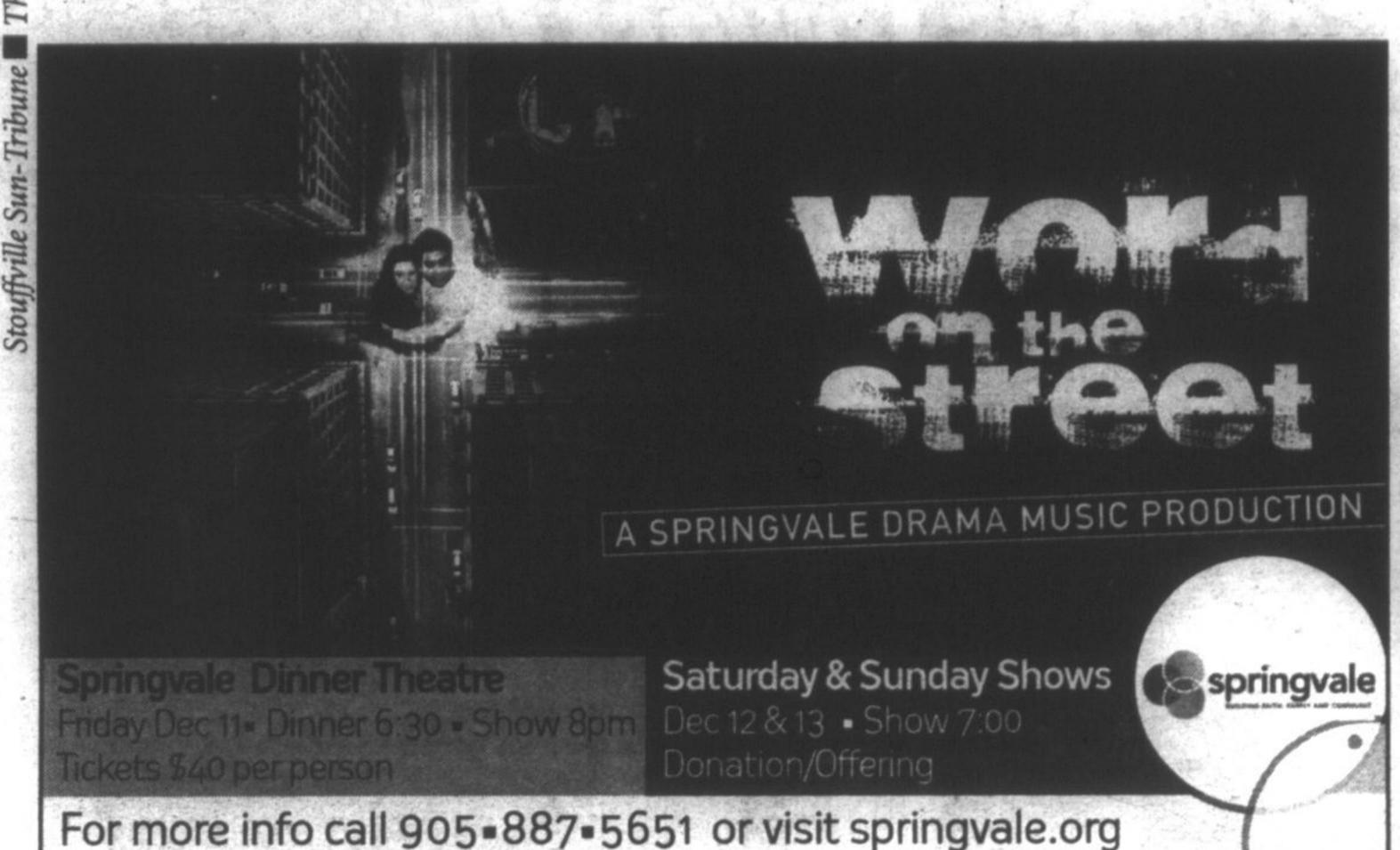
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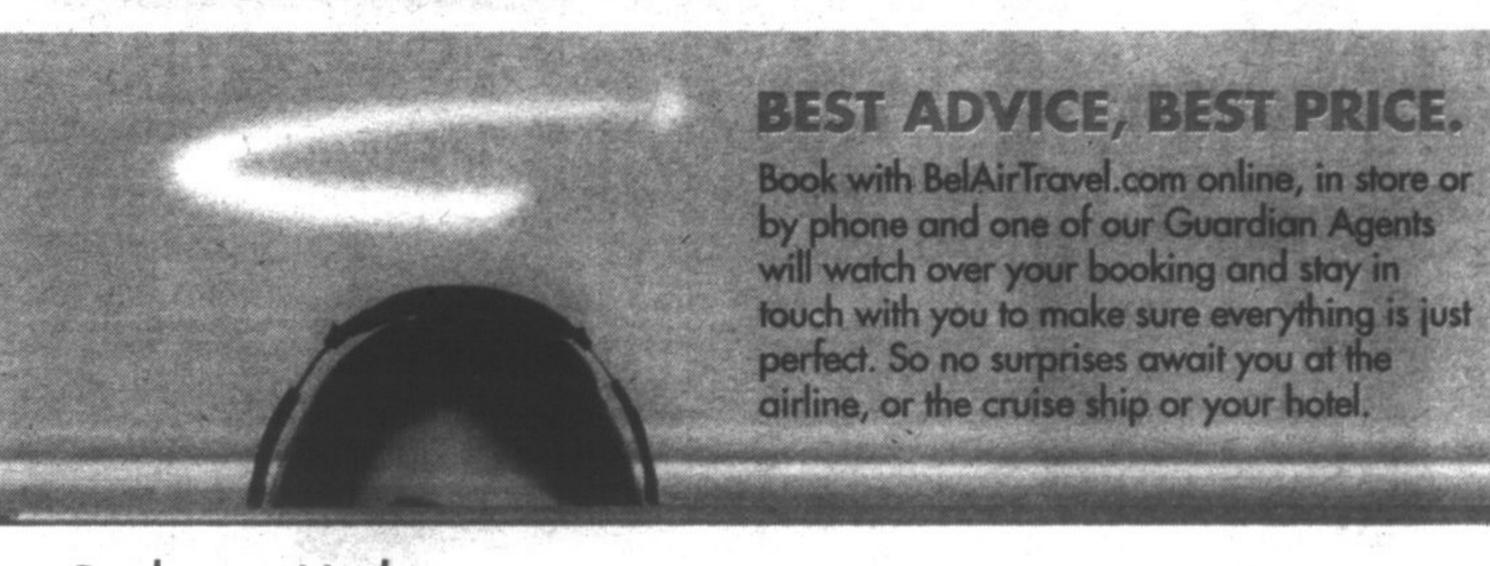
Area feline rescue groups received an early Christmas gift.

