

**TOYS FROM TICKETS** 

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville bylaw officers Linda Mainprize (bottom left) and Nancy Cronsberry present Stouffville Lions John Relph (top left) and Joe Cote with toys received through the town's sixth annual toys-for-tickets campaign. Between Dec. 1 and 12, if you received a ticket on a snow-clearing route, instead of paying the \$50 fine, you could donate an item worth at least that amount. The Lions distributed toys to approximately 110 needy children last week.

### Picketing by YRT strikers limited by judge

While the YRT strike continues, you received a small present for Christmas — an end to long delays caused by picketing.

Justice Peter Lauwers signed a court order in a Newmarket court Thursday, establishing new parameters for picketing workers.

They include:

 No delays for vehicles entering facilities and a maximum three-minute delay for exiting:

· A "release valve" when five or more buses have been delayed at garages or 10 buses at terminals, meaning no more that five buses can be held for more than three minutes:

· No delays or occupation of Mobility Plus or community buses;

· A list of specific transit terminals, garages and administrative locations at which picketing can occur;

 No delaying of vehicles exiting administrative buildings and delays of three minutes entering, releasing six vehicles at the end of the cycle.

"We believe this is a reasonable compromise between the region's interests, the public's interests and the constitutional rights (of the unions)," the region's lawyer, Peter Gleave, said in court.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1587 president Ray Doyle was somewhat less eager to frame the injunction as a compromise.

'I'm not going to say I'm satisfied with it because I don't believe anything we've done up to this point has been wrong in any way," Mr. Doyle said.

More than 500 Viva and YRT drivers and maintenance staff have been on strike since Oct. 24. Stouffville patrons are affected. For updates, go to yorkregion.com

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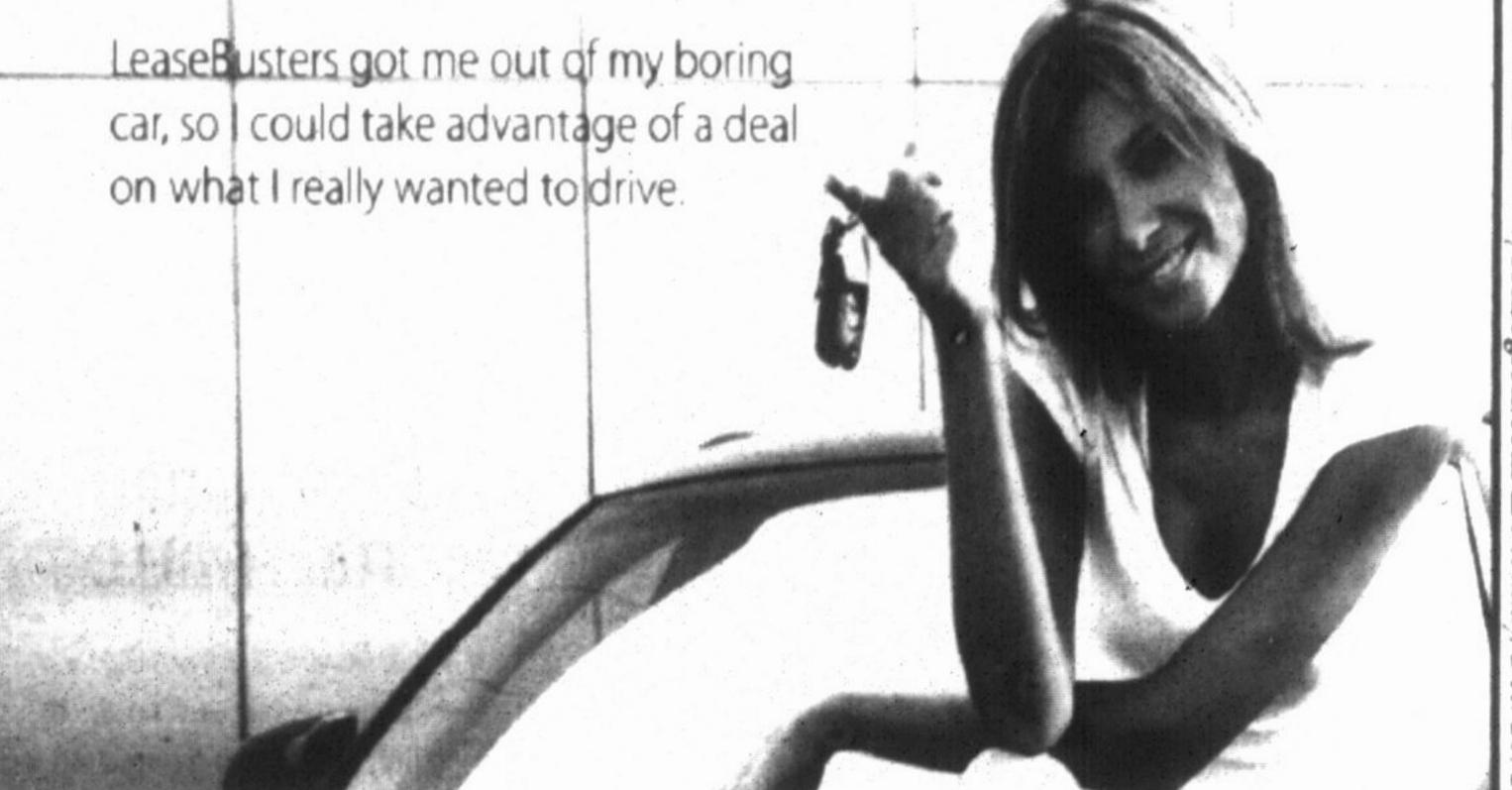
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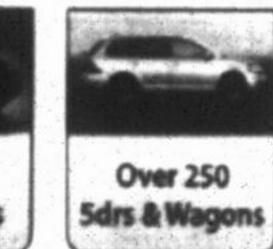
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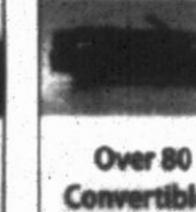
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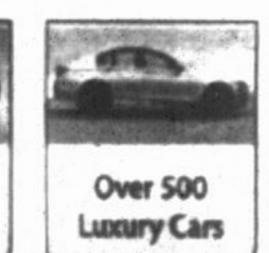
















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