Stouffville man faces child porn charges

A Stouffville man is facing child pornography charges.

York Regional Police officers executed a Criminal Code search warrant at a home in Stouffville Wednesday. Investigators seized a number of computer hard drives along with storage media.

They charged a 50-year-old Stouffville man with possession and distribution of child pornography.



Sportsmanship key with coach



STAFF PHOTO/JIM MASON

Brent Gibson cheers on his juvenile Clippers during the 2007 Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals with Windsor at the Stouffville Arena.

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penalty, go straight to the box," he said.

"Everywhere we played, we always got compliments from tournament organizers, refs and even other teams. It always impressed the boys to hear it from an opposing coach who came into our dressing room to tell us."

Parents, too.

Cathy Wideman's son, Landon Wideman, was captain of the Stouffville Clippers juvenile team Mr. Gibson coached to its second Ontario Minor Hockey Association A championship this spring.

"Brent's guidance saw many talented, individual players become a team who stood by each other through adversity," the Gormley resident wrote in her nomination. "When the world around us sees these teens as a problem, Brent always saw them as a challenge to be molded into convicted young men of worth, through the sport of hockey.

"Some will stand in the line of fire and be accountable, even when things don't always go smoothly and, especially, when the only payback is the gratification of being there."

Mr. Gibson's three sons were part of the OMHA championship teams. Their Stouffville home has scrapbooks and photos detailing the road to trophy

The first trophy was a long time coming.

Mr. Gibson, who moved to Stouffville at age 12, played minor hockey here. He was on the Clipper team, with the likes of Don Reesor, Wayne Feasby and Steve Pope, that lost the OMHA juvenile final to South London in 1974.

He retired from coaching three years ago, only to be drawn back in.

"This time, I'm hanging up my hat for sure, " he said, leaving a small opening for another return. "The energy and the interest just aren't there. But, maybe after a few years off, I'll come back. Who knows?"

The LCBO store manager will continue playing in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League. But it will be a lot less arena time than during the seasons he was on the hockey staff for all three of his sons' teams.

"I got involved through the boys and I loved it," he said. "And I've met some great people through hockey. It's still neat to see kids you coached when they were 5 or 6 in Canadian Tire or somewhere and have them come up to you. Only now, they're taller than me."

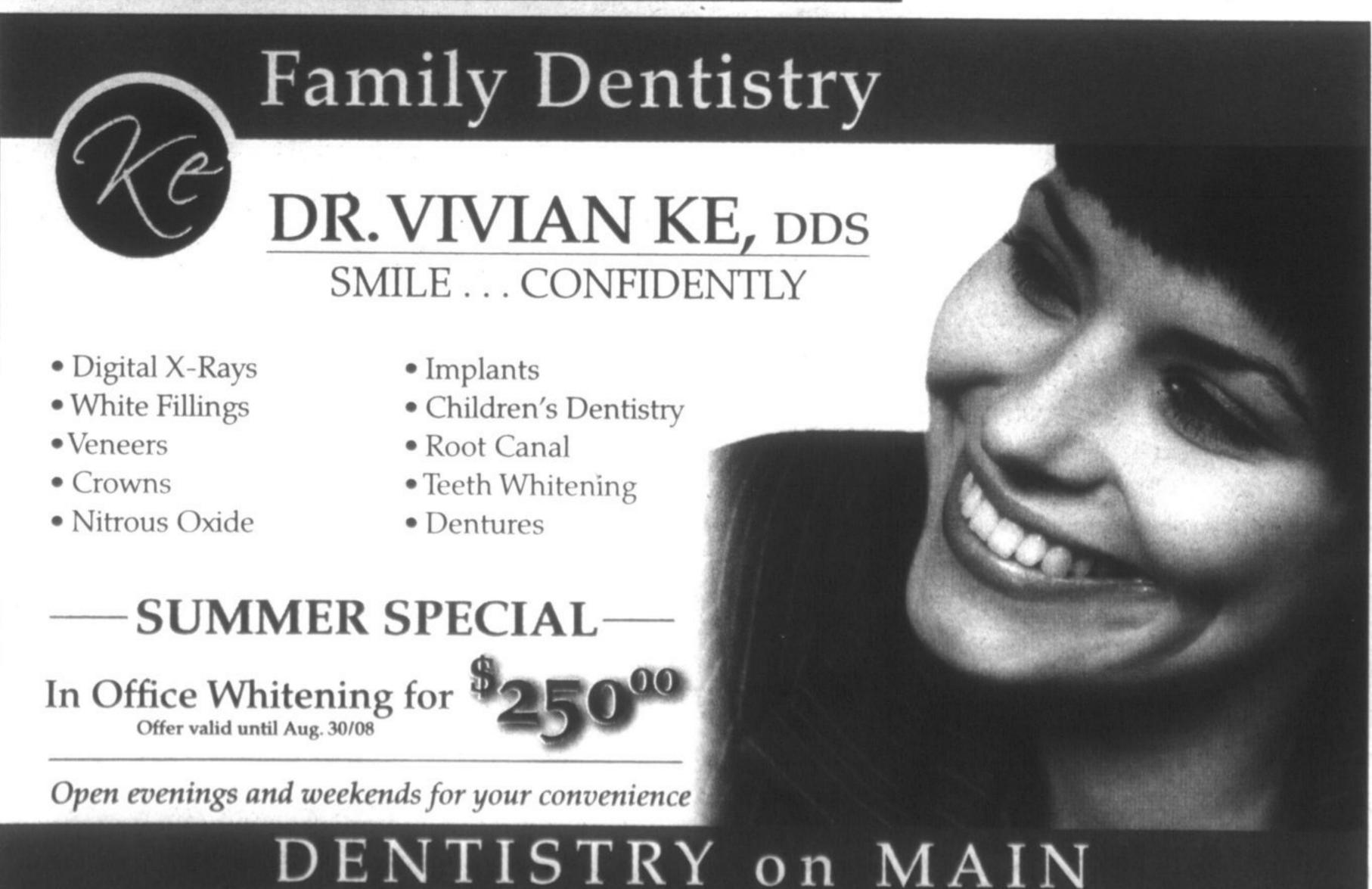
Gibson's finest

The 411 on Brent Gibson, the 2008 sports personality of the year:

· Brent and wife Joan have three sons, Jeff, 18, Shawn, 21, and Andy, 24.

· A 33-year employee of the LCBO, he manages a liquor store in Newmarket

· His mother, Audrey Gibson, was Whitchurch-Stouffville's citizen of the year in 2007.



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