Last month, Stouffville's Global Pet Food, with the help of dog and cat food distributor Rolf C. Hagen, handed out two skids worth of cat food to local organizations.

One foster group had 20 cats in its care.

"(Some of these caretakers) have often gone without themselves in order to feed their animals," said Rose O'Hara, manager of Main Street's Global Pet Food. "Although we have helped them out in small ways over the years, this was our chance to make a real difference."





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## Olympian representing Stouffville mission

Olympic speed skating medalist Cindy Klassen has become an ambassador for Whitchurch-Stouffville's cbm Canada.

"We are delighted that Cindy Klassen, who is an inspiration to us all, has agreed to serve as an ambassador for cbm Canada, to shine the spotlight of public attention on the world's forgotten children, those with disabilities in developing countries," said Ed Epp, executive director of the Stouffville Road organization.

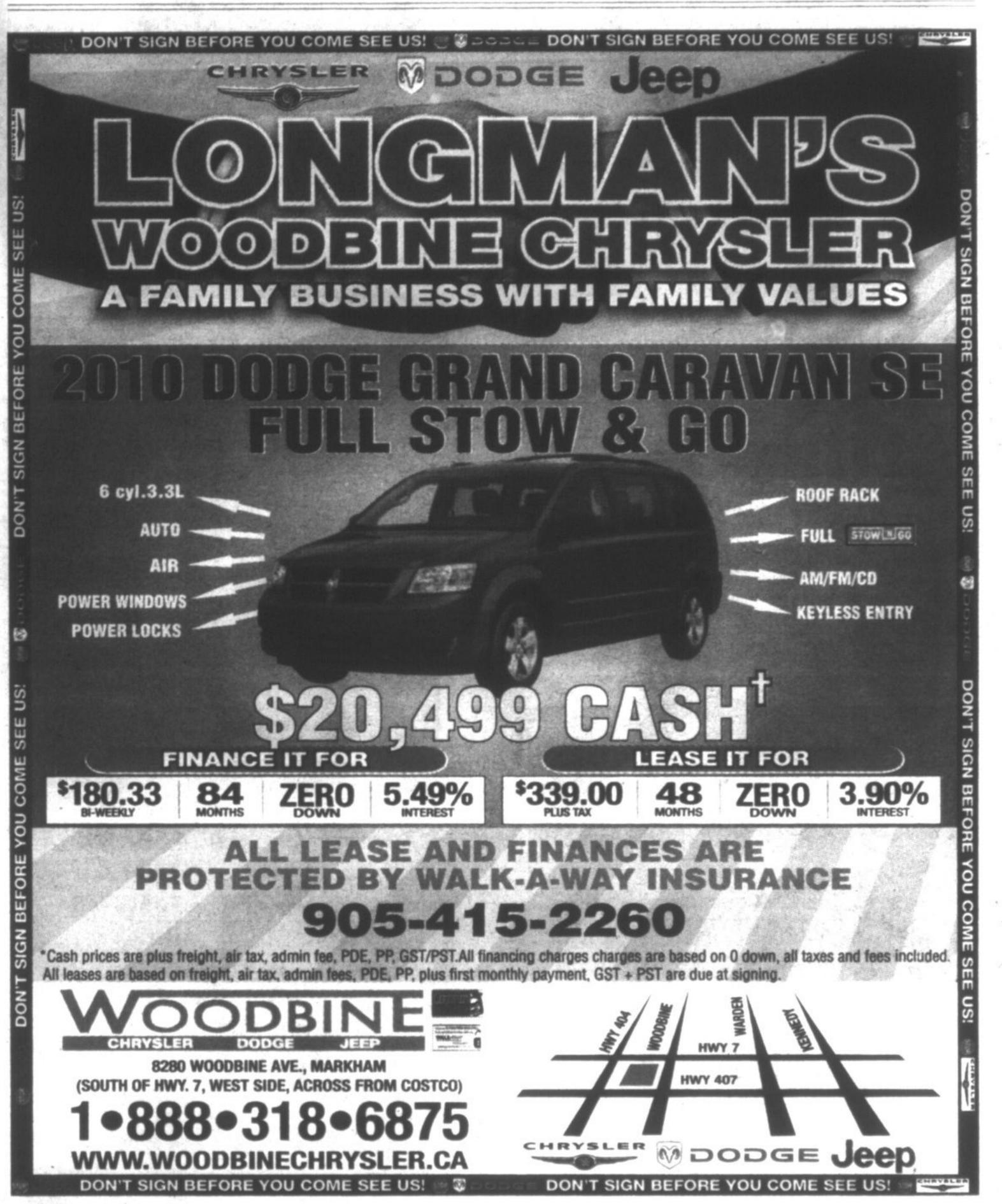
The not-for-profit organization is launching a TV-based public service announcement

