'Sad day in our community, especially Gormley'

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had come to town.

Yellow police tape. Coroners. TV crews. Detectives in black suits and sedans.

"It's such a nice, tight-knit community and the residents thought everything was going well," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said. "When I talked to them, they were just shocked. It's devastating.

"It's so very unfortunate for the family that this has happened ... to have three young daughters, it must just be traumatizing for them.

"It's a very sad day in our community, especially in the little hamlet of Gormley."

Not that our little Mayberry has been squeaky clean.

Bodies have been dumped here as recently as 2003 at Warden Avenue and St. John's Road.

An Aurora disc jockey's duty was left on a street north of Musselman's during the last decade, too.

The death of wealthy horseman John Sikura in a car on his farm at Warden Avenue and Bloomington Road in 1994 was suspicious, but ruled accidental. Twice.

People originally from here have been killed elsewhere.

Locals have been charged, but not convicted, of killing other locals during the 1980s.

A woman was found not guilty in the death of her boyfriend at the Glendale Beach Pavilion on Musselman's Lake.

Charges against a Lemonville man in the death of his wife were thrown out after it was found the bullet used to charge him hadn't come from his wife's body after all.

Then murder came to town. At least that's what York police are charging.

Mr. Kenyon is innocent until proven guilty in this country. You can bet it will be a year or

two and many court appearances later before the case goes to trial, if a plea of innocence is entered.

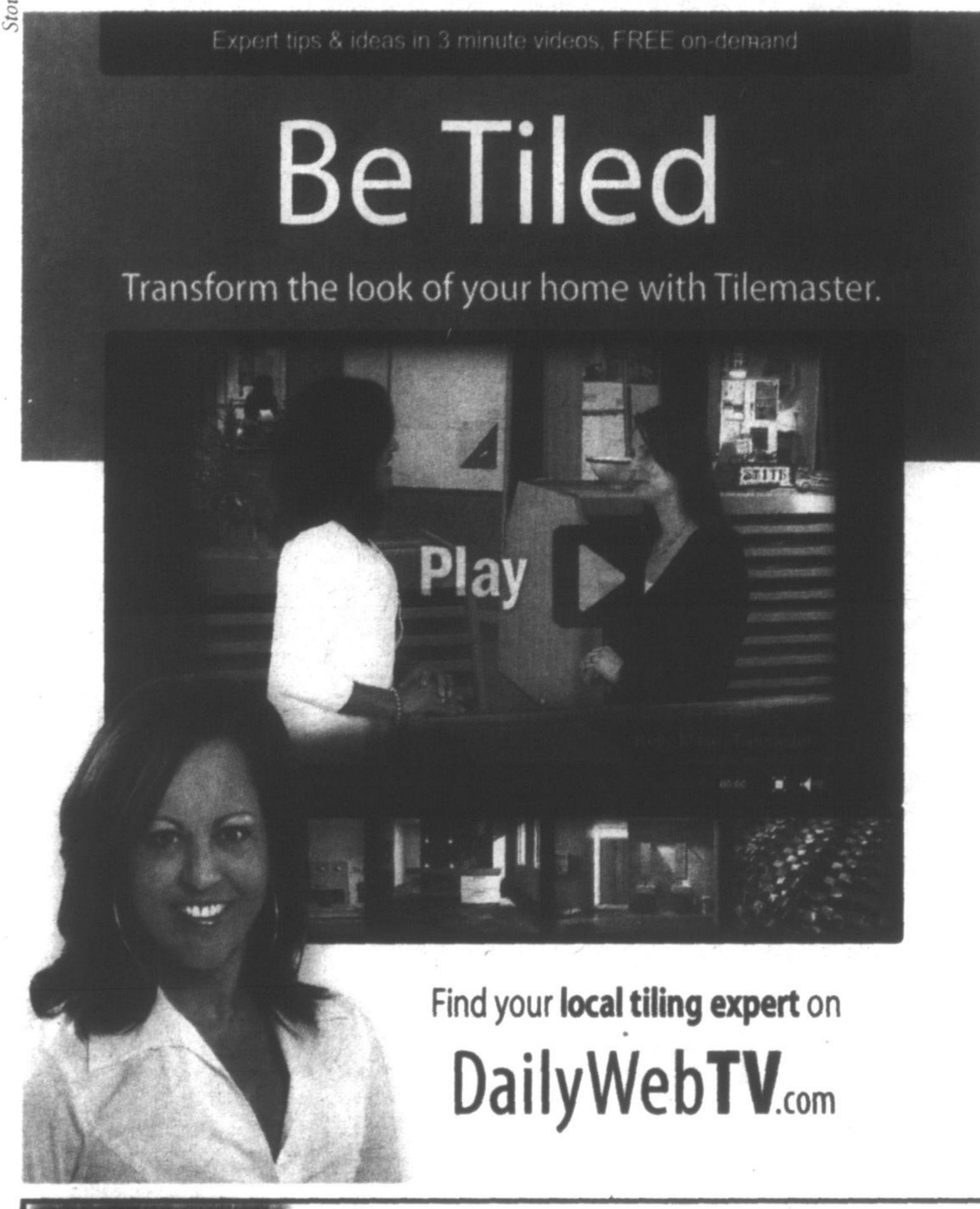
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Back in Gormley, they're preparing for Marion Deacon's funeral Sunday.

Cars pour off Hwy. 404 onto eastbound Stouffville Road headed for Stouffville, all within view of Ms Deacon's gutted home.

Life goes on, just not in Gormley.

Jim Mason is editor of The Sun-Tribune.





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Marion Deacon died in her Gormley home last weekend. Her funeral will be held tomorrow.





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