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**Mandarin**  
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**Bird**  
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**Tour**

Where have the birds gone for the winter? Well, they're not all basking in the southern climes. In fact many of our feathered friends are spending these frigid months right here in Durham Region.

For an introduction to these winter residents, join CLOCA staff for a tour of the bird feeder trail in the Lynde Shores Conservation Area. (From Hwy. 12, take Victoria St. west 2.5 km to the parking lot on the south side of the road).

Beginning at 2 p.m. on Sun. Jan. 9, 1994, you'll have a free opportunity to learn about the birds' survival techniques as well as pick up some of the secrets of attracting wildlife to your backyard. Staff will discuss bird feed, feeders and locations, and lead a tour with opportunities to see different species of birds. CLOCA staff will provide bird seed so everyone will have a chance to feed the chickadees.

So grab your binoculars, bundle up for the weather and come out to enjoy some winter fun in your local conservation areas. For more information contact the Authority at (905) 579-0411.

**Closing**  
**Whitby**  
**Office**

As a cost-cutting measure, the Ontario Hydro Electrical Inspection Office in Whitby will be closed to the public effective Dec. 17th.

All inspection applications after that day should be sent to the Peterborough Inspection office, 749 The Kingsway, Peterborough K9V 6W7, or call collect 705-745-3236, fax 705-745-2046.

Local inspectors for the Durham area can still be contacted for advice between 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at the current Durham telephone numbers: (905) 668-5668, (905) 404-2028, (905) 686-6413 and (905) 372-1286.

Ontario Hydro will not raise rates in 1994, and is committed to keeping future rate increases at or below the rate of inflation for the balance of the decade.



Above: local artist Dorsey James is teaching students at the Pine Ridge Secondary School in visual arts.

The locational search team for the Mandarin restaurant chain first contacted the Pickering's Economic Development Office in April. Prior to visiting a long list of possible sites that had been prepared for them, their detailed economic and statistical criteria had to be satisfied.

In early November, after a lengthy working relationship with this company, their President, James Chiu, informed Mayor Ar-

thurs that Pickering had met all the criteria for an ideal location and he was ready to formally announce that he has chosen Pickering as the location for its new 10,000 sq. ft. restaurant, capable of accommodating over 400 people in one sitting.

The location chosen is at the east end of Brockington Plaza at Hwy. No.2 and Brock Road, an ideal location for local convenience and easy access for out of town visitors.

**Board Presents Finding**  
**Of Gd. 12 Writing Review**

The Ministry of Education and Training conducted a Grade 12 provincial Writing Review in advanced, general and basic-level programs during the 1991-92 school year. Although the province required only three Durham secondary schools to participate, the Durham Board of Education chose to pay a fee and have all its secondary schools participate.

The board wished to take advantage of the opportunity to have students' work judged in a provincial context. Students were asked to submit two pieces of writing: an assigned piece completed under controlled conditions (work was completed in class within a set time period) and a "best piece" which they chose from their writing portfolios.

The Ministry of Education and Training then released results for schools across the province. The Durham Board released its regional results at a press conference held Dec 6, and schools followed immediately with the release of their individual results to their school communities.

Both the provincial and Durham results show that, while the majority of students are writing at an adequate level or better some students need help to improve their writing

skills. "What is most important," states Director of Education Pauline Laing, "is that we focus on improvement for the future."

Evaluation of the writing skills students have learned to the grade 12 level is important because it encourages improved student learning and allows the board and schools to be more accountable to the community. "When our teachers see and analyze the best papers from each of the categories, they will be able to devise plans to help students improve their writing skills," says Laing. "Also, it is a good time to ask parents to work with the school in encouraging maximum effort from students. We are not in this alone," she continues.

Laing feels the Grade 12 Writing Review was well-designed because it took into account student achievement under both controlled and every day conditions. "We know that while our schools add the new basics of computer and teamwork skills, we also have an ongoing commitment to traditional writing skills. We think that provincial standards, when completed, will encourage school achievement that educators and the community will support fully," says Laing.

The Durham Board of Education does not intend to let the matter rest. Durham Board students are participating this year in the Ministry's Grade 9 Writing Review. As well, the board will measure its efforts to improve student writing by repeating the grade 12 test in 1994, and will look into joining a consortium of boards to test literacy skills at the elementary level. "This data is valuable," says Laing, "It helps us do what we are in the business of doing... helping students learn."



At the Pine Ridge Secondary School, Gordon McGlenman and Sean Madill study art on a computer screen.

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**50,000th. User Registers At Library**

Jason Lungrin became Pickering Public Libraries 50,000th member on Dec. 9th. The Library computer keeps track of the numbers of people registering and using the system.

"The membership rate at our Library is extremely high," commented Board Chairman David Farr. "Our residents are really enthusiastic users of the library. It shows both in our

record service statistics (Pickering's library collection is one of the most actively used in Ontario) and also in the high proportion of people who join the system. With Mr.

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Lungrin's registration, about two thirds of the community have become library members."

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# Opinion

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## Bob's Notes

by Bob Watson

### Please - Goodbye GST!

A news item heard recently suggests that the federal Liberal government is going to turn the GST operation over to the provinces. We hope this isn't true as the GST was initiated by the Mulroney government just at the moment that the recession hit our country. That was a big mistake, in our opinion.

A Liberal M.P. in North York has been campaigning for a long time while the Conservatives ruled the land. His answer to the devastating GST is to put a 4.7% increase in income tax and eliminate the GST. He said that the federal government would receive the same tax dollars but without the devastation to the economy.

Of course 3000 civil servants hired to handle the GST would have to leave their jobs because an increase in income tax would not require any more employees.

Frankly, we would like to see the Ontario Provincial Sales Tax (PST) cancelled as well and replaced with a small percentage on income tax. Another large number of civil servants could be freed from the Ontario government jobs.

Why do we want the sales taxes replaced by income tax? The answer is that both sales taxes bother citizens and make them postpone purchases which lowers the money flowing into the economy. Those on fixed incomes, such as senior citizens, would benefit from the removal of the two sales taxes.

We need answers for our economic down turn and the removal of the sales taxes would free up the business area. This would create more jobs - and more income tax for a government against the wall with a huge deficit.

### Unemployment Insurance Rates

Beginning Jan. 1, 1994, employees will pay \$3.07 per \$100 of insurable earnings. Employers will pay \$4.298 per \$100 of insurable earnings (1.4 times the employee rate).

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Act requires the Commission to set premium rates for each year, based on the state of the UI Account and future expectations. The premium rates set by the Commission must also be approved by the Minister of Finance and by the Governor-in-Council.

The statutory rate for 1994 was calculated to be \$3.066 per \$100 of insurable earnings. Based on present projections, a rate of \$3.07 will leave the Account with an annual deficit of approximately \$0.3 billion for 1994. This translates into a projected cumulative deficit in the order of \$6.3 billion for the end of 1994.

The 1994 maximum weekly insurable earnings will be \$780, up from \$745 in 1993. This is equivalent to a 4.7% increase. As a result, the maximum weekly UI benefit (57% of maximum insurable earnings) will increase to \$445 in 1994 from \$425 in 1993.

Annual increases in the maximum insurable earnings are determined by a formula set out in the UI Act and reflect the average annual increase in earnings over the last 8 years.

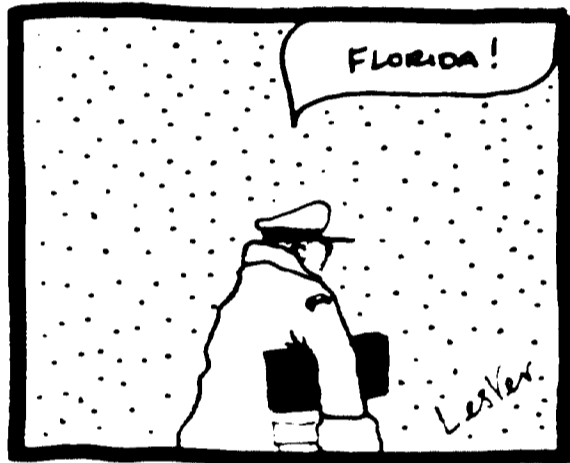
Workers must earn a minimum amount to be insured under the UI program. Measured in dollars, the minimum is equal to 20% of the maximum weekly insurable earnings. This will be \$156 a week in 1994, up from \$149 a week in 1993. Workers may also meet this requirement by working a minimum of 15 hours a week for the same employer.

UI claimants whose annual net income (including UI benefits) exceeds 1.5 times the maximum yearly insurable earnings must repay 30% of those UI benefits that make up the excess. For the 1994 tax year, \$60,840 will be the limit above which the repayment formula applies. In 1993, the limit was \$58,110.

#### \$5 Billion In Profits

On Mar. 31, 1993, the Ontario Lottery Corporation reached an historic milestone. The OLC became the first Canadian lottery jurisdiction, and one of the few worldwide, to reach \$5 billion in profits. Since 1989, the Ontario hospitals have become a major beneficiary of lottery profits. In fiscal 1992-93 approximately 75% of profits, \$406 million, was made available for the operation of hospitals in Ontario.

## Sergeant Mee - RCMP



## Here and There

### Forecast 165,500 Housing Starts in 1994

House construction is expected to rise 6.0% to 165,500 units in 1994 from a forecasted finish of 156,100 units in 1993, reported Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in its fourth quarter National Housing Outlook.