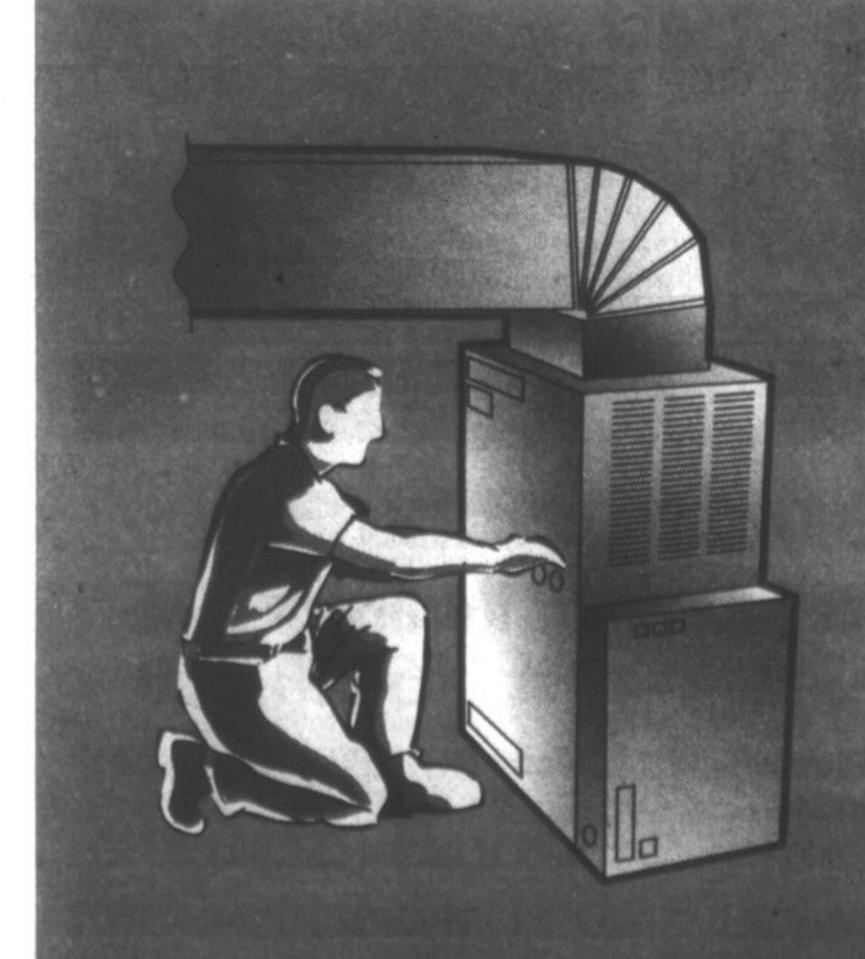
program featuring Ms Klassen that will run until the end of March, following the Winter Paralympic Games in Vancouver.

The announcements are designed to increase awareness of the challenges faced by children with disabilities and how cbm Canada helps.

"Children with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world face incredible challenges," Ms Klassen said. "For many of them it's a matter of life and death."

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