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## Canuck fans cheering for neighbour

As if Vancouver Canucks super fans the Wu family of Ballantrae needed anything else to get them pumped.

They discovered Canucks forward Raffi Torres lives in their community in the off-season.

The family of four even touched base with the abrasive winger, albeit briefly, during their road trip to Nashville last month to see a Canucks win.

"Our family held up a sign that said 'Stouffville loves Raffi' during the warm-up," Tammy Wu said as the family prepared to watch Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final between the Canucks and Boston last night. "Raffi noticed it, gave us a little nod and played an inspired game that night."

The Wus had local residents sign a "We are all Canucks" banner at the Lebovic Leisure Centre for their trip. But they won't be going to the finals.

"(We) were originally hoping to do a road trip to Boston, but we found out the tickets start at over \$400 each," she said. "So I think we will cheer from home instead."

- Jim Mason



## DOORS OPENING ON 12 SITES



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Ed Casella has 10,000 pieces of antique and vintage hardware he will let people see at Ed's Hardware during the annual Doors Open Saturday.

## 'Dinky Toys collection kinda gone wild'

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About five years ago, Ed Casella was asked by a friend to help find a drawer pull for an old piece of furniture.

A retired electrical contractor and hobby furniture refinisher, Mr. Casella obliged.

He went to antique shows, garage sales and auctions looking for the right handle.

"I had over 2,000 of these (handles) and not one of them was even close," Mr. Casella said while standing in the middle of his old barn surrounded by thousands of antique and vintage pieces of hardware, which is otherwise known as Ed's Hardware.

The shop will be a part of Doors Open Saturday.

This is the seventh year for Doors Open in Whitchurch-

Stouffville, which celebrates the municipality's heritage and hidden treasures.

"It's a great community event. A lot of the people don't know about the history of the community they're in," said Krista Rauchenstein, museum education programmer for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

For Mr. Casella, the drawer pulls, screws, hinges, keys and

door knobs are more than pieces of old hardware.

"To me, it's like jewelry for the house. It's a form of expression in how you dress your home or furniture," he said.

His wife Susan views the collection a little differently.

"This is an explosion of a little boy who collects Dinky Toys kinda

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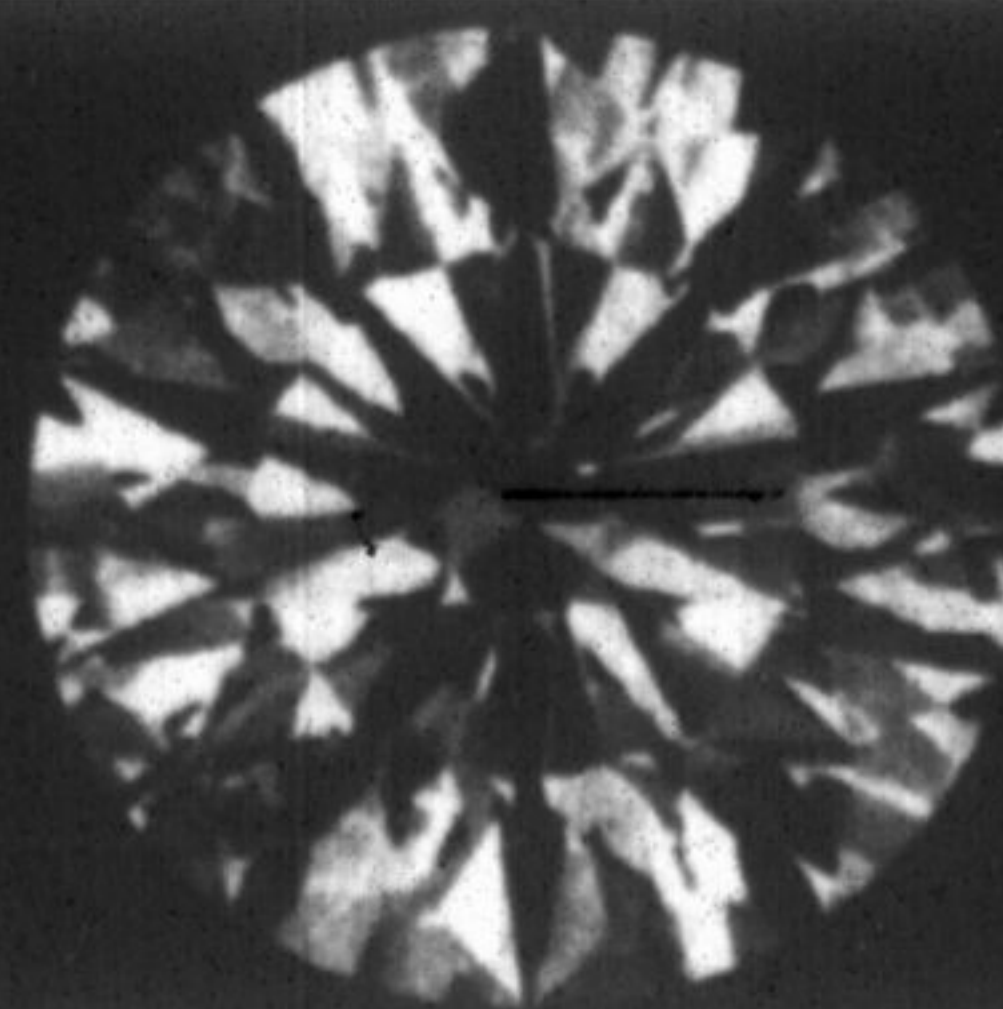
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