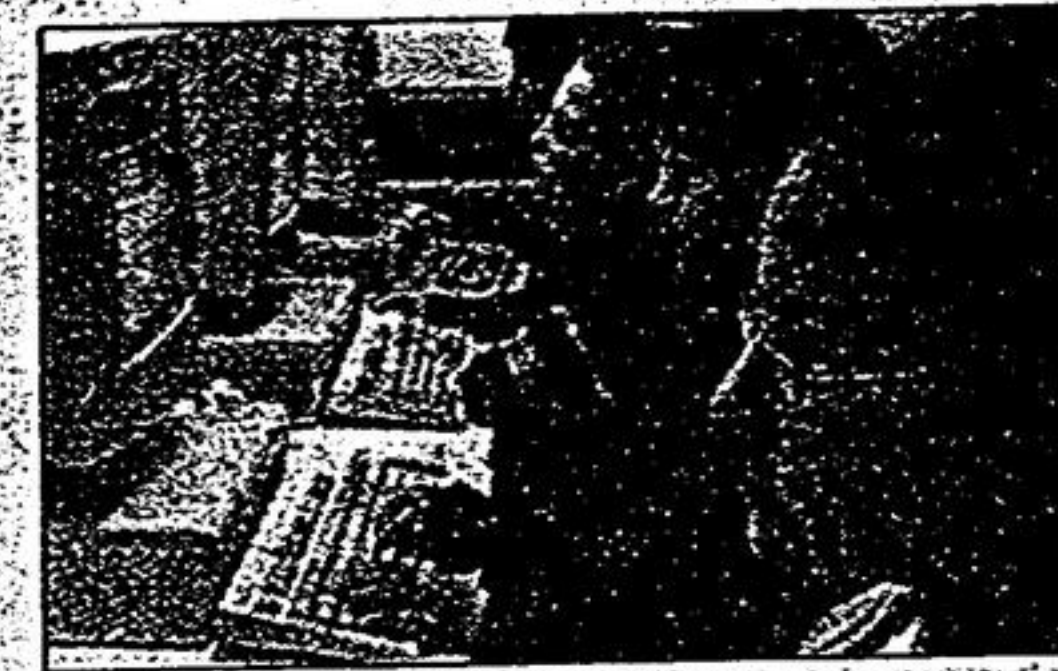


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NHLers lined up for return of Game of Our Lives

Leafs Roberts, Domi here for cancer benefit

The NHL's loss could be Stouffville's gain when a charity hockey game returns to town this month.

The Game of our Lives II will be played on the afternoon of Jan. 30 at the Stouffville Arena.

And the celebrity team that will play the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A squad features Toronto Maple Leafs Gary Roberts and Tie Domi.

Leafs assistant coach and Stouffville resident Keith Acton is again behind the game. The 2002 version drew Don Cherry, Ron MacLean and Pat Quinn and raised more than \$20,000 for cancer-related charities.

Tickets go on sale next week for \$20. Proceeds will go to cancer-related charities, including the Leukemia Research Fund and the oncology unit at Markham Stouffville Hospital. Mr. Acton, who will captain the celebrity team, is a cancer survivor. His son, Will, is a rookie with the Spirit.

Also confirmed to play are Leafs general manager John Ferguson Jr., Sportsnet's Nick Kypreos and Greg Roberts, Gary's brother, of Stouffville. Joe Bowen, the TV and radio voice of the Leafs, will do play-by-play and referee.

