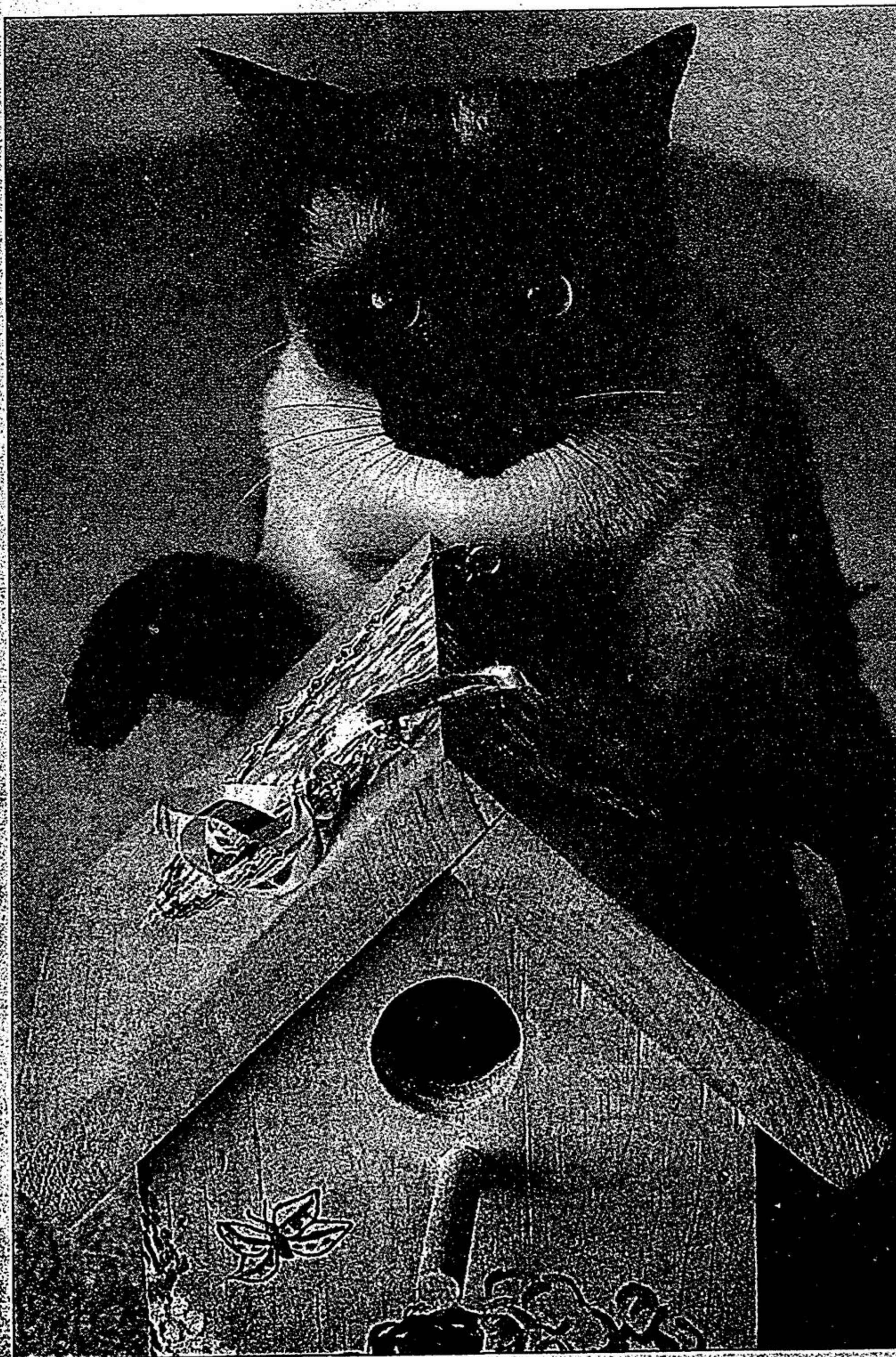
The property, owned by two individuals, was leased by Sobeys which, in turn, owns the IGA. The lease doesn't run out until April, 2007. "The lease situation has complicated the deal to a certain degree," said Lismanis.

Sobeys stipulated that the building could not be sold or leased as a grocery store, even though many Stouffville residents, especially seniors, would welcome the return of a food store.

Still, the retailer has persisted. "The retailer likes Stouffville and he likes the downtown," said Lismanis.

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Anybody home?



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Kahlua, the Juk family cat, checks out one of the bird houses that are stored in the Stouffville family's living room. The homes will be sold at the third annual Stouffville Rotary Club bird house auction on Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. Proceeds will go to Markham Stouffville Hospital and other charities. Tickets are \$5. Call 640-4331.

OUR FUTURE 'LOOKS CHAOTIC'

York's urban sprawl bad for the GTA, professor says

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BY PATRICK CASEY
Staff Writer

York Region faces a chaotic future if it continues to grow as it has in the past 15 years, a political science professor says.

"We all know urban sprawl is a bad thing, but we keep doing it. And it won't change in the future," said Edmund Fowler, an associate professor of political science at York University's Glendon College.

An expert on municipal affairs, local government structures, amalgamation and inter-governmental politics, Fowler says the region's boom has been bad for the GTA.

"Basically, your readers are one of the reasons we are in this situation today. They want to buy something outside of the main cities. But there will be long-term ramifications of urban sprawl for our health and well-being

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