

Broadway opens on Sunset Boulevard

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

Saturday Night Broadway, which takes place May 10 at Christ Church Anglican, promises to be one of the entertainment events of the year in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The evening will include fine wine, delectable food, beautiful music and a silent auction. Soprano Donna Bennett and pianist Brian Finley will perform a selection of Broadway music, along with such perennial favourites as *Danny Boy* and Mendelssohn's *On Wings of Song*. Ms. Bennett has sung at venues around the world, including the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

and the London International Opera Festival, and has performed with Opera Atelier, Tafelmusik and the Toronto Symphonietta.

Mr. Finley is artistic and managing director of the Westben Arts Festival Theatre in Campbellford, Ont., and his musical compositions have been performed from Victoria to Vienna. He has played with such orchestras as the Calgary Philharmonic and the Dallas Symphony, and at venues ranging from the Olympic Music Festival in Washington to Wigmore Hall in London, England.

Although the duo have a strong background in classical music and opera, they are no strangers to

Broadway, having staged full productions of such hits as *The Sound of Music* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Westben Festival. "We are having a concert grand piano donated for the evening's performance by Robert Lowry Piano," noted Ken Prentice, who is helping to organize the event.

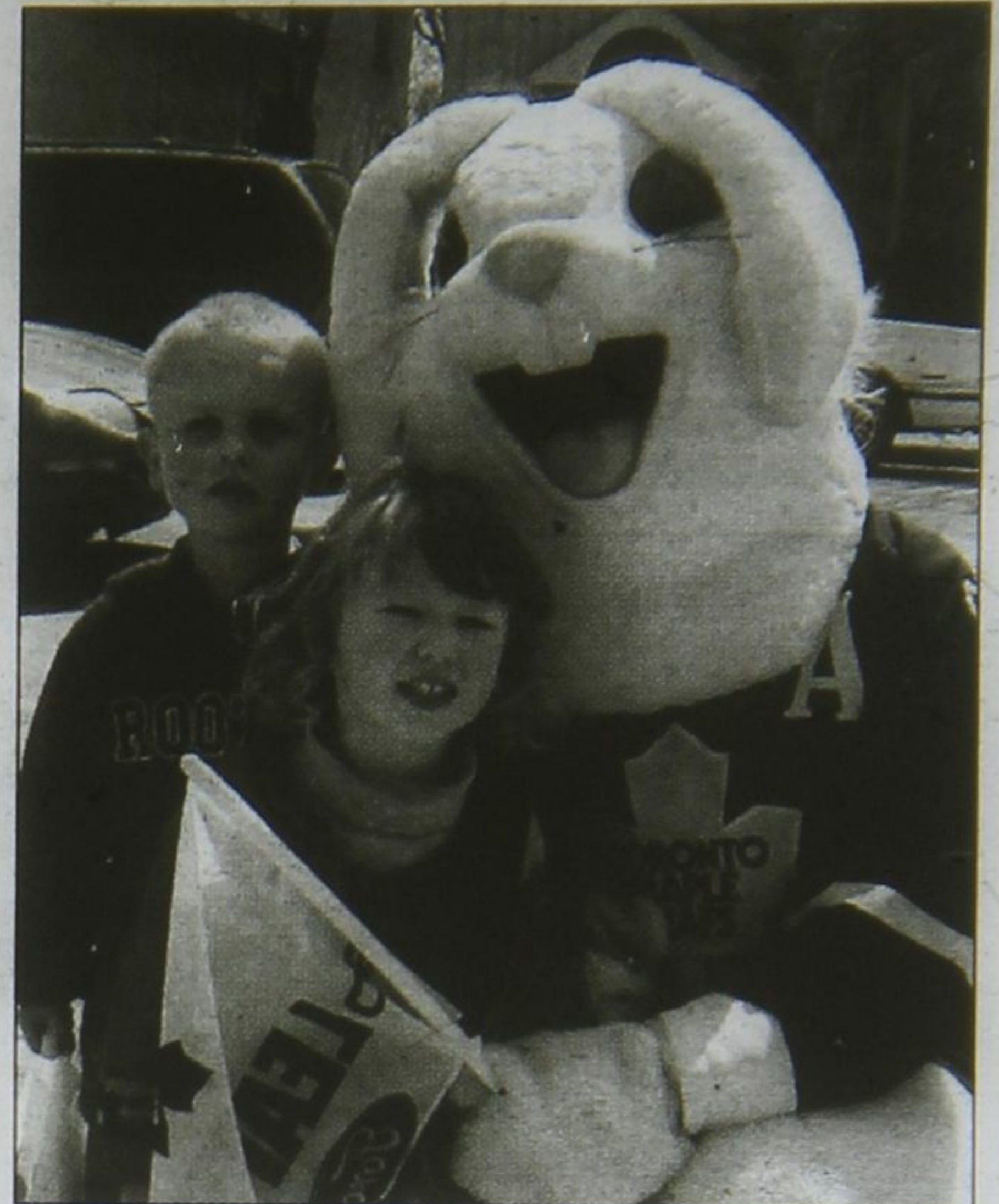
"Broadway Night is a great way to celebrate the eve of Mother's Day by treating mom to an evening out," he said, adding that all proceeds will go to the Christ Church Building Fund. "We're also trying to help promote local businesses such as restaurants and wineries, and we will have an artist's rendering of the proposed

expansion on display."

