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Jack Heath  
Councillor-Ward 5

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**Tuesday June 4th, 7pm**  
**Markham Civic Centre**

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## Brains most important in new economic world

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start now to invest in research and development and, through education, prepare citizens for the new economic world in which brains are more important than population, land mass or natural resources, he said.

"I don't know what the dominant business will be, but I know it will speak this language," Mr. Enriquez said.

"That means it's about brains. It really matters who comes to live in Canada. You've got to say, 'If you've got a brain, come here.'"

Referring to statistics on new Canadian drug patents, Mr. Enriquez

said Canada has room to improve in research and development.

"When it's up against Europe, it looks pretty good. But against its neighbour, it's not so good."

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His latest book is called *As the Future Catches You: How genomics and other forces are changing your life, work, health and wealth.*

## Waiting for donation 'odd'

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Miller now has only one functioning lung. His mother said her son has defied the odds by living as long as he has.

"He wasn't expected to make it past 12 hours. Then he wasn't expected to make it past the first few months. Then two, then five, then eight, then 10. It's just been patchwork jobs all the way along to keep him alive," she said.

Mrs. Miller said she is awed when she sees how her son handles his illness with dignity and perseverance.

"His attitude is amazing. When you see him in pain, you think he's dying in front of you. They told us, 'Don't expect this baby to live.' How do you prepare for that? We never gave in to thoughts of him dying. You just refuse to let it happen. We don't think that way. You get through to the next day," she said.

"When he was little, I said, 'You're going into the hospital and they'll do some more fixing on you and you'll come home and you will be OK.' And invariably he would."

If Mr. Miller gets the transplant he needs, he sees himself hitting the roller-coasters with his friends at the Darien Lake amusement park in New York.

Like Mr. Miller, Mr. Black had surgery the day he was born to repair a malfunctioning aortic valve. He had another operation about a year later and has faced several other cardiac procedures.

Despite treatments, Mr. Black's lungs have struggled to oxygenate blood pumped by a deformed heart.

As a child, Mr. Black led an active life, participating in competitive sports such as soccer, basketball and running. But at age 13, doctors determined it was becoming too dangerous for him to take part in those types of activities.

For the next few years, Mr. Black was able to do normal daily tasks, including completing a four-year university degree in English and sociology.

But last May, as his heart and lungs deteriorated, he began to withhold bodily fluids in his abdomen, which became distended. Mr. Black, who stands four-feet, 10-inches and weighs 90 pounds, was originally seen at a hospital in Moncton before being transferred to a hospital in Halifax. But a delicate double-lung and heart transplant can only be done in Toronto or Edmonton.

Because patients must remain within two hours of the hospital in case a donor becomes available, Mr. Black and his father, Bill, lived with his uncle Jeff Kirke and cousins Ayden and Avery in Newmarket for the wait. But in April, he was admitted to Toronto General because his condition was worsening.

"I feel I'm deteriorating. My heart rhythms are irregular and the doctors don't have any answers for it," he said from his hospital bed.

Mr. Black admits it is an odd sensation to live with the knowledge his life rests on another person dying and donating his or her organs.

"It's a very strange feeling to know that. The way we (he and his family) have come to terms with it is that person's tragedy will happen whether I'm waiting for a transplant or not," said Mr. Black, who hopes to finish his teaching degree and educate people about the importance of organ donation.

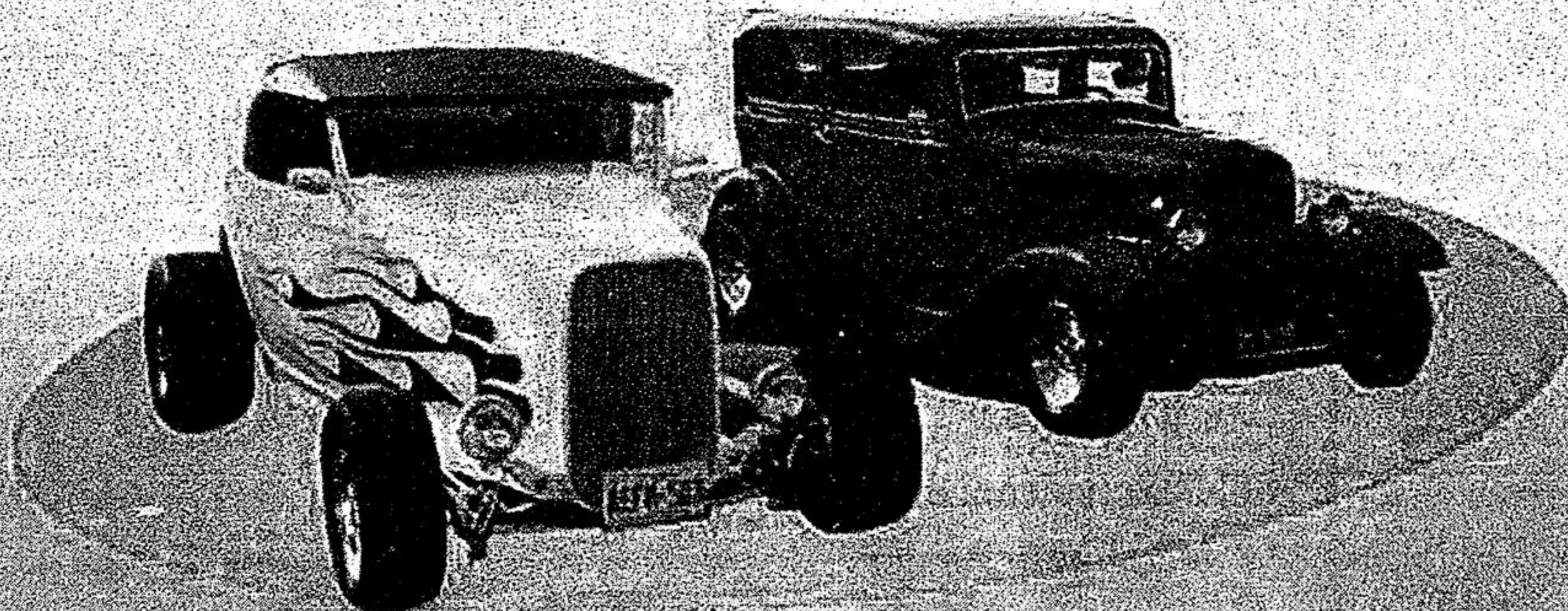
"If I don't get that heart and lungs, it's the end of the story. If I do, it's the beginning of a new story."

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