"Housing starts are expected to benefit from low mortgage interest rates and a stronger economy in 1994," explained Gilles Proulx, Chief Economist at CMHC's Market Analysis Centre. "This should lead to slightly more activity from move-up buyers."

### Housing Recovery Back on Track in 1994

The housing recovery in most metropolitan areas will get back on track in 1994, according to a report issued by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Starts, resales and prices will rebound in most major urban centres after a forecast drop in 1993, according to the fourth quarter edition of Canada Housing Markets.

## Finance Minister Introduces Credit Union Reform

Ontario Finance Minister Floyd Laughren has introduced a bill to update the Credit Union and Caisses Populaires Act, which he says will help ensure the movement is strong, competitive and better able to serve individuals and business across the province.

"When the Financial Services Review was announced in October 1992, we promised credit union reform and caisses populaires would be the first step. We are delivering on that commitment," Mr. Laughren said.

The Bill will allow credit unions and caisses populaires

## Queen's Park Report

Anne Swarbrick, M.P.P.  
Scarborough West

Important new legislation introduced by my government extends protection to tenants living in unregulated care homes and apartments in houses, giving them the same rights or the same security enjoyed by other tenants in Ontario. The new Residents' Rights Bill combines with changes to the Planning Act and the Municipal Act already introduced to protect tenants living in apartments in houses.

The legislation makes apartments in houses legal through the zoning by-laws. Building standards would still have to be met. Municipalities will have the power to better enforce health and safety standards to protect tenants in apartments in houses.

Additional benefits include much-needed jobs for the construction and renovation industry, more affordable housing and help for prospective homeowners who need additional income.

Vulnerable adults - elderly people, former psychiatric patients, and people with developmental problems who live in unregulated care facilities (approximately 47,500 people) - will now be covered by the care home provisions. Types of accommodation providing care services could include unlicensed nursing homes, rest homes, retirement residences, homes for special care, group homes, rooming and boarding homes providing care services, hostels and private non-profit charitable institutions providing care.

To deal with possible future incidents of neglect and abuse in care homes, we've also made changes to the Regulated Health Professions Act. The social and economic benefits of this legislation make it good common sense. I'm very pleased to have been part of the process of bringing it to pass.

broader lending powers, especially in commercial lending. This will enable credit unions to do more to support small businesses, farms, and co-operatives in their communities.

"In our consultations, we clearly heard the problems small businesses face in obtaining access to capital from large financial institutions," Mr. Laughren noted.

The Bill will also:

- allow credit unions to set up subsidiaries and join with other credit unions in financing larger projects;
- allow credit unions to gain access to new sources of capital by enabling them to sell shares to the public;
- support local economic development by permitting credit unions to put money into a wider range of investments including shares of community investment share corporations and community loan funds for small business; and
- enable credit unions to serve a wider membership base by broadening the ability of credit unions to have businesses and public sector institutions as members.

Mr. Laughren noted that these powers will help credit unions to compete on a level playing field with the larger financial institutions.

"In the area of insurance retailing, Ontario is following the federal lead and not allowing credit unions to retail insurance or lease space in their branches to licensed agents. We will achieve this in the Act's regulations. The Ministry of Finance will be working closely with interested parties, including the credit union movement and the insurance industry to ensure that Ontario regulations in this area achieve a true level playing field," Mr. Laughren said.

"In trust services, we will allow credit unions to act as trustee for RSPs and hold lawyers' trust accounts, but no other trust powers," Mr. Laughren added.

To help protect consumers as the marketplace changes, the Bill will require credit unions to disclose how much deposit insurance they have, prohibit tied selling, and increase controls on the use of confidential personal information. To strengthen the movement's stability, the Bill will establish a self-help safety net so the credit unions themselves can help an individual credit union correct emerging problems before they grow.

"Throughout their history, credit unions have served grass-roots enterprises that felt ignored by large financial institutions, but which provided jobs and services vital to their communities. As locally-based financial institutions, credit unions can play a greater role in community economic development. This Bill will give them the powers they need to provide more and better services to their two million members and to the communities they have served so well," Mr. Laughren said.

"We received tremendous input from the credit unions and caisses populaires on these reforms. We are continuing to work with the movement to explore ways of strengthening its role in building the economy of local communities."

The credit unions and caisses populaires reforms are part of the omnibus Financial Services Statute Law Reform Amendment Act, which also covers life insurance agent reform and amendments to securities laws.

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The Ontario Medal for Police Bravery and the Ontario Medal for Firefighters Bravery were established in 1975 and 1976 respectively and recognized acts of superlative bravery, undertaken without concern for personal safety, and focus public attention on the vital and frequently dangerous duties of the province's police and firefighting forces.

Among the police officers honoured with a medal was

Sergeant Rudy Kofler of Bolton, Metropolitan Toronto Police Force.

On the afternoon of Dec. 22, 1992, Sergeant Kofler was shot at by an armed bank robbery suspect who he had been pursuing on foot through the streets and back alleys of Toronto. Even though he was exposed and in grave danger, Kofler was unable to return fire because he spotted two children in a playground directly behind the gunman. The gunman ran and was apprehended shortly afterwards by Kofler and two other officers.

Police Constables Gregory Payne of Scarborough and Alexander Smith of Toronto Metropolitan Toronto Police Force were also honoured.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 1, 1992, Police Constables Smith and Payne saved a woman who was about to commit suicide by jumping off the Bloor Street viaduct. Payne jumped up on the railing, grabbed the unsuspecting woman and with the assistance of Smith, who also climbed the railing to hold onto Payne, pulled her to safety.

## Over \$24,000 In Prizes

Penalty Free Hockey will once again be rewarded with the return of the Penalty Free Sweepstakes for a 7th campaign. This year's program promises to be the best yet, with 52 teams who play a penalty free game being rewarded with exciting prizes valued over \$24,000.

This year, the Penalty Free Sweepstakes will run from Dec. 26th, 1993 through Jan. 30th, 1994. Any amateur hockey team in Ontario that plays an entire game penalty free dur-

ing the contest period is eligible to enter.

The Penalty Free Sweepstakes will try to better the record 4,723 team entries received last year. Developed by the Members of the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario, the program has had over 21,000 entries during its first six years.

"With over 53% of the 21,000 entries either winning or tying their penalty free game, this program certainly has illustrated that clean hockey is winning hockey," noted Program Spokesperson Paul Henderson. "We definitely think the Penalty Free Sweepstakes program is helping to change the attitudes of people involved with amateur hockey in Ontario."

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# COMMUNITY DIARY

## WED. JANUARY 5

### 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. FIRST AID/CPR COURSES

First Aid/CPR training courses are offered ongoing, daytime, evenings and weekends at Scarborough Red Cross, 1095 Bellamy Rd. N. Call 438-5243, Monday to Friday. For more details and to register.

### 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. ST. JOHN AMBULANCE COURSES

St. John Ambulance offers first aid, health care and CPR courses at three locations in Metro Toronto seven days a week. For information and registration call 967-4244.

### 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PING PONG

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy a morning of ping pong every Wednesday and Friday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The Red Cross downtown permanent blood donor clinic is held at the Royal Bank Plaza, Merchants Mall Level, 200 Bay St. All donors are welcome.

### 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. SOCIAL DANCING

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of social dancing every Wednesday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of social dancing every Wednesday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 1 - 3 p.m. NEARLY NEW SHOP

A Nearly New Shop is held every Wednesday at Knox United Church Christian Centre, 2575 Midland Ave., Agincourt for the sale of good clean used clothing for all ages, and small household items (electrical appliances, pots & pans, etc.). Thrifty prices!

### 1 - 3 p.m. BINGO

Birkdale senior citizens invite everyone 55 years of age and over to enjoy an afternoon of bingo every Wednesday at Birkdale Community Centre, 1299 Ellesmere Rd. Scarborough.

### 1 - 3 p.m. DISCUSSION GROUP FOR SENIORS

A discussion group for seniors dealing with the issues and ideas behind newspaper stories is held every Wednesday at Dawes Road Library, 416 Dawes Rd., East York. For details call 752-0101.

### 2 - 3:30 p.m. LIVING WITH CANCER

Living With Cancer, the support group for Central Metro District of the Canadian Cancer Society, meets at 20 Holly St., Suite 101, Toronto on alternate Wednesdays to provide information about nutrition, relaxation, support services and practical guidance. The public is invited to come, talk or listen. For details call 485-0222.

### 7:30 p.m. FAMILY LIFE GROUP

A support group meets weekly in your community for parents whose kids are in trouble with drugs, alcohol, running away, crimes, parent abuse, and dropping out of school. The Scarborough group meets every Wednesday. For more information call 223-7444.

### 7:30 p.m. PARENTS IN CRISIS

The Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario is a community based self help group that meets weekly to assist troubled parents deal with 10 to 30 year old family members. If you have a son or daughter in trouble with drugs, alcohol, the law, school, or other behavioral problems, call 223-7444 for more information or referral to the local chapter.

### 7:30 p.m. COIN CLUB MEETS

Scarborough Coin Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at Heron Park Community Centre, 4285 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough.

### 7:30 p.m. PARENTS-FLAG

Parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays, North Toronto Chapter meet the first Wednesday of each month at Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview (4 blocks south of Lawrence Ave. off Yonge). Everyone is welcome. For details call 322-0600.

