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Doris Robertson

Guest Column

I learned to make best of cancer

Stouffville hosts first Relay for Life

At the Relay For Life in Stouffville Friday and Saturday, runners hope to draw attention to the fight against cancer.

Cancer affects not only the patient, but every family member. I have been on both sides of the picture.

For myself, I have had 22 years and three bouts of the disease and had to endure radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

To cope during this time, I felt I had three options.

I could go into denial and not believe the disease existed. That was not a great option.

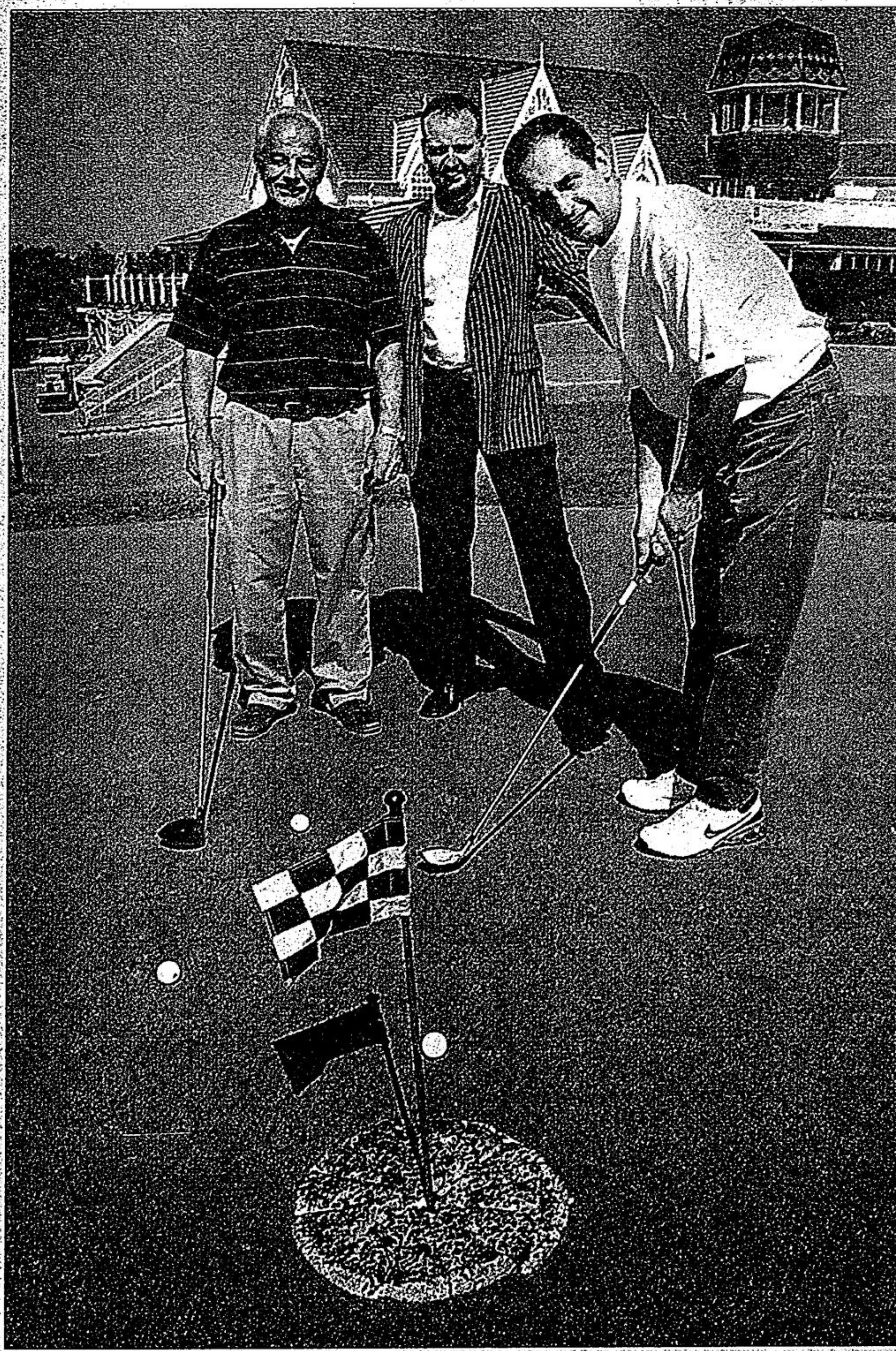
Or I could be so angry at what my body had to go through, so angry at God, that my life would be even more unbearable.

My third option was to accept the disease as gift from God.

This is the option I took and, looking back over the years since 1985, I have found it was the right choice. I have found remarkable changes in my life, changes that otherwise would never have happened.

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WATCH YOUR SLICE



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Station Pizza owners Jim Olidis (left) and brother Tom (right) flank Angus Glen Golf Club president Kevin Thistle as they prepare for the 12th annual Station Pizza-Evergreen Hospice Charity Golf Tournament June 24. It benefits Evergreen's palliative care and bereavement support for children, teenagers and adults. The register, \$200, call 905-472-5014.

Lives of candidates must be open book

Lawsuit, degrees all come to light in nominations

If you think all you need to do to sit in one of the 308 seats in the House of Commons is to be at least 18 and a Canadian citizen, think again: The long and sometimes bumpy road to Ottawa hinges on a green flag from federal parties.

A political party leader's worst fear is some unknown, damaging information popping up and derailing an election campaign, killing the chance to form the government.

The need to know and control prompts political parties to scrutinize potential candidates more than ever before.



Joan Ransberry

Analysis

One of the things Paul Calandra was obliged to do before becoming a candidate for the Oak Ridges-Markham Conservatives was disclose he is embroiled in a lawsuit.

While Mr. Calandra insists he told the local Tories he's being sued by his sisters over their mother's estate, a party official can't confirm if such a disclosure was made.

Documents filed at the Newmarket court office show plaintiffs Milva Gehring and Concetta Calandra claim seven months before their mother died in August 2005, she revoked Mr. Calandra's power-of-attorney.

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