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23 Stouffville Secondary sprint star becomes Canadian citizen in between track meet events.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
EVENT: 200th anniversary of Whitchurch
WHEN: Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, Vandorf



20 The romance beat: The Victorian art of ballroom dancing still titillates today.

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TORONTO MOVING FIRST TO CURTAIL PRIVATE USE

Pesticide ban coming here?

BY MIKE ADLER
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Toronto is asking its citizens this week to consider a step the city learned it could take less than a year ago: banning or restricting pesticide use on private property.

It's a discussion that will be coming soon to towns in York Region, several politicians here predicted.

Like Toronto, the region and its

nine municipalities have cut pesticide use dramatically on their own lands. It's up to the region's individual towns to broach the subject of what people are using on private lawns or gardens.

Six public meetings in Toronto are looking at launching a public education campaign on pesticides or industry-led initiatives which, for instance, could take pesticides off

store shelves and restrict their use to licensed applicators.

As well, residents are being encouraged to weigh the merits of bylaws that either restrict pesticides "near vulnerable populations" such as schools or seniors homes, or, with some exceptions, on all public and private property.

A precedent-setting Supreme Court of Canada decision last June

found such bylaws are legal because their aim is to protect public health.

Toronto's discussions are being carefully watched by many in York. Diane Humeniuk, a regional councillor for Newmarket, believes municipalities here will opt for overall bans, but said she doesn't believe that will happen for a year

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Starving remains a way of life in Ethiopia

Part 1 of a series on the challenge of Ethiopia by staff writer Kathleen Griffin, who spent two weeks in the African nation with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

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Ethiopia is more than just images of children with distended bellies and flies in their eyes, I was told more than once.

And it's true, Ethiopia is much more.

But even its rich culture and history, woven with legends of King Solomon and Queen Sheba, the Ark of the Covenant and the origins of humanity itself, doesn't lessen the impact of the staggering poverty there.

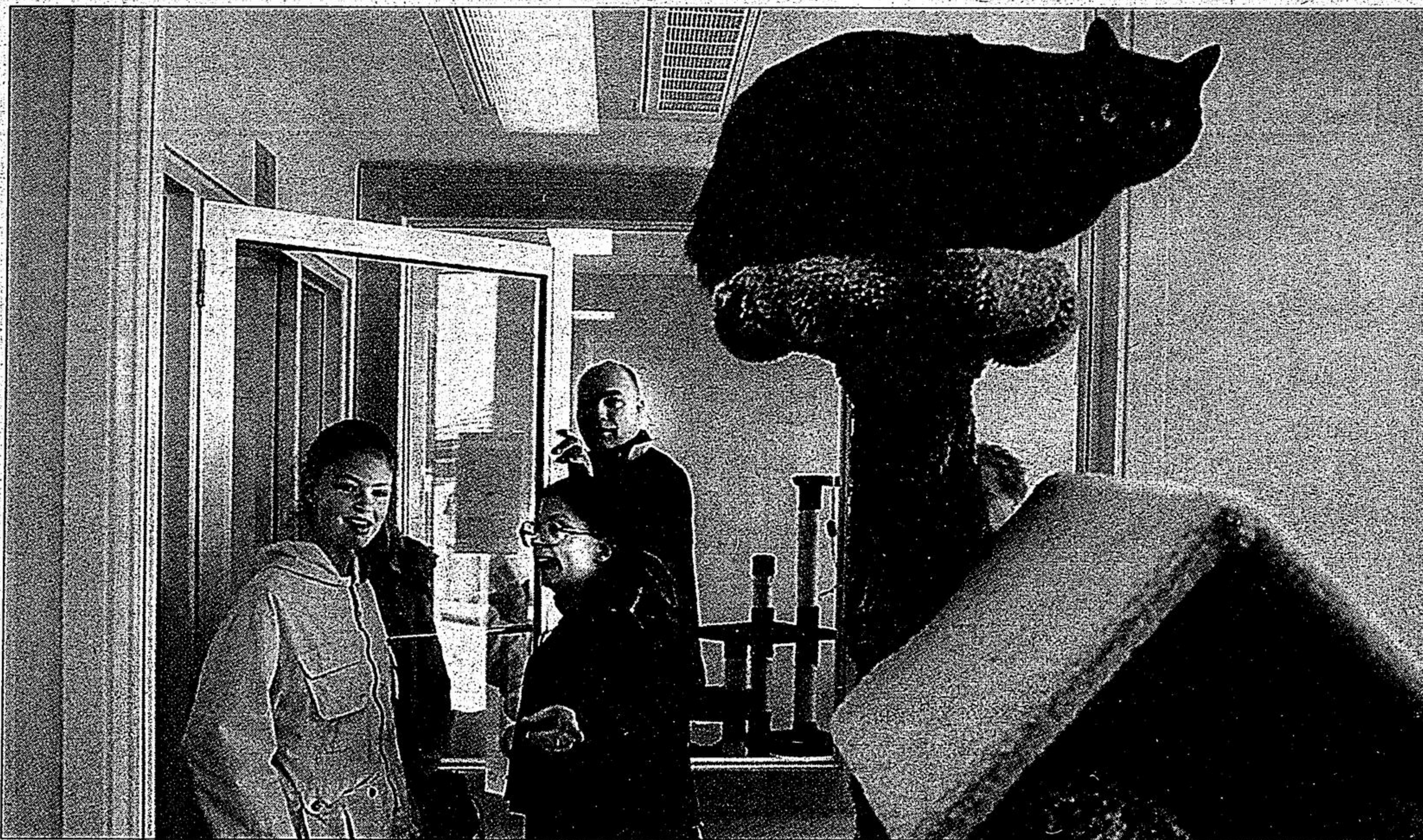
People starve to death in Ethiopia every day. They have been starving for decades.

Despite billions of dollars in foreign aid over the years, Ethiopia's problems remain immense. That the situation was complicated, I knew before. I traveled across the globe to the Horn of Africa to see aid projects funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Surely, I thought, once I saw what was happening there and had a chance to speak to those trying to make a difference, answers would become more obvious. That didn't happen.

Perhaps once I returned home to my soft, suburban York Region life and had a chance to absorb everything, I would have a clearer picture of what needed

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WATCH-CAT

A cat shows off in one of the display cases for Liliane Duval and daughter Kelly, 13, of Aurora at the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals grand opening day on Saturday. The facility is located in northern Whitchurch-Stouffville. See pages 34 and 35 for more photos from the new centre.

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