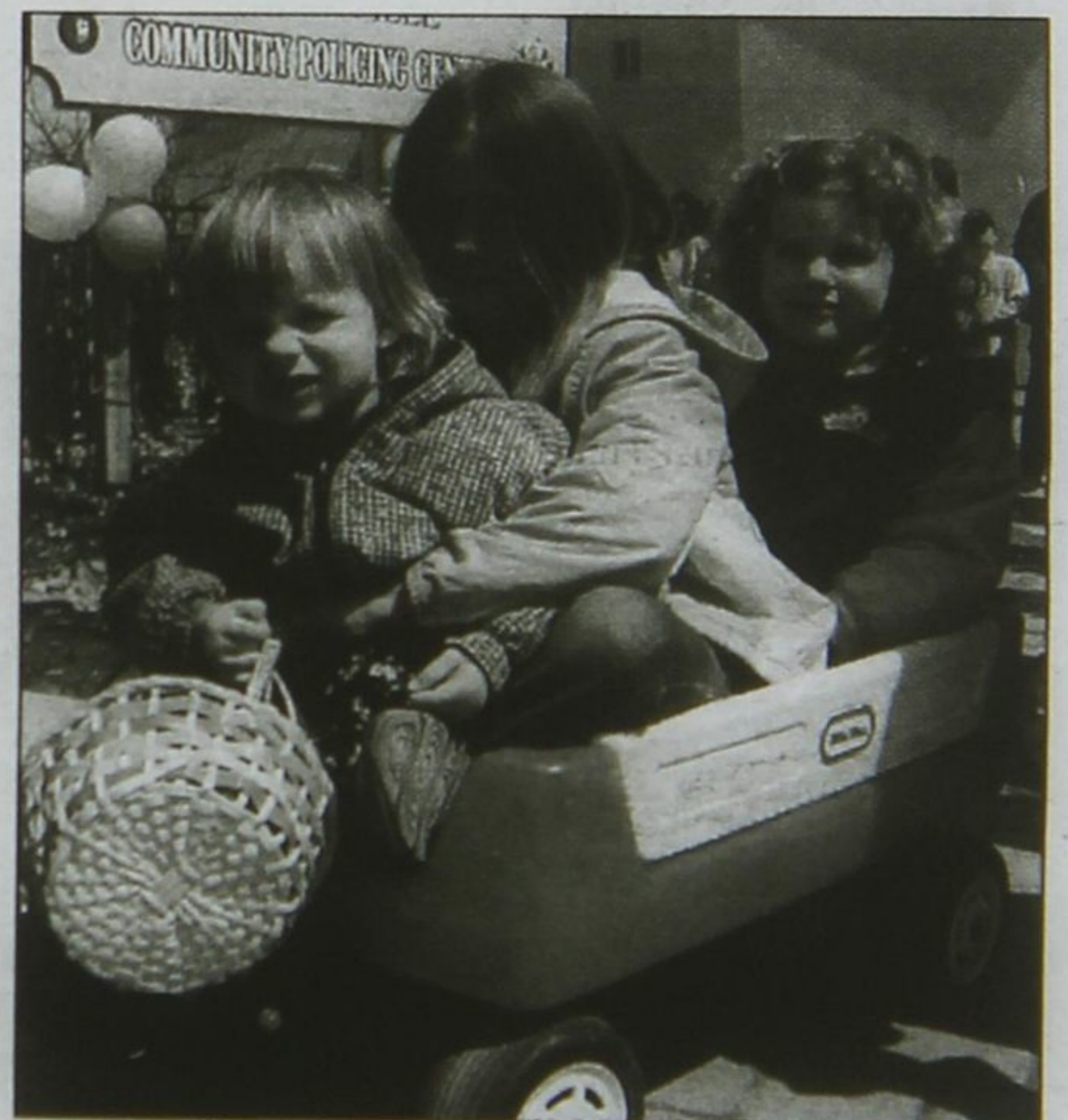
Caterers include Amaretto Restaurant, and wine will be provided by Willow Springs and Applewood wineries, along with Whittamore's Berry Farm. Charlinda Chocolates will supply some of their mouth-watering confections and guests will be treated to a selection of fine First Nations' cuisine, courtesy of the Enahtig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre from Victoria Harbour, Ontario.

