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Leukemia KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, sex, or race. It infiltrates the body through white cells in the blood. It is considered a form of cancer and attacks the various blood forming tissues of the body such as the spleen, bone marrow and lymph nodes.

Green Bins are coming!



Starting the week of July 4, 2005, Markham will begin Phase 2 of Mission Green, a new waste reduction initiative that aims to keep 70% of our waste out of Michigan landfill.

Green Bins will be delivered to all single-family homes located west of Highway 48 in Markham between June 13 and 24, 2005.

Each home will receive a Green Bin, indoor container and information package that includes a NEW 2005 Waste Collection Schedule. Please read all of the information

delivered with your Green Bin as Markham's Blue Box program has also changed.

The Mission Green initiative includes weekly collection of organic material in a Green Bin, weekly collection of comingle Blue Box recyclables and collection of the left over residue (garbage) every other week.

If you have not received your Green Bin by Friday, June 24 or if you have questions about your information package, please call 905-415-7535.

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LOBSTERFEST THE TASTIEST TREAT IN TOWN



When it first opened 19 years ago, The Corner House Restaurant in Stouffville introduced a special event called LobsterFest. For one week during each month in summer, fresh Atlantic Lobster was flown in and served up fresh. The event was an instant hit with local patrons and a tradition was born.

Eighteen years later, LobsterFest remains one of the biggest draws of the year at The Corner House. The busy Restaurant hosts many events throughout the year, but LobsterFest is the clear favourite. "People like the fact that lobsters are flown in fresh and cooked here," says chef *Les Broadbent* of The Corner House. "It's a lot of fun for our customers and our staff." For one week each month, from March to October, The Corner House Restaurant features fresh Atlantic lobster as part of its daily menu cooked in several different ways, including Steamed, Broiled and Thermidor. Succulent lobster tails, seafood pastas, and vegetable combinations make this menu one to experience. This is a popular event, so when it's Lobsterfest season book your table well ahead.

If you appreciate fine French, Cajun and Italian foods meticulously prepared to perfection, The Corner House is the

place for you. A diverse regular menu of tasty entrées includes grilled or blackened fish, pepper steak, rack of lamb and gourmet pizzas. Be sure to try the house favourite, Brandy Snap Basket.

The right ambiance is an important component of any fine dining experience and The Corner House has it all. Posters of jazz musicians and other artworks complement the bright new décor. Friendly staff is committed to making your dining experience truly memorable.

The Corner House Restaurant also offers at-home catering services. *Les Broadbent* and Manager *Jen Brown* (above) can help you personalize menu selections, as well as desserts and wines to complement the meal. Give them a call at 905.640.8494, the next time you plan an at-home gourmet dinner party.

To make reservations at The Corner House, call 905.640.8494.

Adoption system already smoother: CAS

BY ROY GREEN
Staff Writer

Changes to adoption rules proposed this week will make it easier for children's aid societies to find permanent homes, but in York Region, streamlining the process has already resulted in a major improvement in the past year.

The number of adoptions here in the first three months of 2005 is more than double the number for all of 2004, according to Martin McNamara, executive director of York Region Children's Aid Society.

"In the first quarter of this year, we already have 23 adop-

tions, compared to 11 for 2004," Mr. McNamara said. "And we expect to have another 10 by year's end."

The increase is due, in part, to speeding up the process of providing birth records for children coming under CAS control, he said. "Just getting birth certification often took a long period of time, but the ministry is fast-tracking that now, making sure we get that information much more quickly."

Streamlining the process of delivering court documents and putting more priority on the adoption process have also increased the number of chil-

dren going into permanent care, he said.

Bill 21, introduced by Children and Youth Services Minister Marie Bountrogianni, will reform a system that prevents most of the 9,000 crown wards from ever being adopted, Mr. McNamara said. Under the current system, Crown wards whose parents have court-ordered access cannot be adopted unless their birth parents give up all rights to them.

"Up to now, that means they can't be available for adoption and it means a lot of children are languishing in our care for too long," Mr. McNamara said.

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