## THURS. JANUARY 6

### 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon COOKING CLUB

Agincourt Community Services Association is having a cooking club for those interested in preparing low cost food. This session will be the planning session, and the cooking session will take place Jan. 13th for participants in the planning session. The location is St. Timothy's Church, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E. Call 321-6912 for more information and to register.

### 10 a.m. SHUFFLEBOARD

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy a morning of shuffleboard every Thursday at Stephen Leacock Seniors Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd. Phone 396-4040.

### 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

All donors are invited to attend the Manulife Permanent Red Cross blood donor clinic located at 55 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor, Toronto.

### 12 noon - 6 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at Sheppard Centre, 4841 Yonge St., North York. All donors are welcome. Help the Red Cross help others by attending this clinic.

### 12:45 p.m. EUCHERE

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of euchre at Stephen Leacock Seniors Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd. Phone 396-4040.

### 1:30 p.m. WELLNESS PROGRAM

Mandana Jam and Karen Evans, fourth year students in the Occupational Therapy program at University of Toronto, will discuss the role of self-care in enhancing seniors' independence, at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The program is free but registration is requested by calling 225-2112.

### 2 - 8 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at Agincourt Mall, 3850 Sheppard Ave. E., Scarborough. All donors are welcome.

### 7 p.m. LEGAL COUNSELLING

Agincourt Community Services Association, 4139 Sheppard Ave. E. offers free legal counselling every Thursday evening. Call 321-6912 for an appointment.

### 7 - 9 p.m. GAVEL GLASS TOASTMASTERS

Gavel Glass Toastmasters meets every Thursday in the Don Mills & Lawrence Ave. area. This program is for men and women over 18 years of age. For further information call Diane at 447-9533.

### 7:30 p.m. FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS

Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics, Scarborough Chapter, will meet at the C.A.W. Hall, 975 Kennedy Rd. south of Lawrence Ave. The meeting will feature a family panel to discuss "Seeing With A Different View?". The usual open discussion and question period follows. Everyone welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

### 7:30 - 9 p.m. LIVING WITH CANCER

Living With Cancer, the support group for Agincourt and Scarborough units of the Canadian Cancer Society, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at Bendale Acres, 2920 Lawrence Ave. E. The public is invited to come, talk or listen.

### 8 p.m. THE MITZVAH TECHNIQUE

Everyone is invited to a free leisure and demonstration on the Mitzvah Technique, a major preventive health care discipline which relieves neck pain, back pain and tension, and prevents spinal and postural difficulties, at the Medical Centre, 3420 Finch Ave. E. (at Warden), Suite 410. To pre-register call 495-7729.

## FRI. JANUARY 7

### 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross clinic will be held at the Toronto Blood Centre, 67 College St., Toronto. All Donors are welcome.

### 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon SOCIAL BALLROOM

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon social ballroom every Friday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. SHUFFLEBOARD

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of shuffleboard every Friday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 1 - 4 p.m. BINGO

The Literacy Council of Durham Region sponsors Friday afternoon bingo games at Bingo Country, 610 Monarch Ave., Ajax (south of Bayly St.). Everyone is welcome.

### 2 - 8:30 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at Centerpoint Mall, Yonge St. & Steeles Ave., Willowdale. All donors are welcome.

### 7:30 p.m. SINGLES MEET

Heron Park Christian Singles meet the first Friday of each month at Heron Park Baptist Church, 4260 Lawrence Ave. E., West Hill. For details call 427-2917.

### 8 p.m. SINGLES DANCE

North Metro Single Parents Association holds a dance for single parents the first Friday of every month at St. Gabriel's Recreation Centre next to St. Gabriel's Church on Sheppard Ave., two blocks east of Bayview Ave. The cost is \$10 for non-members, including buffet. All single parents are welcome.

## SAT. JANUARY 8

### 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. WRITERS MEET

The members of Forest Hill Writers' Circle meet to discuss their writing in a critical and constructive manner every Saturday at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., North York. New members are encouraged to drop in. For more details call 395-5440.

### 7:30 p.m. JEWISH MUSIC

"Jewish Music In Toronto" is the theme for an unusual event (in sight and sound) which will take place in the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., North York. Admission is free, though donations will be gratefully accepted. For details call 789-5502.

### 7:30 p.m. KOREAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The internationally acclaimed World Vision Korean Children's Choir will make a concert appearance at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto. For more details call Philip Maher at 567-2726 (res.) or 821-3619 (bus.)

## SUN. JANUARY 9

### 10:30 a.m. IT'S DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN!

"It's deja vu all over again!" with Rev. Barbara Kulcher, as she anticipates another year and where we go from here, at Don Heights Unitarian Congregation, 4 Antrim Crescent (Kennedy Rd. & Hwy. 401).

### 2 - 4 p.m. OLD TIME FAVOURITES

Rick Fielding and Friends will entertain, with vocal and instrumental, old time favourites at the regular afternoon concert at the Scarborough Civic Centre. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

## MON. JANUARY 10

### 9 a.m. HEARING TESTING

Free hearing testing for seniors will be offered at a hearing screening clinic at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. For an appointment call 225-2112.

### 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. HEALTH & WELLNESS

Luz Bonnin, Public Health Nurse, will discuss "Communication" at North York Senior Centre, 21 Hendon Ave. (subway & wheelchair accessible). These sessions are free but registration is requested by calling Anita at 733-4111.

### 10 a.m. - 12 noon BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic for seniors will be held at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. For an appointment call 225-2112.

### 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. WOMEN'S CENTRE

The North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd. is open Mondays through Thursdays to offer information and referral services to women. Phone 781-0479 or drop in during these hours to find information, to register for a program, or to talk over something that is troubling you.

### 12:30 - 3 p.m. BRIDGE

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of bridge every Monday at Stephen Leacock Seniors Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd. Phone 396-4040.

### 1:30 - 3 p.m. CRAFT & FITNESS REGISTRATION

Registration will be held for the craft and fitness classes at Agincourt Baptist Church, 37 Glenwatford Dr. at Dennett. Modest fee includes babysitting for two children. For more information call 291-0191.

### 2 - 3 p.m. NUTRITION COUNSELLING

Nutrition counselling services are available to seniors free of charge every Monday at the Wellness Centre located in the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. For an appointment call 225-2112.

### 4 - 5 p.m. SOUP KITCHEN

Hearty home-made soup is served to the needy every Monday in the soup kitchen at St. Rose of Lima Church, 3216 Lawrence Ave. E., lower level.

### 7 - 11 p.m. CHESS CLUB

Agincourt Chess Club meets weekly on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in the cafeteria at Agincourt Collegiate, 2621 Midland Ave., one block north of Sheppard. For details call 493-0019.

### 7 p.m. INFORMATION NIGHT

The Catholic Children's Aid Society is holding an Information Night for those interested in fostering. For more information, phone Foster Care Development at 226-1010.

### 8 p.m. WRITERS MEET

Scarborough Arts Council Writers' Group meets at the Jack Goodlad Centre (east side of Kennedy; north of Eglinton, south of Lawrence). Call Eugenie Shehirian, 759-6053.

### 8 p.m. RECOVERY INC.

Recovery Inc., a community mental health organization, meets weekly at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, 3817 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough. For information call 276-2237.

## TUES. JANUARY 11

### 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at Parkway Place, 255 Consumers Rd., Willowdale. Take the time to give the gift of life, it's free. All donors are welcome.

### 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. BADMINTON

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of badminton every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 12:45 - 3 p.m. SOCIAL & LINE DANCING

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy social and line dancing every Tuesday at Stephen Leacock Seniors Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd. Phone 396-4040.

### 1 - 3 p.m. BINGO

All seniors over the age of 55 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of bingo every Tuesday at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicholl Rd. Phone 396-4513.

### 1 - 2:30 p.m. NEW TO YOU SHOP

A New To You Shop, featuring low prices on good used clothing, household articles, glasses, dishes, books and jewellery will be open every Tuesday at Iondale Heights United Church, 115 Ionview Rd., north of Eglinton, west of Kennedy Rd. Parking and entrance at rear of building.

## TUES. JANUARY 11

### 1 - 5 p.m. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at Legion Hall No. 112 located at 117 Byron St. S., Whitby. Help the Red Cross help others by attending this clinic. All donors are welcome.

### 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. LIVING WITH CHILDREN

Public health nurses invite parents (mothers and fathers) of children 0-12 months to join the parenting sessions every Tuesday at Oriole Community Centre, 2975 Don Mills Rd. (at Sheppard), North York. All sessions are free. To register call 395-7600.

### 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

Free legal advice will be given by a qualified lawyer every Tuesday evening at West Hill Community Services, 156A Galloway Rd., West Hill. To make an appointment call 284-5931 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### 7 - 9:30 p.m. ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Learn about the principal tools of estate planning, threats such as inflation and taxes, living wills, Ontario probate fees and trusts, at this free seminar at Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. To register call 395-5613.

### 7:30 p.m. ALS SUPPORT GROUP

The ALS Society support group meeting for patients with Louy Gehrig's Disease meets the second Tuesday of every month at Oriole York Mills United Church, 2609 Bayview Ave., Willowdale. For details call 362-0447.

