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## Special Olympics volunteer has town's first baby of 2008

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Little Andre James Aniceto has a great sense of timing.

He is the first baby born in Whitchurch-Stouffville in 2008, squeaking in under the wire at just a few minutes to midnight Jan. 1.

He was actually expected to make his appearance on Epiphany, Jan. 6.

The room at Markham Stouffville Hospital where mom Melanie De Jesus-Aniceto was staying, accompanied by her husband, Paul Aniceto, filled up quickly with family, friends and proud grandparents.

All four grandparents (Paul's parents, Seth and Violeta, and Melanie's parents, Pablo and Freda) were already there Wednesday to 'ooh' and 'aah' over the new family member.

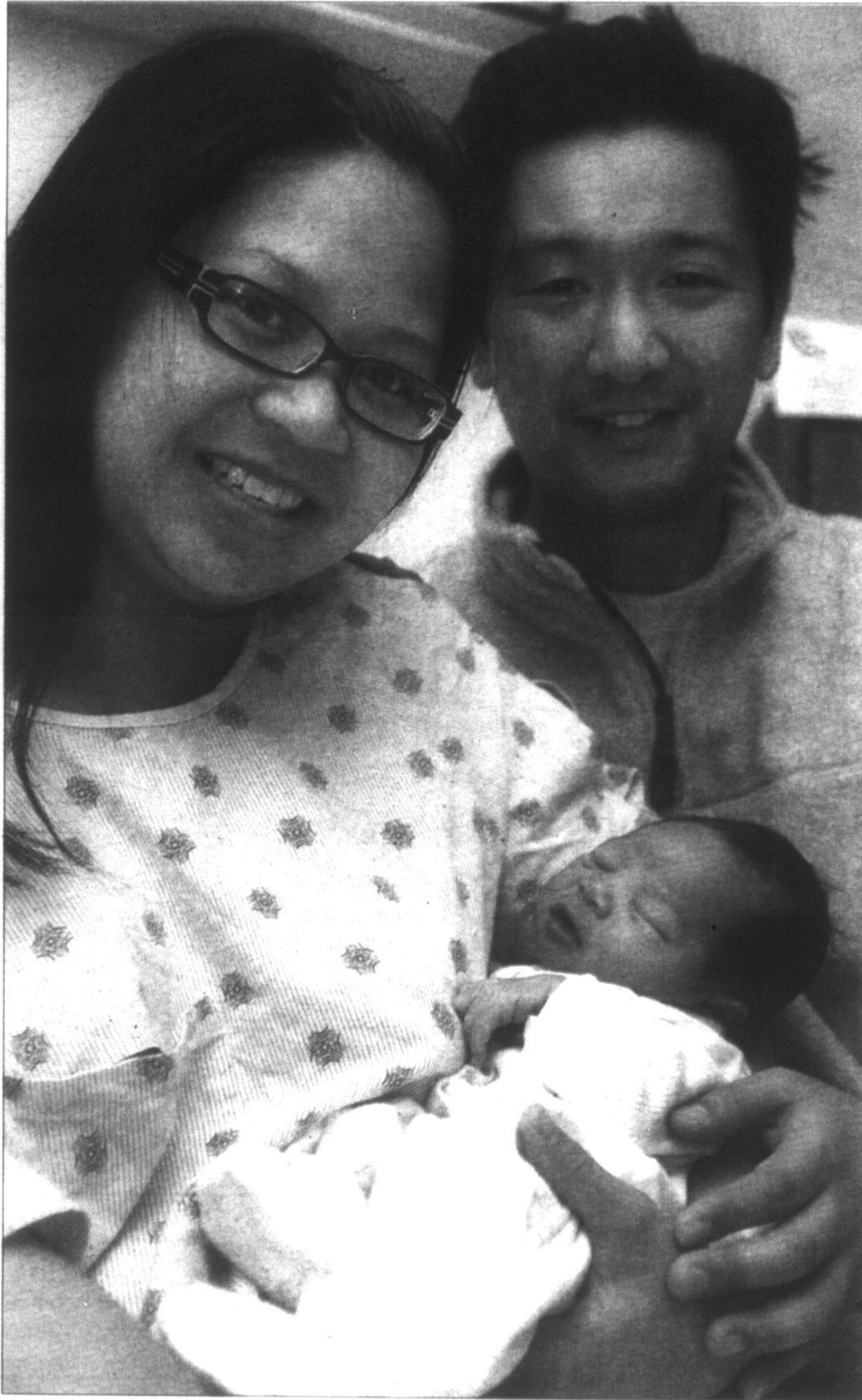
He weighed in at 6 lbs, 7 oz. He is the couple's first child.

If the De Jesus-Aniceto name seems familiar, that's because the new mom, who is an optometrist, has been an associate at the offices of Dr. C. Genin and Dr. J. McDowell in Stouffville for the past 2-1/2 years.

The family has lived in Stouffville for a little more than a year.

She also volunteers her expertise and time with the Special Olympics, as part of a team of health-care professionals.

While she will attend the Durham Special Olympic Games in May, with little Andre James in tow,



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Melanie de Jesus-Aniceto and Paul Aniceto of Stouffville welcomed their first baby, Andre James, into the world at 11:48 p.m. Jan. 1 weighing six pounds, seven ounces at Markham Stouffville Hospital. The family moved to Stouffville last year, but Ms de Jesus-Aniceto has worked at an optometrist office in town for 2-1/2 years.

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## Student prepares for life in Ecuador

Corey Wideman's co-op will be spent in Andes Mountains

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Corey Wideman will be living amidst the exotic scenery of the Andes — the ancestral home of the Incas — when he heads to Ecuador this spring.

The Stouffville District Secondary School student is taking part in the International Co-operative Education program for 14 weeks.

He and Leya Anderson, who attends Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School in Markham, are among the 16 high school students taking part in this program run by the York Region District School Board.

His curiosity was piqued as he learned about the program, to which he applied about eight months ago.

Both students received \$1,000 from the Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion to help defray the \$5,200 cost of the trip. Corey, who is 16, earned some of the money for the trip through his part-time job.

Students are expected to raise money, both on their own and as a group, to defray costs.

While in Ecuador, Corey will live with a Spanish-speaking host family.

"I wanted to do some travelling and see another culture," Corey said.

The fact it is a hands-on work experience is what appealed to him.

Instead of working in co-op placements at home, International Co-op (ICE) students complete one or two work placements in agriculture, community development, educa-

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