

Family devastated: Stouffville relatives

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"I'm holding on right now, but later it is going to hit me," Mr. Hammond, 70, said, adding Ms Hammond was very close to her sister, Joyce. "She is really going to be missed."

At about 8 p.m., fire trucks and York Regional Police converged on the multi-residential apartment at 479 Queen St. to find the top level of the house on fire.

Once firefighters knocked the flames down and got inside the house, just west of the railroad tracks between Main and Prospect streets, they found Ms Hammond dead in the third floor apartment.

Her uncle Edward and aunt Ruth Herbert of Stouffville also remember Ms Hammond as someone who loved her family and would "give you the coat off her back if

you had the need."

"It is a real blow to the family," Mr. Herbert said.

"She was a seemingly happy, loving person and would do anything for anyone," Ms Herbert said, adding she would see her niece by marriage at least annually during the family's picnic.

"She wasn't the life of the party, but she was always outgoing," Ms Herbert said.

Fire officials have concluded the killer blaze was sparked by smoking and police are not investigating foul play in Ms Hammond's death.

Her family is "devastated" with her loss, Ms Herbert said.

Ms Hammond's funeral was held at the Roadhouse & Rose Funeral Home chapel Friday.

She is survived by four brothers, two sisters as well as her two children.



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'It's all about community' at Dorman Drive tournament

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That's how long people living on Dorman Drive in Stouffville have held an annual golf tournament.

And this year, they're issuing a challenge for residents on other streets to come out and compete against them.

The event goes today.

No money is raised, John Hall, one of the residents said. "It's all about community."

The Dorman Drive Mixed Golf Classic draws around 60 golfers each year and is sponsored by a number of local businesses.

It's being held at the Spring Creek Golf and Country Club in Claremont.

To add to the fun, a large, shiny trophy has been donated for the winner by Stouffville resident Don Hardy.

To join the tournament, call 905-640-5807.

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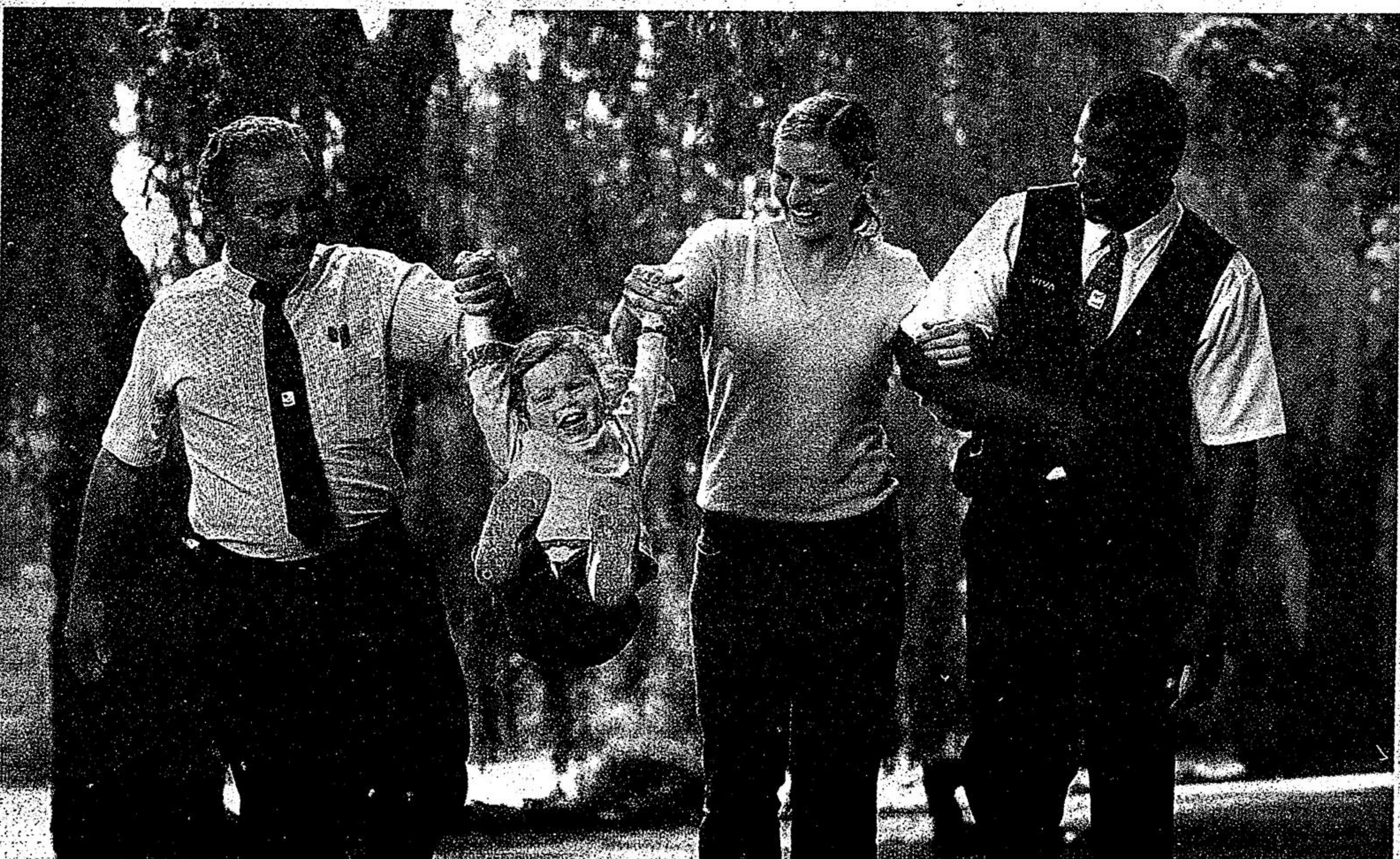
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