### 7:30 - 9 p.m. MENOPAUSE

Lorraine Ruthven, Public Health Nurse, will lead the free session on Menopause at St. George's Anglican Church, 5350 Yonge St., North York. The title of the first meeting is "Introduction: Attitudes & Myths". The session is free. For details call 395-7780.

## WED. JANUARY 12

### 10 a.m. NUTRITION DISCUSSION GROUP

Back by popular demand is the Nutrition Discussion Group with Hannah Krasman in the Cultural Room at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Admission is free but registration is requested by calling 225-2112.

### 11 a.m. - 12 noon HEALTH & WELLNESS

Luz Bonnin, Public Health Nurse, will discuss "Communication" at the North York Senior Centre, 21 Hendon Ave. (subway & wheelchair accessible). Admission is free but registration is requested by calling Anita at 733-4111.

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## Anniversaries/Birthdays

### 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Heartiest congratulations to Nellie and Steve Roxby of Bonis Ave., Agincourt who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sat. Jan. 1st.

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Wedding anniversaries are very special events - especially ones marking five decades of marriage. We would like to congratulate five Scarborough couples on their Golden Wedding Anniversaries: Mary and James Peter Chepswick of Bridletowne Circle were wed 50 years on Jan. 1st, a celebration will be held for them on Jan. 29th; another couple who chose New Year's Day to tie the knot 50 years ago is Lily and Lester Lovely of McKnight Dr.; Agnes and William Cook of Bonis Ave., Agincourt celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 5th; Maria and Eugenio Bomba of Miramar Cres. will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Jan. 8th and Rocchina and Giovanni Liscio of Marchington Circle were married on Jan. 11th, 1944. A celebration will be held for them on Jan. 15th.

### 90TH BIRTHDAY

A very Happy Birthday to Florence Wood of Haig Ave., Scarborough who is celebrating her 90th birthday on Jan. 7th.

### Got an anniversary or birthday to celebrate?

Call 291-2583 for inclusion in this column.

## Provincial Constituency Offices

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of the Hon. Alvin Curling, MPP Scarborough North, located at 5200 Finch Ave. E., Unit 114, Scarborough is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone 297-5040.

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of Gerry Phillips, MPP Scarborough-Agincourt, located at 4002 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 204, northeast corner of Sheppard and Kennedy, is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments phone 297-6568.

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of David Warner, MPP Scarborough-Ellesmere, located at 695 Markham Rd., Unit 34, in Cedar Heights Plaza, is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For appointments phone 438-1242.

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of Anne Swarbrick, MPP Scarborough West, located at 1576 Kingston Rd. is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment. Phone 698-0967.

### 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of Dr. Bob Frankford, MPP Scarborough East, located at 4403 Kingston Rd., just west of Lawrence Ave. E., is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday mornings by appointment only. Phone 281-2787.

### 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of Steve Owens, MPP Scarborough Centre, located at 3047 Kingston Rd., in Clifcrest Plaza, is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone 261-9525. No telephone calls Mon. & Wed.

### 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The office of Tom Wappel, MP Scarborough West, located at 483 Kennedy Rd. is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evenings and Saturday mornings by appointment only. 261-8613.

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The constituency office of Derek Lee, MP Scarborough Rouge River, located at 200 Town Centre Court, Suite 219, Scarborough, M1P 4X8 is open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed. 1-5 p.m. Phone 296-8899.

### 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The constituency office of Jim Karygiannis, MP Scarborough-Agincourt, located at 3850 Finch Ave. E., Suite 206, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. by appointment only, call 321-5454.

### 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONSTITUENCY OFFICE OPEN

The constituency office of David Collette, MP Don Valley East, located at 1200 Lawrence Ave. E., Suite 300, is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For an appointment call 447-5544.

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## Responsibilities At The Scene Of An Accident

With the ever increasing volume of traffic in Scarborough the number of accidents increase, as well as the situations arising out of motor vehicle collisions.

Some accidents, minor in nature, can be resolved between the drivers or owners of the vehicles without involving the police or the insurance companies.

However, there can be far reaching consequences depending on the action taken by the driver involved in an accident.

I am referring to the motor vehicle collision known as a "hit and run", that is to say where the driver of a motor vehicle fails to remain at, or immediately return to the scene of an accident as required by law.

The investigative office of the East Traffic Unit in the City of Scarborough investigated approximately 4,300 such accidents in 1991.

Even a minor accident, such as in the parking lot of a plaza, where the door of a parked vehicle is dented, requires that the driver of the vehicle responsible must do certain things that the law requires him or her to do.

In brief, the driver must stop his or her vehicle, give

his or her name and address and offer assistance to anyone sustaining loss or injury.

Failure to do this has the same consequences as other driving offences such as impaired driving, resulting in a criminal driving record, a suspension of his or her driver's licence, a substantial fine, and in some instances a term of incarceration.

An accident is just that, an accident, it is the wrong or misguided decisions made afterwards that result in a cost to us all in time and resources that could be put to better use.

If you are involved in a situation similar in nature, locate and speak with the owner or driver of that vehicle and if that person can not be located, call the police and let us help you.

Minor accidents are treated as just that, and if the involved parties can resolve it between themselves, that's fine, the officer can go on to more serious matters.

With a driver's licence come the responsibilities associated with it, that of being a careful and caring driver in our community.

Remember, driving a motor vehicle is a privilege not a right.



L'Amoreaux Community 2000 McNicholl Ave., Recreation Centre honours IOF prevention of child abuse fund. L'Amoreaux seniors together with Court Trillium 333 raised \$625. for the month of October.

Above, from left to right are: Yasmin Carter and Linda Leroux from Seniors' Centre; T.J. Clown Court Trillium, Erna and Ray Bourque Court Trillium. Rosemary Jones

VP Public Relations and Secretary of the Child Abuse Fund for Canada, Karen Tonini, VP Fraternal Activities, Sandra the Clown (Court Futura), Yi-Wi Wightman and Garth Carter, District Office 1706, Audrey Gerow and Bernice Handyside, High Court, IOF Foresters.

Front Row - the children from the adjacent public and separate schools. (Photo by Ray Bourque)

### Prize Winner

Bertha Powell received an unexpected Christmas present when she discovered she was a second prize winner in the Dec. 25th Lotto 6/49 draw.

The 56 year old Scarborough resident won \$264,158.40.

Ms. Powell, who works for Corswell Printing Company, has one son. She has no immediate plans for her windfall.

## Scarborough Man Gets Award

Scarborough resident Ronald Francis, MBA, CGA, recently received the Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario's Life Membership Award.

CGA Ontario grants Life Membership to members who have provided extraordinary service to the association at the provincial level. Ron is one of three members to receive the award this year.

Ron has shown strong leadership, service and dedication to the association. In 1984, he joined the Toronto Chapter board of directors, and served as chairman of the communications, membership resource, and education committees. Ron also served terms as secretary-treasurer and vice chairman. And in 1990-91, he was elected chairman of the Toronto Chapter.

At the provincial level, Ron served as a member of the education, employment sectors, and member services committees. In 1993, he was elected for a three year term to the Association's Board of Governors.

In recognition of his service to the Toronto Chapter, Ron was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Award in 1988. And in 1991, Ron received the Ontario Distinguished Service Award for his dedication and service to the Association at the provincial level.

Beside his involvement with CGA Ontario, Ron has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Toronto and District School System, the board of trustees of Kingsway College in Oshawa and the Junior Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto. He is a member of the board of trustees for North York Branson Hospital.

Ron is a professor at the School of Accounting at Seneca College.

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A very happy Ronald Francis, Scarborough's West MPP, Anne Swarbrick, his Workers' Compensation Board cheque settlements. Butson praised Swarbrick's office for the help he received with his WCB claim while recuperating from work-related injuries.

## Education Meeting

The Scarborough Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada is holding an education meeting on Tues. Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at David and Mary Thomson Collegiate, located at 2740 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough. Guest speaker Sahar

Elguindi, a pharmacist, will discuss drug therapy of Crohn's and Colitis. The event is sponsored by the West Hill Pharmacy, 4410 Kingston Rd.

For more information contact Lisa Logan at 431-1016.

## Community Diary

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### WED. JANUARY 12

12 noon - 7 p.m. MAYOR'S BLOOD DONOR CLINIC The annual North York Mayor's Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held at North York City Centre Mall, 5100 Yonge St. Plan to attend this clinic and help make it the best clinic yet. All donors are welcome.

7:30 - 9 p.m. MENOPAUSE Chris Seto, North York Public Health Nurse, will discuss Menopause at the North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St., Lower Level - Committee Room. This session she will discuss "Understanding What Menopause is and Physical Changes at Menopause". Admission is free but registration is requested by calling 395-7780.

7:30 p.m. SINGLES MEET The Willowdale Chapter of Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholics meets the second Wednesday of each month at St. Gabriel's Centre, 672 Sheppard Ave. E., Willowdale. The fee for non-members is \$4. For details call 447-4595.



## Public Information Sessions THE SCARBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION'S 1994 BUDGET

On January 25, 1994, the Scarborough Board of Education and all Metro public school boards will meet to set the preliminary target mill rate for the 1994 budget.

Before the mill rate is set, the Scarborough Board of Education is encouraging all public school supporters to attend an information session and provide input into the process. The dates, locations and times of these public meetings are listed below.

