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Bringing the 'Eden Alternative' to seniors

Concept fights boredom, loneliness

BY HANNELORE VOLPÉ
 Staff Writer

It's called the Eden Alternative

Developed by U.S. doctor William Thomas, the concept is to ward off the plagues of nursing home life — loneliness, boredom and helplessness — by making children, pets and plants an integral part of residents' lives.

Facilities in Markham and Stouffville have embraced the Eden Alternative.

A number of animals are in residence at Stouffville's Parkview Home on Rupert Ave., including a cockatiel, two finches, a pair of cats who roam around freely and a bunny named Princess.

Two friendly St. John Therapy dogs visit regularly. The current rabbit-in-residence has replaced Mr. Wiggles, who enjoyed so many snacks offered by the residents that he outgrew his cage and his dwarf bunny status.

He now lives with a staff member's family.

Several of the animals have come from the Pet Stop in town, which also provides some of the animal care.

"Studies have shown the benefits of having animals," said Kris Savage, Parkview's director of program and support services. Residents show less confu-

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BAN TOBACCO, SAYS REGIONAL POLITICIAN

'Get tougher on cigarettes'

BY JEFF MITCHELL
 Staff Writer

Tougher federal and provincial laws could assist York Region in its battle against youth tobacco use, say anti-smoking advocates.

And Vaughan Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, the leading figure in the campaign to make York smoke-free, says Ottawa should simply go ahead and outlaw tobacco.

"It certainly would make our job easier," said Ms Frustaglio, who chairs the region's health committee. "If a product is illegal, it's off the shelves and it's no longer a problem."

"I believe eventually we need to be there."

Meanwhile, Margaret McCaffrey, the health protection manager responsible for enforcement of the

Tobacco Control Act, maintains provincial legislation could go farther in keeping cigarettes out of the hands and lungs of young people.

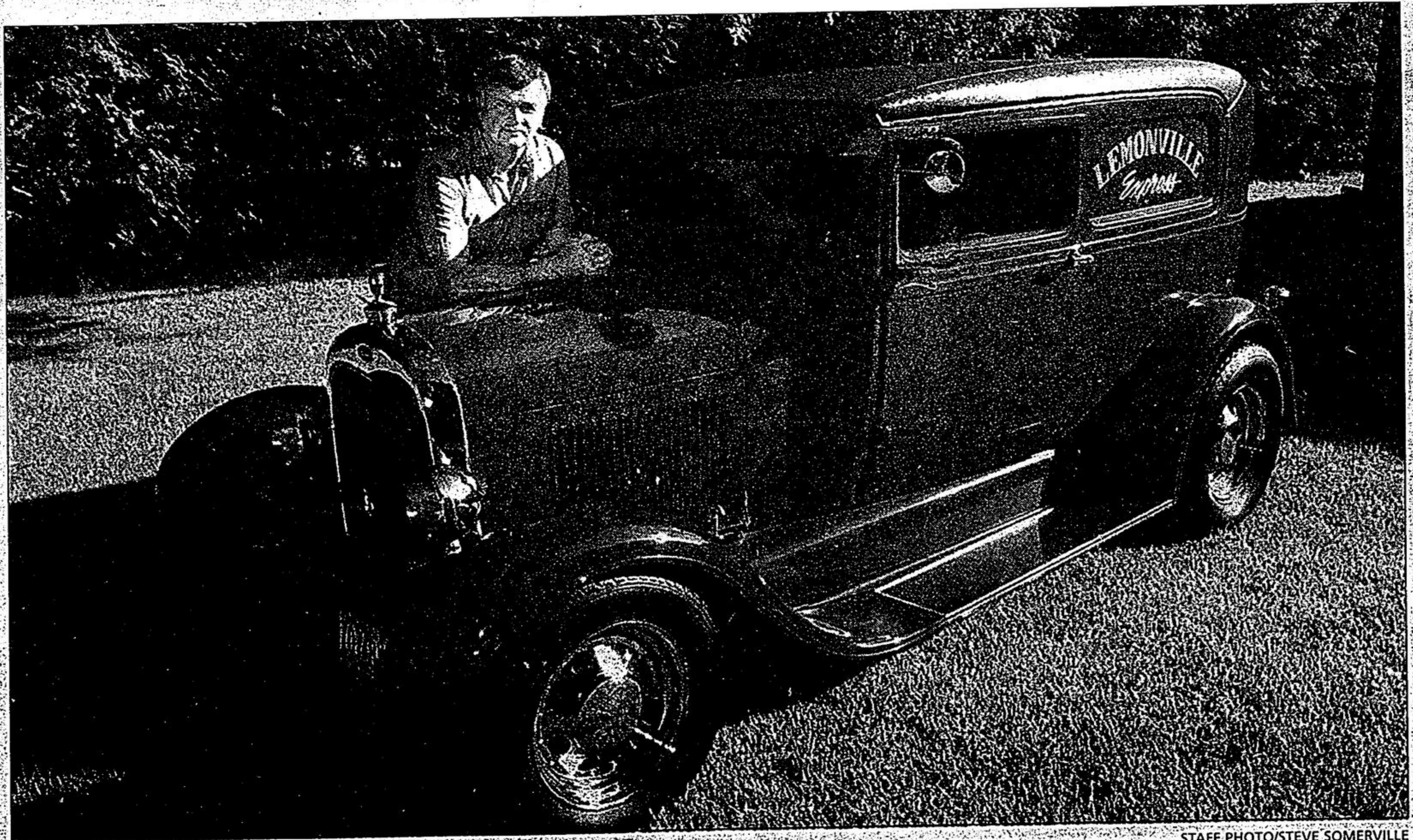
Ms McCaffrey suggested tougher laws on the display of tobacco in stores — and possibly extending the act to make it illegal for youths under 19 to possess tobacco — would help the health department in its efforts.

"I think we would like (health) minister (Tony Clement) to at least look at the possibility of making it illegal," Ms McCaffrey said.

She said a possession law would be an appropriate addition to the Tobacco Control Act's prohibition on sales of cigarettes to people under age 19.

The regional representatives

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RAY'S RAMPAGING ROADSTER

Lemonville's Ray Britten shows off his glow-in-the-dark Lemonville Express, which is on display tomorrow in the 29th annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum classic car and antique show. More than 300 exhibitors will be at the museum, on Woodbine Avenue in Vaudorf. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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