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Robber strikes again in Oshawa

Credit union suspect wanted in TD heist

BY JEFF MITCHELL Metroland Staff

Just days after York Region cops made a plea to Durham residents for help identifying a bank robbery suspect, it appears the same man has struck in Oshawa.

Security camera photos of the man who robbed the TD Canada Trust branch on Stevenson Road South Saturday afternoon depict a man who's a dead ringer for the suspect who robbed a Stouffville credit union twice in 2006 and tried again on Jan. 8 of this year.

York police Det.-Sgt. Bob Wassink said the man he's looking for appears to be the same individual Durham police are now seeking for the Oshawa heist.

"You look at this (Oshawa) photo and you look at ours and you say, yeah, it looks like the same guy," he said.

Indeed, the suspect in the Oshawa robbery wore the same red and black lumber jacket and the same red ball cap he wore on Jan. 8 when a man walked into the PACE Savings and Credit Union on Main Street in Stouffville with a note saying he was armed; the attempt was identical to robberies he'd pulled there in June and December of 2006, York police said.

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KICKING IT INTO 2008



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Instructor Jennifer Lloyd leads the low impact kickboxing aerobics class at the Lebovic Leisure Centre in downtown Stoufffville Saturday.

BEDKITS CHARITY HAS STRONG STOUFFVILLE CONNECTION

Church, volunteers help children sleep at night

BY HANNELORE VOLPE Staff Writer

Sleeping Children Around the World has made sure hundreds of thousands of children in developing countries have had cozy bedkits to snuggle up in during the past 38 years.

Stouffville resident Sally Sandiford travelled to Tanzania with her daughter, Katie, to help to distribute the colourful bedding and other items for the organization in August.

In addition, Stouffville United Church's annual cabaret night Saturday will benefit the charity.

The trip to Tanzania was Sally's first; Katie went overseas to distribute bedkits for the first time in 2005.

A 28-year-old school teacher who now lives in Markham, Katie wanted to travel but do it in a meaningful way. She decided to help Sleeping Children Around the World, a charity to which she was

introduced by her grandparents. At Christmas, they would donate funds for a bedkit on behalf of each grandchild.

Sally became aware of the charity through her work at Central United Church in Unionville. The church is a long-time supporter of SCAW.

The team of six Canadian women, including the Sandifords, was based in Tanzania's capital, Dar Es Salaam, in August and distributed around 5,000 bedkits over a

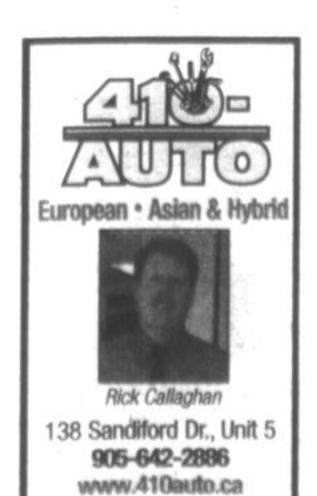
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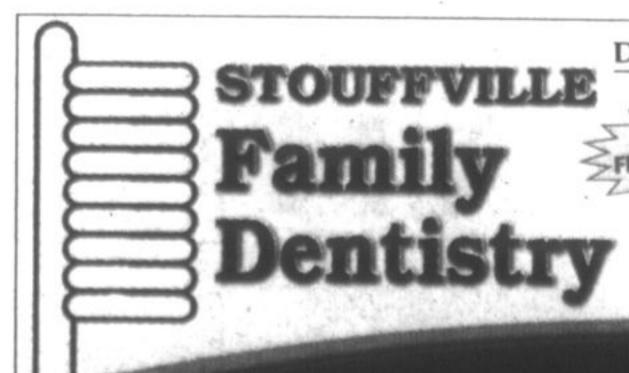
"The overseas volunteers that we worked with in Tanzania were led by Mama Wandoa, an amazing Tanzanian woman who runs an AIDS Crisis Centre," Sally said.

The Canadian volunteers also worked with Rotary and Lions clubs.

About 500 bedkits at a time are distributed, mainly at local schools.

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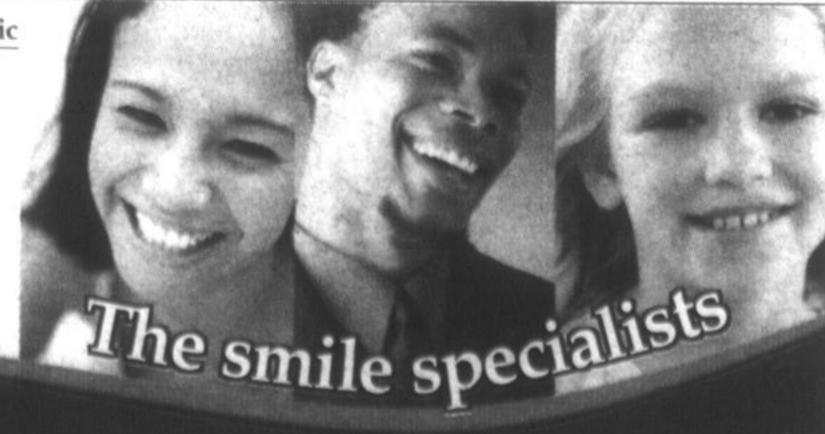
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