### Schedule of Public Budget Meetings, Scarborough Board of Education

Date	Time	Location	Wards	Trustee(s)
Monday, Jan. 10	7:00 p.m.	W.A. Porter C.I. 40 Fairfax Crescent	1 & 2	Pat Collie Barb Fava
Monday, Jan. 10	7:00 p.m.	L.B. Pearson C.I. 150 Tapscott Drive	14	Jim Mackay
Monday, Jan. 10	7:00 p.m.	David & Mary Thomson C.I. 2740 Lawrence Ave E.	5, 6 & 8	Gail Brewer Bill Davis Dianne Williams
Monday, Jan. 10	7:00 p.m.	Joseph Brant Sr. 270 Manse Road	7 & 9	David Horrox Joe Trentadue
Thurs., Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	Winston Churchill C.I. 2239 Lawrence Ave. E.	3 & 4	Bruce Evans Helena Nielsen
Thurs., Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	L'Amoreaux C.I. 2501 Bridletowne Circle	10 & 11	Kenn Johnson Stanley Ting
Tuesday, Jan. 18	7:00 p.m.	Campbell C.I. 1550 Sandhurst Circle	12 & 13	Sheila Churchmuck Peter Lam

### Business Community Meeting

Sat., Jan. 15 9:00 a.m. 140 Borough Drive Rooms 3 & 4 Full Board

### Public Meeting

Sat., Jan. 22 9:00 a.m. 140 Borough Drive Rooms 3 & 4 Full Board

Those who wish to appear as a delegation before the full board on January 15th, please contact the Director's Office at 396-7674 before January 10th to register. Those who wish to appear before the Board on January 22nd should contact the Director's Office by January 17th.

For more information about the public meetings, or to determine which ward you live in, please contact the Communications Office at 396-7541.

D.F. Horrox, Chairman of the Board  
E.G. Campbell, Director of Education

# Have the changing times affected your pension plan?

By Elaine Buffet, CA (MC) — The economy and the workplace have undergone significant upheaval over the past few years with the recession, restruc-

RRSP. Your assessment should have been received in the spring or early summer. As the public debt and the pressure on governments to reduce

spending mount, the public purse will be less able to afford to guarantee retirement benefits for every Canadian. The onus is on you to accumulate sufficient savings to

see you through your retirement years. Unfortunately, the closer you are to retiring, the harder you will have to work at saving a sufficient amount.

Moneycare is general financial advice by Canada's chartered accountants. Elaine Buffet is a senior tax manager with KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne.

## MONEYCARE

turing and a new emphasis on the global economy. Chances are that your pension plan has undergone changes as well. Don't make the mistake of ignoring these changes since they could affect how well off you will be when you retire.

As any chartered accountant will tell you, your pension plan is one of the most important cornerstones of your retirement planning. Most pension plan members will derive the bulk of their retirement income from their plan. It will pay to understand any changes made to your plan and to take advantage of any new opportunities.

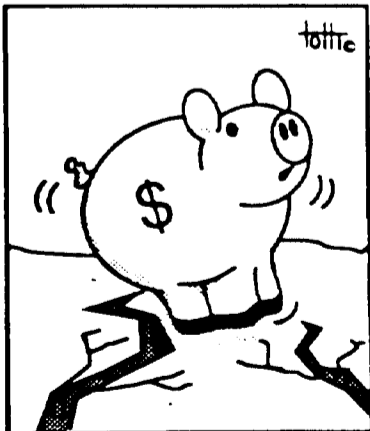
A number of employer-sponsored plans have been changing as a result of the significant costs associated with funding the plans. Should you find yourself in a situation where the plan is being altered by your employer, you should ensure that you are aware of the long-term implications arising from the revision. Your eventual retirement income could be affected positively or negatively by this change.

Other plans have introduced options to the plan that you might be able to take advantage of. For example, your plan may allow you to make extra contributions. In some cases your employer may match the contributions.

If you don't belong to a pension plan, the onus is on you to save for your own retirement. Many commentators say that the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security are in jeopardy and Canadians should count on receiving much less from these plans when they eventually retire. Therefore, you should be taking advantage of saving by means of registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs).

Contributions to RRSPs are tax deductible and the amounts in your RRSP are taxable only when you receive them. A maximum of up to \$12,500 can be contributed in 1993, although your actual limit may be less depending on the size of your income and how much you contribute to other types of pension plans.

If you have not been contributing to an RRSP, you may be able to make sizeable contributions this year. A seven-year carry forward for unused contribution room was introduced in 1991 and subsequent periods. Review your 1992 Notice



of Assessment to see how much you are eligible to contribute to an

## HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

### The rise of those "inferentially combusting engines"

By Marsha Boulton

RUSTICO, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1866 — How did a parish priest cause a sensation at the Saint Jean Baptiste Day picnic in this small community?

What was supposed to be a typical celebration became an historic event, when Father George Belacourt surprised his Island parishioners by arriving in a steam-propelled vehicle, which is believed to have been the first of its kind in British North America.

The vehicle Father Belacourt imported from New Jersey was a great crowd pleaser. The *Charlottetown Examiner* reported: "With wonder and delight it was observed steaming away... at a fast speed."

The witnessing of the dawn of a new era of transportation ended when the priest lost control of the newfangled contraption and veered into a field.

The following year, Henry Seth Taylor of Stanstead, Quebec built Canada's first steam carriage and the local newspaper was quick to pronounce it "the neatest thing

of its kind yet invented."

The first electric automobile in Canada appeared on the streets of Toronto in December, 1893. A local company built the battery-powered vehicle for lawyer Frederick Fetherstonhaugh, who proudly demonstrated its ability to travel to speeds of up to 24 km/h.

Motoring began to acquire an aura of glamour characterized by speed. A three-wheel car from France driven by a Quebec dentist reached the "dizzying" speed of 29 km/h in an 1897 demonstration along Chemin Sainte-Foy. In the same year, George Foote Foss, a bicycle repairman from Sherbrooke, constructed Canada's first gasoline driven car for his personal use. He drove it summer and winter for five years, and got

more than 80 km to the gallon.

Hamilton's Colonel John Moodie Jr. acquired the first "mass market" gasoline-engine car in April, 1898. It looked for all the world like a horse-drawn

buggy, with the engine in the rear. Moodie's "Winton" was such a novelty that he installed spikes around the ends to deter

unwanted passengers.

Despite the outrageous price tag of \$1,000, Col. Moodie contended that his car was cheaper to own than a pair of good horses. In fact, his "horseless carriage" stayed in use for 15 years.

At the turn of the century, dozens of small machine shops had blossomed into car makers, but many people still thought cars were a noisy and unreliable fad.



Watch for the Heritage Minutes on your local television station.

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"Inferentially combusting engines" became the constant butt of jokes and the roadside taunt of the day was "get a horse." In schools, a favourite topic of debate was "Resolved: That the Motor-Car is Useless, Dangerous and Ought to be Abolished."

Prince Edward Island, in particular, did not take kindly to automobiles. In 1908, the legislature voted to ban all autos in response to citizens concerns about wear and tear to the roadways and the terrorization of livestock and children. "We're going to keep them cars out if we have to take a pitchfork to them," wrote one Island farmer.

Canada's love affair with the horseless carriage could not be suppressed. Ford started manufacturing cars in Canada in 1903 and Oshawa carriage maker Sam McLaughlin turned out the nation's first all-Canadian Buick in 1908. By 1911, the T. Eaton Company was selling automobiles by mail order.

The automobile became an industry, as well as a national passion.

# Growing up on the Road to Avonlea

Fifth Season premieres January 9, 1994

Five years after the acclaimed series ROAD TO AVONLEA first premiered on CBC-TV to record-breaking audiences, the series' popularity shows no signs of waning. Quite the contrary, it has won TV Guide's "Most Popular Series" Award, voted by the Canadian public, for an unprecedented *three years in a row*. It has sold to countries around the world bringing turn-of-the-century Canadian society to cultures as far flung as Scandinavia and South Africa. In September 1993 it was awarded another Emmy Award (its third)... this time for Best Series in its category.

ROAD TO AVONLEA's great strength is its universal appeal. Society longs to return to a time when the family unit was strong, life's pace slower, and one could count on a neighbour's help in times of stress. It is a show that parents can watch with their children and one which children can grow up with.

This year's viewers will see some changes to the series. The younger cast members, who began in the series as pre-teens, are now teenagers facing curriculum decisions which will change their lives and determine whether to continue in acting. Over the years they have managed to balance their lives between the pressures of work, going to school and trying to live normal lives.

Gema Zamprogna (17), who plays Felicity King, the sometimes prim and always opinionated eldest daughter, is in real life an accomplished dancer and scholarship winner; but she manages to squeeze in the time to occasionally teach in her parents' dance school. Her days begin at 4:30 in the morning when she heads for the set, and consists not only of acting, but of squeezing in

her academics under the supervision of an on-set tutor. "But when I come home from the studio Friday nights," she says, "I'm a normal teenager. My parents know they can expect to see me for five minutes before I'm out the door to my friends."

Just like the character she plays, Gema would like to enrol in university. But the similarities end there. Gema is the first to admit that Felicity can be bossy and snobby towards people, but argues also the character has a softer, gentler side, which she has enjoyed developing. This year Felicity has finished school, and is preparing to go away to teacher's college. A sudden family crisis, however, changes her plans and prompts her to make a different - and completely unconventional - career choice.

