

Budding journalists can apply for bursary in former editor's name

York Region Media Group is accepting applications for its annual David Teetzel Literacy Award, which honours the memory of a respected and beloved former editor and writer.

The \$1,500 bursary, to be awarded at the 10th annual YRMG Celebration of the Arts gala Saturday, Oct. 2 at Markham Theatre, will go to a person passionately pursuing a career in journalism.

Dave died Sept. 22, 2008 at the age of 46 after a seven-month battle with cancer. That month, the Richmond Hill native would have celebrated his 25th anniversary with YRMG, where he began his career as a reporter at The Liberal after graduating from Ryerson University and ended it as Markham Economist & Sun editor.

His award-winning honest, thoughtful and often satiric columns garnered Dave the respect of his many readers and fellow editors and reporters. He was renowned for his compassion, intelligence, wit and, most of all, for his love of writing and aptly chosen profession.

The David Teetzel Literacy Award seeks

to support young writers following in those footsteps.

The bursary annually honours the art of writing and journalism, joining the host of awards helping talented York Region artists follow their dreams in theatre arts, dance and vocal and instrumental performance.

In nine years, YRMG and other generous sponsors have awarded more than \$280,000 to 175 performers.

To apply:

- Applicants must be residents of York Region currently enrolled in a journalism program or related studies.

- In no more than 250 words, explain why you want to pursue a career in journalism and how this bursary will help you achieve that dream.

- Your entry must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7. Include your name, address, a daytime telephone number and verification of educational status.

- Entries can be e-mailed to Debora Kelly, editor in chief, at dkelly@yrmg.com or delivered to The Sun-Tribune, 6290 Main St., in downtown Stouffville.

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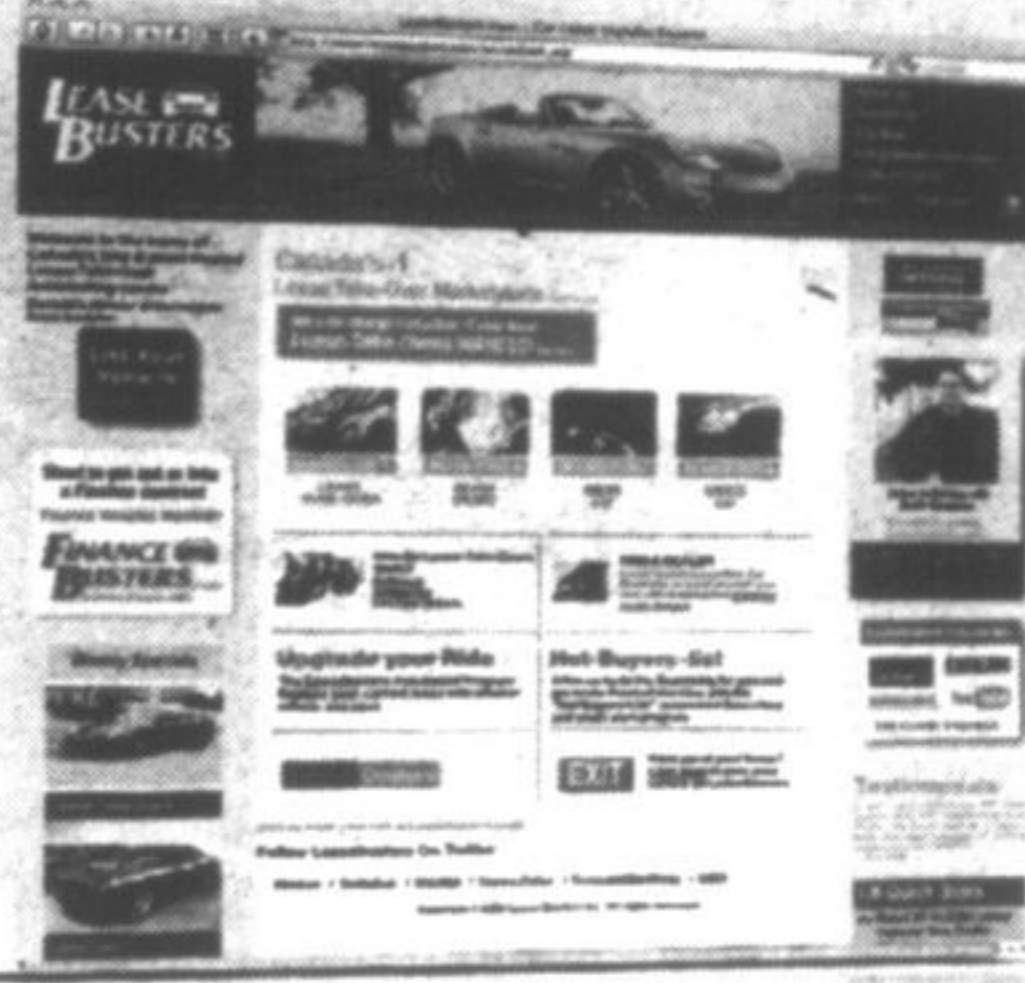
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