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14 Stouffville students win medals at taekwondo nationals in Mississauga on weekend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: St. James Church Vacation Bible School
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RONALD GLENN WEST GETS LIFE FOR KILLING GORMLEY, PALGRAVE NURSES

EX-COP ADMITS TO MURDER

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

A brutal, cold-blooded murder that robbed Whitchurch-Stouffville of its innocence 31 years ago has finally been solved.

Ronald Glenn West, 54, a former police officer, admitted Tuesday to murdering two nurses, including a Gormley mother. He was sentenced the same day to two consecutive life

terms, closing the final chapter on one of Ontario's most intense man-hunts.

Dubbed "The .22 Calibre Killer," West will serve his sentence in Kingston Penitentiary. He'll be eligible for parole in eight years.

When West was charged with the murders, he was serving an eight-year jail term at Maplehurst Detention Centre in Milton for

armed robbery. After quitting the Toronto police force in 1972, evidence suggests West embarked on a life of crime.

West pleaded guilty to two counts of non-capital murder in a hushed courtroom in Brampton. He admitted killing Doreen Moorby, 34, a Gormley nurse, as well as Palgrave nurse Helen Ferguson, 38.

Families of both victims vow they'll watch West for the rest of his life.

Moorby's husband Albert, a teacher at Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill, made the gruesome discovery on May 6, 1970. When Albert arrived home from school, he found his wife's body. She'd been shot five times in

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Is York Region's water ban all wet?

Stouffville area exempt from latest restrictions

BY GIANNI COLAVECCHIA
 Staff Writer

A record heat wave is making residents miserable. And conflicting stories over whether or not they can water their lawns isn't helping.

Last week York Region announced a ban on outdoor water use, including watering lawns and washing cars in six of its nine municipalities. But some municipalities are not enforcing the ban.

The ban, in effect, is not in effect. This is what they told me an hour ago, Richmond Hill resident Jennifer Jones said.

Jones called the town's public works department and was told there is no watering ban.

The region issued a formal notice of a watering ban in six municipalities — Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury — by way of a news release. (The ban does not affect Whitchurch-Stouffville.)

We asked the six area municipalities to enforce their bylaws for a temporary water ban, spokesperson Pat Casey said.

Eugene Zawadowsky, of Richmond Hill's engineering and public works department said his town is asking residents to conserve water, but because he received no formal notice, he hasn't asked staff to



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CENTRE OF THE STORM

Stouffville Storm pitcher Derek Eickmeier lets loose in a game versus Newmarket Stingers in mite boys' rep softball action last Thursday in Stouffville Memorial Park. The Storm plays its home games on Thursday nights at 6:30 on the main diamond of Memorial Park, in downtown Stouffville.

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