When asked about her own career choices, it is clear that Gema has thought a great deal about it. "The career of my dreams would be to become a psychiatrist," she says. "But I also want to continue acting - and probably will," she laughs.

"Although maybe I'll think differently about it when I'm faced with *having* to earn my own living and not living at home anymore. AVONLEA has given me a lot. I used to be very shy. AVONLEA has really opened me up and helped me to overcome that shyness."

Zachary Bennett, who plays Felix King, comes from a showbiz family. His mother Mary, sister Marion, brother Gareth and baby sister Sophie all act, or have acted.

At 15 years old, Zachary has no doubts about his career choice. "I positively, definitely know that this is what I want to do. I love it. And it's a wonderful thing to be able to actually work in what you love to do." Like his mischievous character, Zachary always has a bit of an impish gleam in his eye. He has no particular academic aspirations and describes himself as an average student, but is definitely interested in pursuing his career as an actor.

Over the past year he has shot up like a weed, and is easily the tallest of the originally cast children. With the new height, his character in the series has

also obtained new maturity.

"I get a job," he explains, briefly. "I discover what I want to do with my life, and it is not what my parents - especially my father - want me to do. It's a departure from tradition." The character of Felix takes on increasing prominence in the series.

Sarah Polley, who has been acting since she was three, achieved international recognition for her role in Terry Gilliam's *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*. As Sara Stanley, the poor little rich girl who comes to Avonlea at the beginning of the series, she has always been one of the pivotal characters.

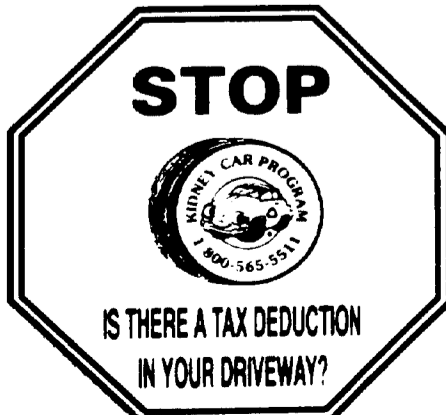
Sarah, now 15, attends a performing school for the arts and has made her education a priority. "School is the most important thing to me," she says. "I don't want to miss too much. I plan to go to Oxford University and take a Masters degree in English Literature and a PhD in Politics." She laughs. "And then run for government. At least establish a political party." Other career ambitions include becoming a published poet. "I'll always love acting," she says. "But I don't see it being the major focus in my life when I grow up."

The seriousness with which Sarah, the actress, views her schooling is partially reflected in a new maturity which Sara, the character, shows on screen. "She's matured," says Sarah. "We've both matured. Sara (Stanley) has become more logical, and calmer. She's still a bit of a free spirit, but not as much as I am in real life - I'm a little wilder."

Growing up on set can be difficult for any actor, but Sarah believes that if she has lost out on any childhood experience, she has gained in other ways.



Actors Zachary Bennett (Felix King), Gema Zamprogna (Felicity King) and Sarah Polley (Sara Stanley) with fellow cast-member Mag Ruffman (Olivia King Dale) in Season 5 of ROAD TO AVONLEA.



# David Whittamore In Leadership Program

"Responsibility and accountability". According to Murray Stewart, Chairman of the Agricultural Leadership Trust. "These are essential for leadership in rural Ontario today."

the fifth class of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, stressed the need for leaders who are willing to accept the challenge.

David Whittamore, Markham (above) was one



will learn the skills referred to by Mr. Stewart and examine issues of concern to agriculture and Canadian society. They will be involved in seminars in several locations throughout Ontario, and participate in both a North American and international study tour, observing a wide variety of issues and leadership styles.

The purpose of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership program is to develop leaders who will work to maintain the strength of Ontario's agri-food industry. The program is administered by the Agricultural Leadership Trust - a partnership of the Ontario Ministry of

Agriculture and Food, University of Guelph, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and Foundation for Rural Living. Funding is provided by the Trust, rural and agricultural organizations, and participant tuition fees.

of 30 men and women, selected from across Ontario to take part in the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, who met in Guelph, Sept. 27 to 29 to begin their leadership training. They represent a broad spectrum of agricultural backgrounds - farming, agribusiness, farm finance and education.

Over the next 18 months these individuals, who hold various leadership positions in their communities,

## Volunteer '94 A World Of Experience

The Scarborough Campus of the University of Toronto is holding Volunteer '94 - offering a world of experience, on Thurs. Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campus Meeting Place.

Nineteen different organizations from the Scarborough community will be represented. This exciting event was organized to let students know about the many volunteer opportunities in Scarborough.

Many of today's potential employers regard volunteer experience as equally valuable as part-time work. Apart from gaining necessary experience, volunteerism is also a thoroughly rewarding opportunity to help others and make excellent contacts in the community.

Participants in this year's event include the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and the Scarborough Distress Centre.

By no means will this event restrict volunteer opportunities only to students. Representatives from each organization will also be encouraging all members of the Campus community including faculty and staff to consider volunteerism. Community members, too, are more than welcome to attend to explore new volunteer opportunities. The Scarborough Campus of U of T is located at 1265

### Volunteers Needed

Classroom and library volunteers are needed in several Scarborough schools to listen to children read, help with story writing or to help children with special needs.

This is an excellent opportunity for retirees or university students interested in education.

If you like young children and have two or three hours available, call the Scarborough Volunteer Centre at 264-2308.

## Lester B. Pearson C.I. News

### OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

To begin the new year here are a few profiles of some of Pearson's outstanding students.

#### Kirby Lai

Kirby's in-school extra-curricular activities have been very extensive. He has distinguished himself in the MECCA Business Club, a club in which students role-play real life business situations. He has been a member in Grades 11, 12 and OAC. During this time he has garnered many awards: second place at the Scarborough Regional Competition ('91), first place at the Scarborough Regional Competitions ('92). He also helped to organize the '91 and '93 Regional Competitions.

In Grades 12 and OAC, he was a member of the Prefect Committee. As a "teacher's assistant" he participated actively in Parents' Night ('93), Commencement '93, TTC Photo Day, Yearbook Photo Day, Grade 9 Orientation Day, sale of Christmas cards, and more.

In his OAC year, he was Prefect Treasurer for the '93-'94 Prefect Committee. In the same year he was an active member of the School Grad Committee, a committee which organizes the Prom, the yearbook and conducts sales activities.

In Grades 11 and 12 Kirby was very involved with the Reach For The Top team, a knowledge-challenge club. He was a member of the Tennis Team in Grades 10, 11, 12 and OAC and reached the third round of the Scarborough Doubles Tennis Competition ('93).

In Grade 11 he was on the cycling team and he participated in the Senior Band in Grades 9, 10 and 11. In his OAC year he assisted with the Grade 9 Orientation Day and volunteered to speak to a Grade 9 class about activities at Pearson C.I.

Kirby has been very involved in out-of-school activities. In 1992-93 he worked as a youth volunteer at Providence Centre, a hospital for the aged.

During his years at Lester B. Pearson C.I., Kirby has won many awards: The Pearson (SAC) Honour Award, Grades 9 and 10; The Pearson (SAC) Scholar Award, Grades 11 and 12; The Advocacy Award for Excellence in Grade 12 Law and Grade 11; The Senior Advanced History Award in Grade 12; The Grade 12 Computer Science Award.

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club Academic Achievement Contest 1993 - Kirby was one of four students from Pearson selected to write in this contest; The Scarborough Business Studies Competition, 1992 - Kirby was selected as a competitor at this Business Studies Competition; The Royal Conservatory of Music Silver Medal, 1992 - Kirby received the second highest grade in the grade 5 guitar ex-

aminations in Ontario.

The Royal Conservatory of Music Certificates of Achievement - Kirby has certificates for Grades 4, 5, and 6 Classical Guitar and Grade 12 rudiments.

Kirby has many interests and hobbies. He is currently studying Grade 7 classical guitar at the Royal Conservatory of Music and he has been playing the guitar for at least ten years. His other interests include tennis, skiing, investigating computer software and travel. He is a member of the McLevin Park Tennis Club.

Kirby Lai is a truly outstanding representative of young people today at Pearson C.I.

#### Afsara Dossani

Afsara Dossani has accomplished the difficult task of balancing superior academic performance with extra-curricular activities. Her academic achievements resulted in her receiving the Board of Governor's Honours Award each year from Grade 9 to Grade 12 and the Business Departmental Award for the highest standing in OAC Business Administration.

Her commitment to the Pearson community is evident in her involvement in MECCA and the Prefect Committee and acting as the SAC, OAC rep. She has also twice won first position in the DECA provincial competition in two different categories. Both times she displayed entrepreneurial skills and business sense. These capabilities support her decision to enrol in the best business program when she attends university in September 1994.

Afsara has always cheerfully shared her knowledge and time with other students and all those who have benefited from her generosity are sure she will become an outstanding student at university, just as she was at Lester B. Pearson C.I.

#### Wasim Mohiuddin

Wasim Mohiuddin has been an honours student for the past four years and in Grade 11 he also won the Ancient History Award.

His involvement with the curling team for four years no doubt contributed to that team's record in the past year of four wins, two losses and one tie.

Wasim continues to do well in his final year at Pearson and hopes to enter the University of Toronto next year.