The church expansion, which is projected to cost a total of \$3.5 million, is badly needed, not only for the congregation itself, but

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Go Leafs... Gone! Matthew Hallam and Eve Lilley hang out with the Leafs mascot as they wait for some Easter treats during the BIA's Easter Egg Hunt April 19. Hundreds of youngsters and families showed up for the event and for once, even the sun came out for the occasion.



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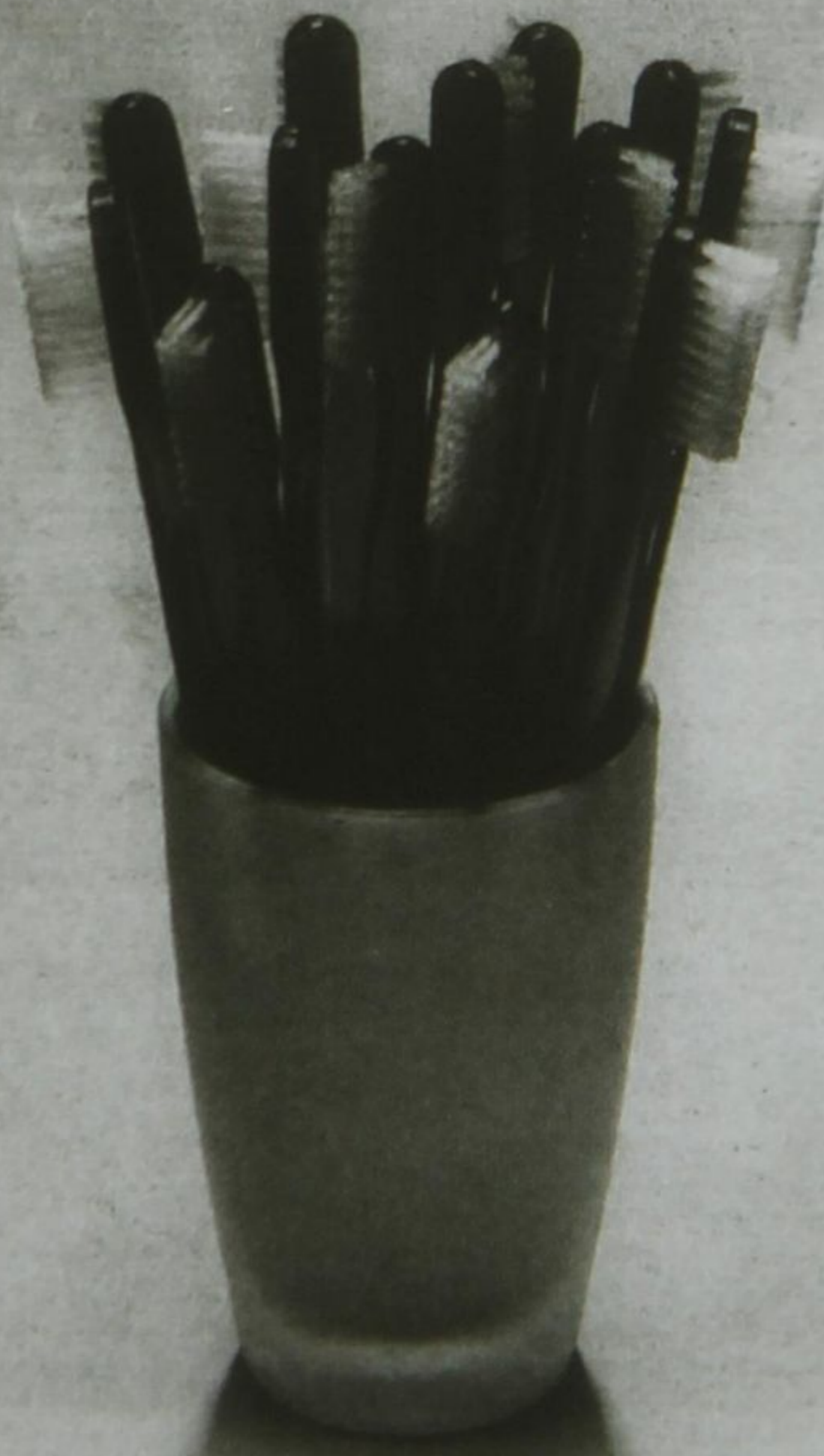
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Ashley Boyes, Aryanne Boyes and Hayley Peters join the lineup at the train station while they wait for the Easter Bunny. The trio were among hundreds of youngsters who visited downtown Stouffville with their families on April 19 for Easter treats generously supplied by local merchants.

Photo by Kate Gilderdale

When entertaining, be prepared for overnight guests.



When entertaining, do whatever it takes to make sure your guests never drink and drive. Arrange for a designated driver, call them a cab, or offer them a place to stay overnight. For more responsible hosting tips, check out *HOST: LCBO's guide for responsible entertaining* at www.lcbo.com.



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ALL DAY BREAKFAST SPECIAL



2 Pancakes,
2 Eggs,
2 Bacon Strips,
2 Sausages,
1 Piece Ham,
Homefries

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