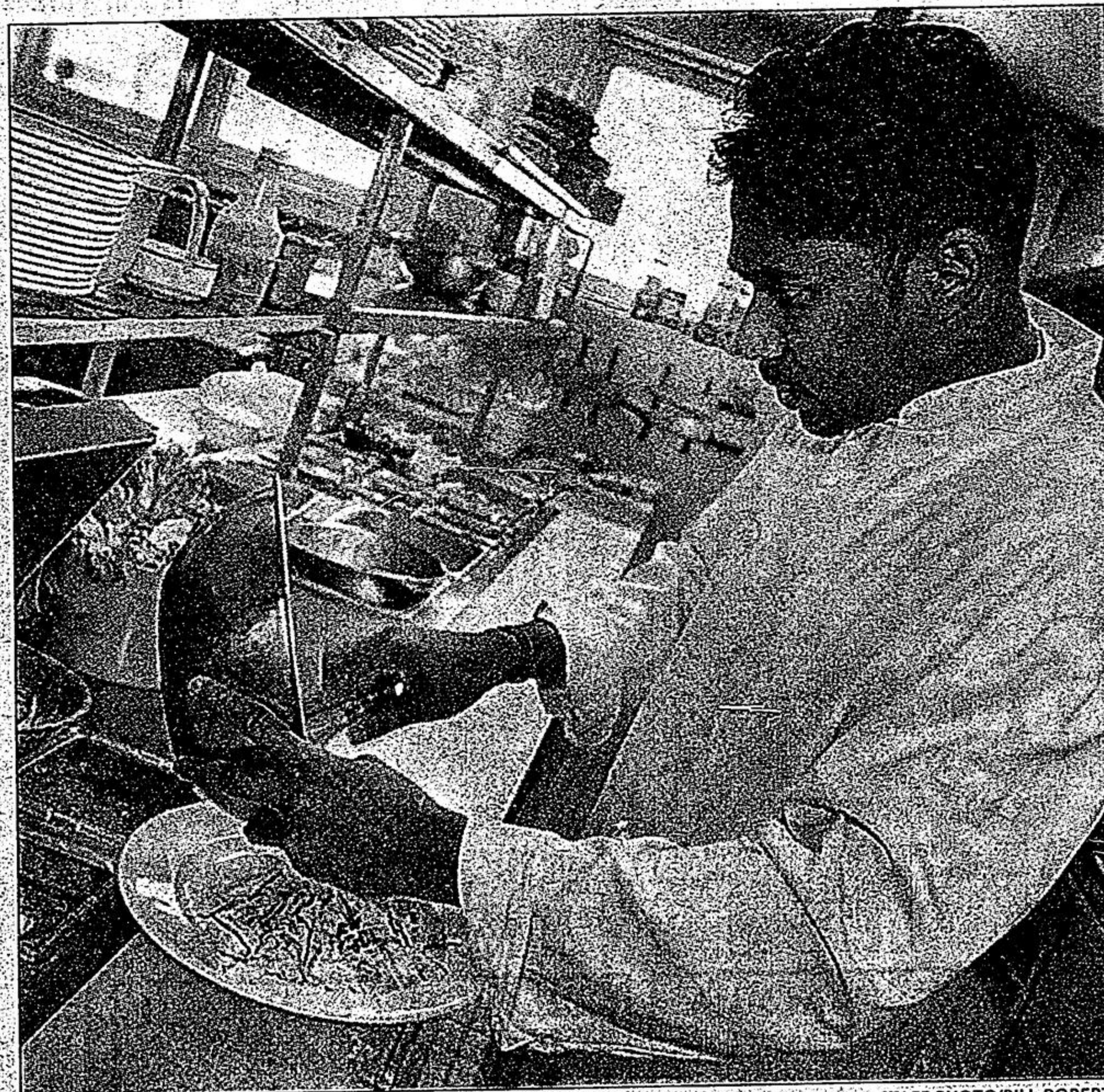
Leafs' mascot Carlton the Bear and other members of the NHL team's between-periods entertainment crew will take part.

If the NHL work stoppage ends, the game could be cancelled, organizers warned.

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THURSDAY FOCUS

Chef mourns on other side of world



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Cook Shiyam Shanmuganathan, 29, prepares a salad in the kitchen of The Earl of Whitchurch. The native of Jaffna, in northern Sri Lanka, lost several relatives to the tsunami.

Tsunami songs

Shiyam Shanmuganathan, 'Chef Sammy' at The Earl of Whitchurch Pub in Stouffville, lost at least 24 relatives to the tsunami that devastated southeast Asia on Boxing Day. Patrons donated more than \$1,000 to relief efforts at a jam session at the pub Sunday.

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Family wants name cleared

Police clarification not enough for family of accident victim

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The toxicology report never said Janette Montgomery was impaired the day she died.

York Regional Police issued a media release last week clarifying a toxicology report from the Centre for Forensic Sciences did not say the Whitchurch-Stouffville teenager was impaired when she lost control of her car and crashed last August.

But the force's refusal to retract the claim she was impaired at all still has the grieving family upset.

"They've admitted they made an error. The toxicology report never said she was impaired and they've admitted that," Janette's mother, Karen Montgomery, said. "But what I wanted was to clear her name and they haven't done that."

CHIEF APOLOGIZES

Chief Armand La Barge said he personally called Mrs. Montgomery to apologize for the grief the error caused, but did not want to argue the impairment issue.

"We just wanted to officially clarify that the report from the Centre for Forensic Sciences did not indicate she was impaired," he said. "(The question of whether she was impaired) is something we do not want to get into. All I can say is it is possible someone may have come to a different conclusion with the same set of facts. We are hopeful the clarification will assist the family with getting on with the grieving process. What happened here is a young girl lost her life in a tragic situation and

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