#### Maya Lakhani

Maya Lakhani has indicated her commitment to the school by her involvement as President of the Prefect Committee. In addition she is also a member of the Board of Governors. In spite of her involvement in these active committees, her marks are well above average.

Maya Lakhani is also committed to her family: her two best friends are her sisters and she is always ready to help out in her parents' store when she can.



Scarborough Public Utilities Commission

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## 1994 ELECTRIC INCREASE ZERO

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		All additional kW h
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## CITY OF SCARBOROUGH CENTENNIAL CREEK SUBWATERSHED STUDY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The City of Scarborough has initiated an ecosystem based study for the Centennial Creek subwatershed. This study is following the planning guidelines issued by the province and the Class EA for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects. The study is being carried out by a team of consultants led by MacViro Consultants Inc.

Phase 1 of this study is near completion. Information is now available for review including an inventory of resources and present conditions, opportunities for environmental protection and regeneration considering existing development proposals and land management practices. Draft goals and objectives for the subwatershed are also available for discussion.

A Steering Committee is guiding this study made up of representatives from provincial Ministries, the Conservation Authority, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Metro Toronto directed by the City of Scarborough.

A Public Advisory Committee has also been established to advise the study team, comprising representatives from local citizens, community groups and the development industry. Two members of the Public Advisory Committee attend Steering Committee meetings.

An Open House will be held to inform interested citizens on work completed to date and to receive comments.

Open House Location: Royal Canadian Legion  
Community Hall  
45 Lawson Road  
West Hill

Date: Thursday January 13, 1994  
Time: 6:30 to 9:00 pm

All guests will be invited to register at the door and to provide written comments on Phase 1 results. For further information contact:

Mr. Kevin Wilson  
Project Manager  
Works and Environment  
Department  
City of Scarborough  
Telephone: 396-4946

Mr. Paul Rennick  
Director, Environmental Planning  
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## OBITUARY NOTICE

COUPLAND, Harry, 40 yrs. employee of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Past away suddenly while on vacation on Wed. Dec. 29th, 1993. Harry, beloved husband of Jeannette, loving father of Glen, Pamela (Mrs Ted Tomalin). Will be sadly missed by family and friends. The family will receive friends at the Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Ave. East, Agincourt (east of Kennedy Road) on Sat. Jan. 8th, 1994 at 1 p.m. Memorial service in the chapel at 2 p.m. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

## Trillium Scarboro-Pickering Cable TV

### WED. JANUARY 5, 1994

A.M.  
10:00 Scarborough Council  
P.M.  
12:30 Marvellous Microwave  
1:00 RoundTable-Repeat  
2:00 Scarborough Council  
6:00 Focus On Photography  
6:30 Rochelle Litman  
7:00 Scarborough Council

### THURS. JANUARY 6

P.M.  
3:00 Self Defence-Chinese  
4:30 Open Line with Mike Harris  
5:30 Multiple Sclerosis The Kinder Side  
6:00 Horizon-Alternatives in Christian Ministry  
6:30 City Gardening-Fruit  
7:00 Green TV-Environmental  
9:00 Impact-Repeat  
10:00 Beaches Jazz Festival  
10:30 Ed's Night Party

### FRI. JANUARY 7

P.M.  
3:00 Jr. A Hockey-Repeat  
Readers vs Mississauga  
6:00 Horizon-World Deliverance Ministries  
6:30 Home Fixin's-Building A Deck  
7:00 OnTV-Live  
8:00 Crime Prevention Symposium  
9:00 Puppy Manners Matter  
9:30 Scarborough's Wildlife  
10:00 How to get a Job  
10:30 Page 10

### SAT. JANUARY 8

12:00 Avramis Greek Show  
1:00 The LemonAid Show  
2:00 Horizon-Alpha & Omega Mission  
2:30 Word  
3:00 Toronto's High Five  
3:30 Esso Challenge Cup  
6:00 Aerobics Alive & Well  
6:30 Community Magazine  
7:00 Undercover Safari  
8:00 Macedonian Nation  
8:30 Boxing at the Casino  
10:00 Youth Focus-Repeat

### SUN. JANUARY 9

12:00 Tai Chi  
12:30 Kallia Aragam  
1:00 Community Magazine  
1:30 Building Financial Security  
2:00 The LemonAid Show  
3:00 Centennial Game of the Week  
6:00 Science at Home  
6:30 Hai Horizon  
7:00 Jr. A Hockey  
Readers vs Raiders  
10:00 Rochelle Litman  
10:30 Mad About Golf

### MON. JANUARY 10

A.M.  
10:00 Scarborough Council-Repeat  
P.M.  
12:30 Focus on Photography  
1:00 RoundTable-Repeat  
2:00 Scarborough Council  
6:00 Horizon-Alternatives in Christian Ministry  
6:30 Rochelle Litman  
7:00 Scarborough Council

### TUES. JANUARY 11

P.M.  
3:00 Trillium Presents  
6:00 Horizon-Sufism  
6:30 Building Financial Security  
7:00 RoundTable-Live  
8:00 Multiple Sclerosis The Kinder Side  
8:30 Scarborough Gazette-Chinese  
9:30 Community Magazine  
10:00 Where Do Our Children Go For Help  
10:30 Healthy Workplaces

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the bronchial tubes of young asthma sufferers is one example. Coffee has also been found to be an effective therapy for allergic dermatitis and the blood pressures of elderly individuals decreased with caffeine intake, especially after breakfast, according to Heyden.

Heyden also reported that studies show that coffee is a viable pain medication and it has been

## Coffee More Healthful Than Thought

In its role as a morning wake up call or as a casual, lingering closer to a fine meal, coffee more than any other beverage, has a special place in people's dining habits. But North Americans' diets are under constant scrutiny and coffee and caffeine are often singled out as the bad guys. Until now, most scientific evidence showed that coffee had a negative effect on the body. This is not necessarily true. According to recent new medical and scientific studies of the effects of coffee and caffeine on the human body, the two can no longer be singled out as contributors to heart and circulatory diseases, high blood pressure, various cancers, miscarriages, diabetes, liver and gallbladder illnesses or stomach ulcers.

Professor Siegfried Heyden, an American epidermiologist, who spoke at the international coffee meeting of the Association Scientifique Internationale Du Cafe (ASIC) in Montpellier, France in June, said coffee has a beneficial effect on the body. Opening

## Home Furnishings Market

The dates for the 1994 edition of Canada's Home Furnishings Market (previously known as the Toronto Furniture Market) are Sun. Jan. 16, Mon. Jan. 17 and Tues. Jan. 18, and the site is the International Centre at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga.

The doors are wide open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with all three days of the show reserved exclusively for industry professionals. On display will be a wide array of home furnishings, light fixtures, decorative accessories, and bedding.

Canada's Home Furnishings Market will bring together a grand total of nearly 350 manufacturers from Canada and abroad. This year, for the first time, organizers are pleased to welcome some 40 manufacturers from the Canadian Juvenile Products Association, who will be displaying furniture and accessories for infants and small children.

In addition, some 60 manufacturers who maintain permanent year-round showrooms in the International Centre will be unveiling their latest collections at Canada's Home Furnishings Market.

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2:00 Avramis Greek Show  
3:00 Hai Horizon  
3:30 South Asian Focus  
4:00 Memories of Iran  
4:30 Author/Author Babad & Mulrooney  
5:00 Putting Technology to work for Canadians-Bill Gates  
6:00 Lyn McLeod's Ontario  
6:30 Canadian Spectrum  
7:00 MCA Metro Matters-George Ashe & metro councillors Images '93-People & Politics in Alternative Film Production  
8:30 The Labour Show  
9:00 Margaret Campbell Dinner To support women in politics  
10:00 Canadian Women Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Profiles & Panel Discussion  
11:00 Bob Cormier Show  
11:30 Ed's Night Party  
12:00 Beaches Jazz Festival '93  
12:30 Triumph of the Spirit Guitarist Dave Sinclair

### THURS. JANUARY 6

P.M.  
12:00 The LemonAid Show  
1:00 Empire Club-John Savage Premier of Nova Scotia  
1:30 Abbotsford Air Show  
2:00 Youth & Justice Forum  
3:00 JDF Fashion Show  
4:00 Highway 10-Rick Fielding Acoustic Workshop Guest, Darcy Ward  
4:30 Your Money  
5:00 MPP Mammoliti NY  
5:15 MPP Turnbull NY  
5:30 MPP Churley T.EY  
5:45 MPP Poole  
6:00 Horizon Alternatives in Christian Ministry  
6:30 Adopt A Pet  
7:00 The Connection: Substance Use & HIV  
7:30 Talking Sex  
EYE Weekly Update  
10:00 MCA: Beaches Jazz Festival Warren Hill, Jon Lucien Miki Howard  
10:30 Ed's Night Party  
11:00 Empire Club  
11:30 Highway 10-Rick Fielding Acoustic Workshop Darcy Ward  
12:00 City Gardening  
12:30 Bob Cormier Show

### FRI. JANUARY 7

P.M.  
12:00 Field of Greens  
1:00 Good Afternoon TV  
2:00 Author/Author!  
2:30 Chair-exercise  
3:00 The "No Stepping On Worms" Show  
3:30 Checkers The Clown  
4:00 Women On The Move  
5:00 MPP Reports  
5:15 MPP Marchese T.EY  
5:45 MPP Johnson NY EY  
MPP Tim Murphy  
6:00 Horizon: World Deliverance Ministries  
6:30 Rogers Sports Event Of The Week-Esso Challenge Cup All-Stars  
9:00 MCA: Puppy Manners Matter Training Your Puppy  
9:30 MCA: Scarborough's Wildlife  
10:00 MCA: How to Get a Job Tips & Strategies with Bill Gibson  
10:30 Page 10-Local media reps discuss current issues  
11:00 Beaches Jazz Festival Warren Hill, Jon Lucien Miki Howard & an 8 piece band  
\*\*\*EYE Weekly Update  
11:30 Ed's Night Party  
12:00 A.M.O.K.

