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## Vroom! \$358,000 car won in cancer draw

*Buying extra tickets  
pays off for early bird*

BY JIM MASON  
Staff Writer

Tony Acciacaferri bought some model Ferraris for his son while he was in Italy with his wife celebrating their 10th anniversary last weekend.

Four days later, the Whitchurch-Stouffville man had a full-size version of the legendary Italian sports car.

The 38-year-old won a \$358,000 2008 F430 Spider F1, the early bird prize in the Princess Margaret Hospital Welcome Home Sweepstakes for cancer research.

The property service company owner was ordering a skating rink for his daughter, 8, and son, 6, Wednesday morning when his mother interrupted on another phone line. She'd heard his name on Breakfast Television and wondered if he'd bought a ticket.

Yesiree, mom.

Son Tony bought on the Oct. 30 deadline, just as he has bought tickets for the last 11 years.

He first bought after visiting houses in Markham being give away in the big hospital draw with his then fiancée.

"Except this time," instead of my regular three tickets, I bought six," he said.

"And ticket No. 4 was the winner."

Since then, the phones haven't stopped ringing with everyone

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## GOTTA SING



STAFF PHOTO/SUSIE KOCKERSCHIEDT

Ballantrae Public School's choir signs off from a song during the 16th annual Student Music Scholarship Concert at Stouffville District Secondary School last weekend. Choirs and bands from seven schools performed for a full house, raising money for their schools. For additional photographs and information, see page 3.

LESS ELBOW POWER, MORE BRAIN POWER, CONSULTANT TELLS STOUFFVILLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

## Knowledge firms key to our future

BY JIM MASON  
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Whitchurch-Stouffville is a highly educated community that should be targeting new "knowledge-based" businesses, niche agriculture and environmental operations and not-for-profits.

The proposal is in the final draft of the town's new economic development strategy written by consul-

tants Miller Dickinson Blais Inc.

It was shared with 40 business leaders, including developers, land owners and bankers, at the second annual mayor's economic round table in Gormley Monday.

Brock Dickinson, a partner in the consulting firm, said new economies will be "less reliant on elbow power and more reliant on brain power". He quoted extensively from

University of Toronto planning guru and author Richard Florida.

That new look suits Whitchurch-Stouffville where a quarter of residents 35 and older have at least one university degree — that's slightly higher than in Waterloo — and 30 per cent of adults under 35 are degree holders.

The number of residents commuting to work in Toronto,

Markham and Newmarket has dropped during the last five years, he said.

Incomes are rising more quickly in Whitchurch-Stouffville than anywhere in York Region except for King, he said.

"People are launching companies here and staying close to home," he said. "There are some

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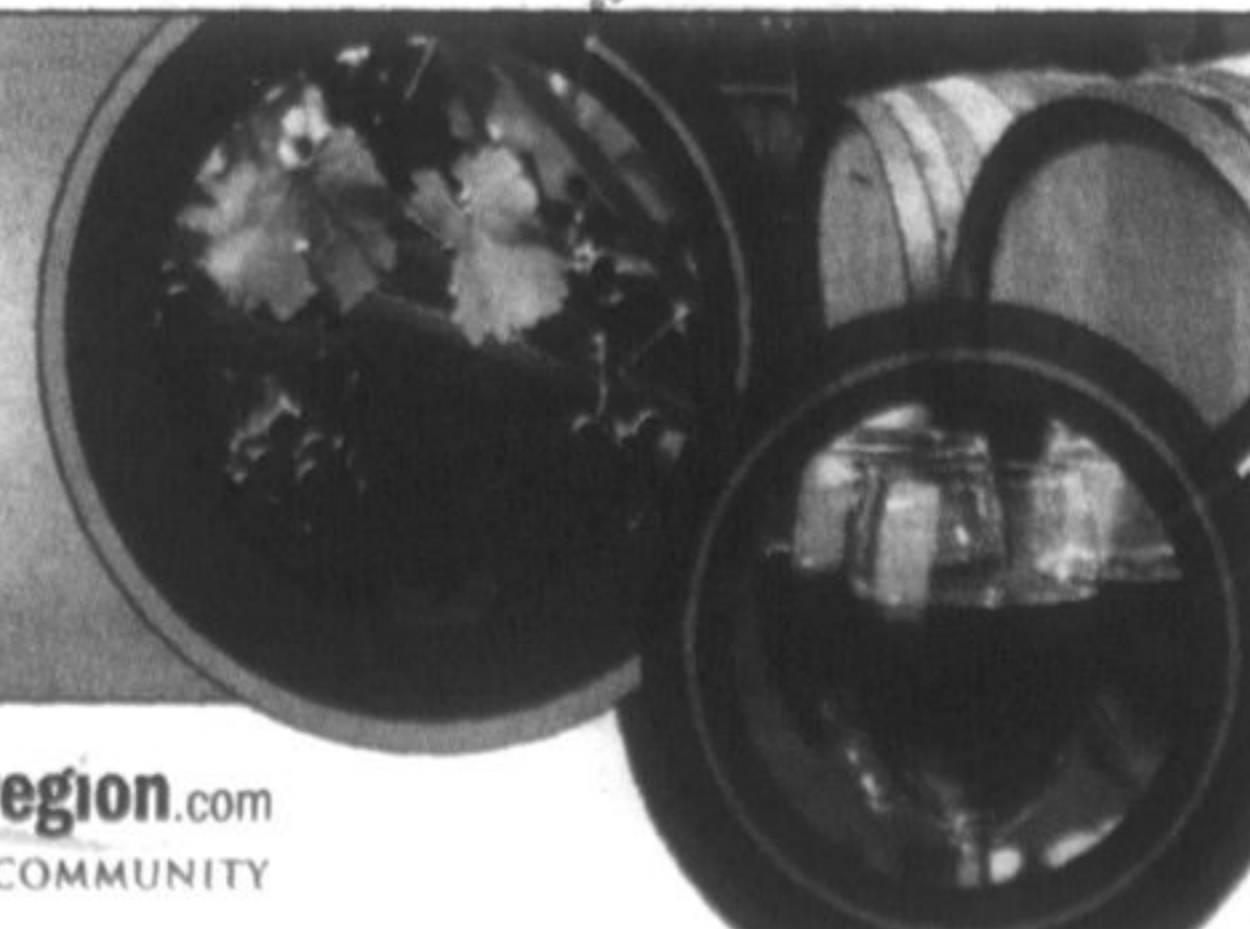
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