

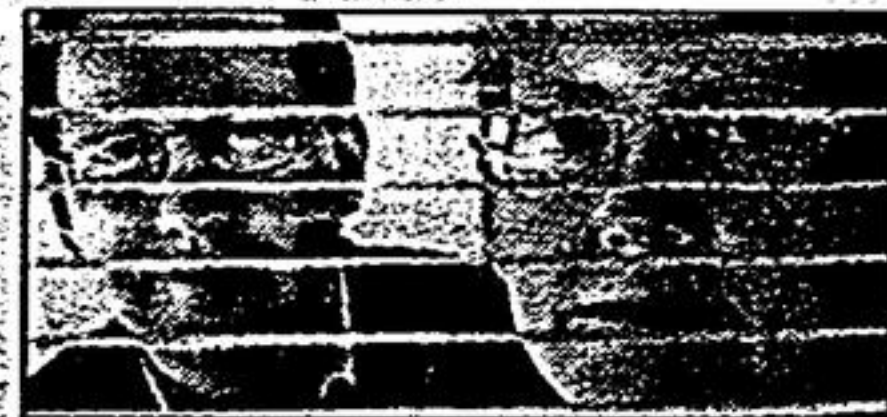
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**ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR**

**EVENT:** 'Arty Party' sale of retro treasures  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Saturday (905-640-8954)  
**WHERE:** Latcham Gallery, Main St. Stouffville



**3** Children often say goodbye to parents with Alzheimer's long before they die.

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YORK REGION FOOD BANK'S THANKSGIVING DRIVE 'POORLY ORCHESTRATED'

## Residents respond to food crisis

BY LISA QUEEN  
 Staff Writer

A poorly implemented new system of collecting donations nearly gutted the annual Thanksgiving food drive, according to York Region Food Network communications director Rosanne Rodgers.

"It was rather poorly orchestrated. All the wonderful plans that were made never really happened."

However, residents have responded in the past few days after desperate food banks issued pleas through the media not to let the poor go hungry this winter.

So far, just over half of the 169,000-pound goal has been collected since the drive began last Thursday.

Usually by this point in the campaign, which officially ends Oct. 25,

the food drive has reached the three-quarter mark.

"Thanksgiving really is the big weekend," Ms Rodgers said. "I expect it will be dribs and drabs now."

Ms Rodgers acknowledged there may be other reasons why the drive got off to such a disastrous start — including cash-strapped residents hit by two months of hefty hydro

ills.

But she pointed to shoddy implementation of the new collection system as the single biggest reason for the lame kick-off.

Instead of delivering paper grocery bags in newspapers, organizers encouraged shoppers to donate directly at their grocery stores.

Grocery stores across Ontario

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## Kyoto good in long run, teenager tells MP

'Companies that can't adapt' will lose out

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

Ratifying the Kyoto Protocol on reducing greenhouse gases is like buying a higher-efficiency furnace. It costs you money but you'll save more in the long run, says Andrew Ng of Richmond Hill.

The University of Toronto Schools student was one of several voices at Richmond Hill and Markham events last week saying the price of Canada's inaction on climate change will be disaster.

"How can you have a healthy economy without a healthy environment? You can't," argued the teenager, part of a Kyoto Protocol panel hosted on Friday by Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert (whose riding includes northern Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville).

"There will be some losers in this game, but ultimately the losers are the companies that can't adapt." Mr. Ng agreed with climate experts that Kyoto, an international agreement the federal government is preparing to ratify in December, is only a starting point in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to slow global warming.

"It doesn't make sense to talk about Kyoto unless you look beyond it," said Dr. Danny Harvey, a University of Toronto geographer on the MP's panel.

Canada has procrastinated, he said, and should have had an

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### CROWD SUPPORT

Public school students in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area, including this group from Ballantrae and Glad Park, cheer on runners in the cross country event at Bruce's Mill Park Conservation Area on Stouffville Road Tuesday morning.

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