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Holly's death reminder of Christine

Mom recalls daughter's 1984 sex murder

BY PATRICK MANGION
Staff Writer

For millions wondering why Holly Jones' innocent life was taken, the inexorable pain and heartache is one that can only be imagined.

But for former Queensville resident Janet Jessop, Tuesday's grim news of the Toronto girl's murder, was a solemn reminder of the grief she has endured the past 19 years.

Mrs. Jessop, now in her 50s, said it is the kind of grief and horror only a mother of a slain child could ever understand.

The abduction and murder of her 9-year-old daughter Christine in 1984 made headlines across the country, riveting the public to a case that dragged on for 10 years.

Three months after her disappearance from a local corner store, the little girl's skeletal remains were found in a remote area near Sunderland.

The Jessop's neighbour, Guy Paul Morin, was arrested in Ballantrae, charged and finally exonerated on DNA evidence. Her killer has never been found.

Mrs. Jessop returned home from work in Newmarket Tuesday and turned on her TV to images of a family pleading for the life of their little girl the same way she had when Christine was

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\$5.5-MILLION PILOT PROJECT AT NEWMARKET HOSPITAL

Disease control to be tested

BY LISA QUEEN
Staff Writer

Southlake Regional Health Centre is the perfect hospital to adopt new infectious disease control measures in the wake of SARS because they can be built into the ongoing construction project, top York Region health officials say.

Southlake president Dan Carriere said Thursday afternoon

the province has approved in principle \$5.5 million in improvements to hospital renovations, adding details will be worked out within days.

At a news conference Wednesday, York region's medical officer of health, Dr. Hanif Kassam, said Southlake is poised to become a provincial pilot project to test new measures to curtail the spread of

contagious diseases in hospitals.

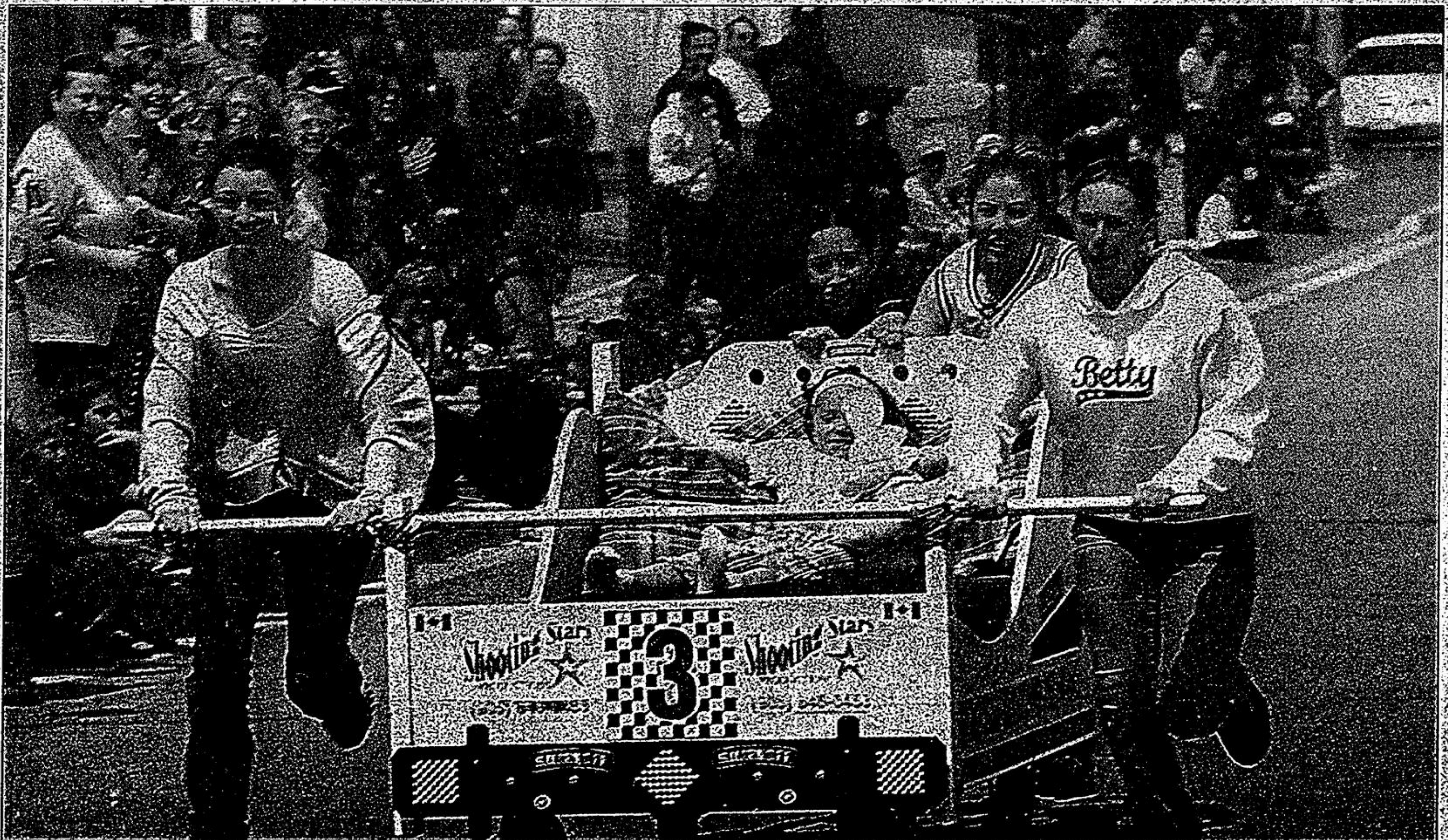
Southlake is in the middle of a \$148-million expansion project, which will nearly double the size of the hospital.

Improvements are aimed mostly at the emergency room. They include more negative air-pressure rooms to ensure infectious diseases aren't spread through the hospital's ventilation system, a separately

enclosed waiting area for people escorting patients to the ER and a better monitoring and triage system to evaluate everyone entering emergency to determine if they have a contagious condition.

"We need to treat every person coming into the ER as a possible infectious threat," said Mr. Carriere, who believes hospitals must be

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SLEEPING IN SATURDAY?

Keeva Strobbertholds on as Shooting Stars teammates push their entry in the annual Stouffville BIA bed race on Park Drive last Saturday. From left, Stephanie Findlay, Sarah Parry, Kayla Sealy and Lauren Craig-Ellis.

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