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...gate the spread of the virus  
arrive.  
Wash your hands regularly, stay home  
if you're sick, keep children out of school  
if they are exhibiting symptoms of the  
flu or other respiratory infections. Just  
as Toronto's healthcare workers have

...are assimilating new infection control  
to pre-emptive control  
more rapidly. It's doubtful that Toronto  
would be spared during an avian flu pan-  
demic. But we can take the lessons from  
SARS and use them to reduce the amount  
of lives lost to a pandemic. We can benefit  
from those dark days of 2003.

**LETTERS**

**Don Mills Centre ad rewrites history**

Re: 'Your neighbour since 1954,' full-page Cadillac Fairview ad, April 5.

I was amazed when I read Cadillac Fairview's full-page advertisement. Words like "In 1954, construction on the Don Mills Centre began ... and we were there" jumped off the page. Why? Because Cadillac Fairview didn't exist in 1954.

According to my research, the Cadillac Development Corporation was formed in 1953 and began by building apartment buildings. It merged with the Fairview Corporation in 1974 and became known as The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited. However, the two firms did join forces in 1968 to purchase some properties, and the Don Mills Centre was among them.

On May 8, 1952, E.P. Taylor's Company, O'Keefe Realty Limited, changed its name to Don Mills Development Corporation and this company was the developer of the Don Mills

community and the Don Mills Centre. Taylor was chair of the board and Angus McClaskey became president and also a director. Macklin Hancock, who was born in Canada, left his studies at Harvard to become the chief planner of the development.

Cadillac Fairview's advertisement goes on to say: "We imagined the centre would provide services for the core of Canada's first planned community. When it opened in 1955, it quickly started drawing people and praise for its innovation."

It certainly did draw praise. Praise from around the world! But the praise was earned by the Don Mills Development Corporation.

Perhaps it would have been a nice public relations gesture for Cadillac Fairview to put a full-page advertisement in *The Mirror* telling the "real" history of the Don Mills Centre.

A.G. Greer

**Illegal labourers enslaved by industry**

Re: 'Builders ask for amnesty for illegal labourers,' News, March 24.

It is with great consternation to read that MP Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough-  
Agincourt) and MP Oliver Chow (Mississauga-  
Brimley) have introduced a bill to amend the

immigration laws by illegal labour also generates violation of other Canadian laws.

The plea for amnesty is a total farce, being preferred by those utilizing illegal