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Important Notice

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Between July 23 and September 15, 2003, the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board will be conducting a larvicide program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent their development into vectors of West Nile Virus.

The pellet formulation of the larvicide methoprene (product name Altosid, with Registration No. 21809 under the Pest Control Products Act) will be placed into catch basins of storm drains at schools or other properties owned by the York Region District School Board or the York Catholic District School Board. Catch basins where larvicide has been applied will be marked with a green dot.

In addition, the larvicide bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis (product name Aquabac, with Registration No. 26863 under the Pest Control Products Act) may be placed in ditches and temporary or permanent standing surface water if evidence of mosquito breeding is found. Signs will be posted along the perimeter of any ditches or temporary or permanent standing surface water treatment areas.

All larvicide will be applied by Ministry of Environment licensed applicators or trained technicians.

Larviciding is a safe and effective measure for the control of West Nile virus. The slow-release pellet formulation interferes with the mosquito life cycle, preventing the mosquito larva from reaching maturity and reproduction. It is not sprayed. The products have been approved by both the provincial and federal governments and are considered safe for humans, pets and the environment.

For details on the exact locations and dates of treatment, please call:

1-800-268-1660 or visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca for York Region District School Board sites; or

1-800-363-2711 or visit www.ycdsb.edu.on.ca for York Catholic District School Board sites.

Vehicle inspected, suspects interviewed

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This is what I'm left to deal with," Mr. Bobbett said. "And I can't accept the fact that the victims of crime know nothing about the suspects and, yet, they know everything about us. They know everything about Matthew. We know nothing about them."

BROTHERS ADAPT

This has been a grief-stricken year for the Bobbets.

Matthew's mother, Karin, lives in nearby Uxbridge, while Larry is at the family home on Hwy. 48, near St. John Sideroad.

This summer, another son, Adam, 14, a Grade 9 student at Stouffville District Secondary School, took his bronze medallion in swimming. His brother Jarrett is getting ready to enter Grade 7 at Ballantrae Public School. "The kids have adapted better than I have," said Mr. Bobbett.

"I don't want to live my life in anger forever. We have to educate people to be more considerate of each other. We have to teach our young people that, in life, there are consequences for our actions."

The OPP is reluctant to say if a break in the case is pending.

However, a suspect vehicle, found abandoned in Pickering, has undergone extensive examination at the Toronto forensic lab and has been returned to its owner. Meanwhile, Det.-Const. Sermet is still interviewing suspects.

"This is an extremely sad case, not only for the father and mother, but it tore the brothers apart," Det.-Const. Sermet said. "I've been on this case from



MATTHEW BOBBETT: Died one year ago Monday in Hwy. 48 hit-and-run north of Ballantrae.

the beginning. It is very sad. I will be calling Matthew's father on Monday on the anniversary of his son's death to update him on the case."

If the case comes to court, Mr. Bobbett wonders how society will deal with it.

"If they ever do lay charges, and if we do get a conviction, will the punishment be sufficient in the minds of those who have lost?" Mr. Bobbett said.

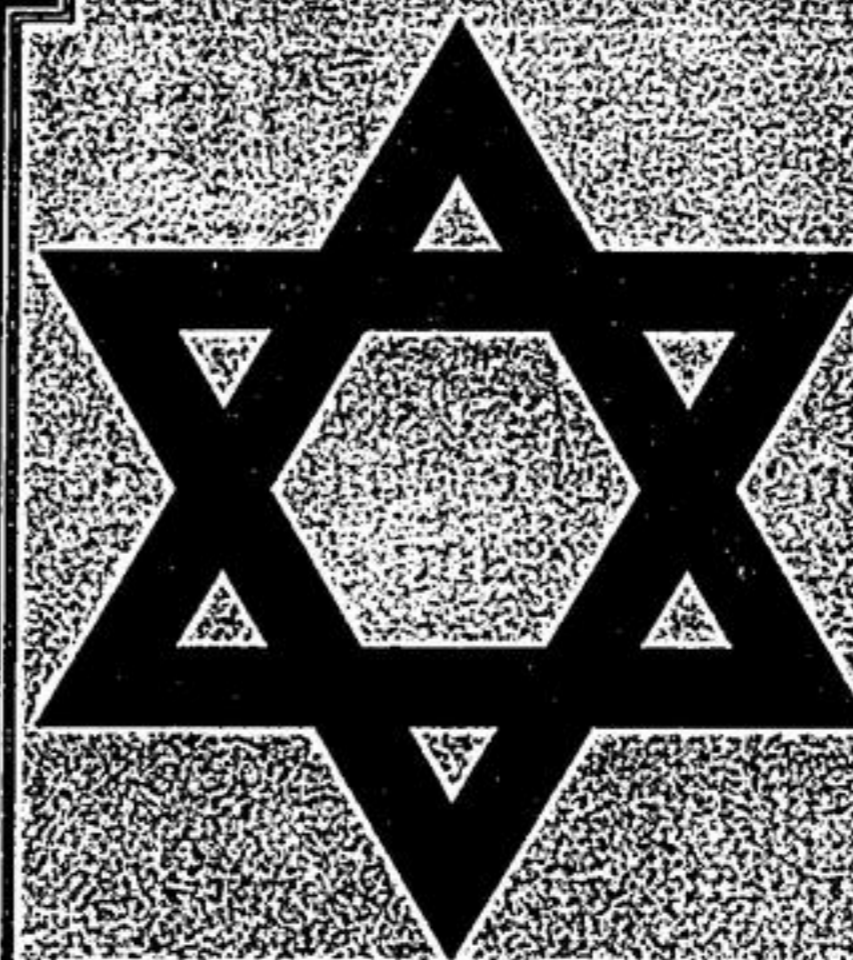
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RMC HOPEFUL

Prior to the accident, Matthew had a promising future.

He was goal-oriented. A history buff with a keen interest in the military, he wanted to enter Royal Military College in Kingston with hopes of becoming a helicopter pilot.

"He was entering Grade 12 and wanted to join the cadets," said his father. "Instead of this, Matthew should be getting ready for university."



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