### SAT. JANUARY 8

A.M.  
8:00 Sociology 323

### SUN. JANUARY 9

A.M.  
8:30 Poli-Sci 215  
9:00 Women on the Move  
10:00 Memories of Iran  
10:30 South Asian Focus  
11:00 Hai Horizon  
11:30 Newcom TV  
P.M.  
12:00 Avramis Greek Show  
1:00 Cominidad en Accion  
1:30 Hooked on Fishing  
2:00 Rogers Sports Event of the Week  
3:00 Canadian Spectrum  
5:00 Good Afternoon TV  
6:00 Empire Club-Hon John Savage, Premier of Nova Scotia  
6:30 The Labour Show  
7:00 Healthy Living-Dr. Mary Goldhawk (Chiropractor)  
7:30 Hooked on Fishing  
8:00 The LemonAid Show  
9:00 Job Search  
10:00 Real-Movie Reviews  
10:30 Canadian Music Competitions Bach Program  
11:00 Independent Visions-The Work Independent Canadian Film Makers  
12:00 Platform-Motivational Speakers with Host Cliff Jones

### MON. JANUARY 10

P.M.  
12:00 Canadian Women Entrepreneur of the Year Awards  
1:00 Canadian Club-Richard Barton Pres. Xerox Canada  
1:30 Author/Author! William Thomas & David Everett  
2:00 Cominidad en Accion  
2:30 Newcom TV  
3:00 Adopt A Pet  
3:30 Canadian Music Competition Nadine Thiru-Chelvam Sherry Garner  
4:00 Thunder on the Grand  
5:00 MPP Caplan NY  
5:15 MPP Lankin T.EY  
5:30 MPP Peruzza NY EY  
5:45 MPP Malkowski T.EY  
6:00 Horizon Alternatives in Christian Ministry  
6:30 Your Money-Financial News & Information with Steve Pearl  
7:00 Heartbeat Women's Issues  
7:30 Beaches Jazz Festival

## Pharmacy Assistant Course

Scarborough's Centennial College has launched an innovative program to train technicians to work alongside pharmacists preparing prescription drugs. The Pharmacy Assistant program is one year in length and offers seven weeks of practical experience in a pharmacy setting.

The new program is a response to the 1990 Lowy Inquiry into the pharmaceutical profession in Ontario. The report recommended the creation of a pharmacy assistant function to perform "technical, product-oriented tasks", freeing the pharmacist to concentrate on patient-oriented drug therapy monitoring and advice.

Centennial's program focuses on understanding the use of medications in disease control, pharmacy legislation, drug preparation, computer skills, purchasing and inventory control, among other subjects. Four weeks of field placement in an institutional setting and three additional weeks in a retail pharmacy round out the curriculum.

The pharmaceutical industry has shown strong support for the new program. All of the hospital pharmacies and 65 per cent

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6:30 Word Youth TV  
7:00 The Funny Pages  
7:30 Canadian Music Competitions  
8:00 The Connection Substance Use and HIV  
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10:30 MCA Healthy Workplaces Solutions Toward A Healthy Workplace  
11:00 Talking Sex  
12:00 Word Youth TV  
12:30 Stormy Monday



of the drug stores contacted by Centennial have agreed to provide work placement for its students. The Pharmacy Assistant program is scheduled to begin in September, 1994. For more information, contact Centennial's School of Health Sciences at (416) 698-4097.

## Mobile Crisis Program

Resulting from the joint efforts of consumers, family members, service providers, local planners and the Mental Health Coordinating Group of Scarborough, a new Mobile Crisis Program has opened in Scarborough.

It will assist Scarborough residents ages 16-65 with major mental health disorders who are experiencing a psychiatric or psycho social crisis. It will also be available for family members of the psychiatrically ill, who themselves may be in crisis.

The service consists of a 24 hour telephone crisis help line and a 16 hour mobile crisis intervention team. The team will respond, to the site, during the evening and night hours. Services are offered 7 days per week.

"The program's objective is to provide rapid assessment, supportive crisis counseling and to introduce appropriate interventions. The program will also encourage connections and admissions to other services within the community such as case management, housing, hospitals, and other formal and informal supports," says Sandy White, the Program's Manager.

## JC Ski Jump Starts Season

JC Ski is a non-profit recreational ski club that has served the Japanese/Canadian community for 15 years. The club invites skiers of all ages and levels to go to various Ontario and New York ski resorts by bus on Saturdays from January to March. This year there will be 10 trips. Free ski assistance is available to members at the beginner and intermediate levels.

There are two convenient east and west end bus pickup points in Metro.

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Complementing the ski trips, there is a wide variety of social activities for everyone. The activities range from Family Ski Day to social dinners and the activities continue into the summer.

JC Ski is a great place to make new friends all year round.

Come out and meet us. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends and have fun. If you would

like to join JC Ski, the membership fee is \$48.

There are discounts for families/couples, children, students and seniors. There is a special 2-for-1 membership offer. With this offer, two people joining JC Ski for the first time can both join for the price of one membership. This offer is valid until Jan. 15, 1994.

For more information on JC Ski, phone the JC Ski Snowphone at (416) 510-2152.



## YMCA Honours 3 Volunteers

Three exceptional volunteers were honoured at the YMCA of Greater Toronto's Volunteer Recognition Event, held Oct. 19th at Metro-Central YMCA. Since the YMCA has more than 8,500 volunteers who collectively gave more than 116,000 hours of service to the Association, choosing only three to honour was especially difficult.

Honoured for their outstanding contribution to the association were Todd Hewitt, John Keyser and Jocelyn Peeling. They were presented with the 1993 Royal Copenhagen Presentation Mug which has a pewter disc in the base specially inscribed for each recipient. Above from

left: Helen Sinclair, chairman of the YMCA of Greater Toronto, Jocelyn Peeling, volunteer with the YMCA Learning Opportunities Program and Richard R. Bailey, president of the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

Jocelyn Peeling, a resident of York Region, has been a volunteer with the YMCA Learning Opportunities Program for over three years. Most of this time, Jocelyn worked two nights each week as a tutor. In this capacity she helps a learner - whom we shall call Tina, (although that is not her real name) - to improve her reading and writing skills.

Jocelyn's work goes far beyond literacy tutoring.

She and Tina often take outings and field trips, which are fun as well as educational. The bond between the two is one of friendship, despite the intense learning taking place.

## Annual Men's Basketball

The 15th Annual Colt Classic Men's Basketball Tournament is being held on Fri. Jan. 7, Sat. Jan. 8, and Sun. Jan. 9, at Centennial College Progress Campus DEL Gym (Markham Rd. and 401).

This year, teams from Ontario, Quebec and Alberta will be shooting to win the 1994 Colt Championship title. Two time reigning champions Humber College Hawks will try to defend their title and go for a third victory.

Quebec's Champlain (Lennoxville), John Abbott (St. Anne De Bellevue) and Maisonneuve (Montreal) will try to stop them, along with Calgary's Mount Royal and Ontario's Seneca (North York), Sheridan (Oakville) and Centennial (Scarborough).

Competition this year proves to be fast and intense. Admission is \$3 for a day pass or \$5 for a tournament pass. The Colt Classic is sponsored by Coca-Cola and Brooks Shoes.

## St. John Ambulance Courses

The following courses will take place at 210 Milner Ave. in Scarborough.

### Heartsaver (CPR)

This will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thurs. Jan. 6. The cost is \$34.

### Standard First Aid Basic Rescuer (B.C.L.S.) CPR

This course will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. Jan. 7th to Sun. Jan. 9th. The cost is

\$96. Standard First Aid With Heartsaver Component

This course will run from Mon. Jan. 10 to Tues. Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost will be \$76.

### Basic Rescuer (B.C.L.S.) CPR

This course runs from Mon. Jan. 10 to Thurs. Jan. 13 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. with a fee of \$61.

## Community Sports Notes

### First Steps To Trans Canada Trail

A proposed Trans Canada Snowmobile Trail will be one step closer to completion after 40 prominent Canadian

snowmobilers make the 1500 km. trek from Barrie, Ont. to Fredericton, New Brunswick. Dubbed "Rendezvous '94" and organized by the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO), the ride has attracted high profile riders from each provincial snowmobiling association as well as government and media participants.

"Rendezvous '94 will ride exclusively on an existing network of connecting snowmobile trails in Eastern Canada," states CCSO President Harold McAdam, "and highlight the inter-provincial cooperation necessary to build on Canada's \$1.4 billion snowmobiling economy. Our eventual goal is to join Canada from coast to coast with a snow highway in the grand tradition of our forefathers who built the first trans Canada railway."

As host for Rendezvous '94's launch from Barrie area on Sat. Jan. 22nd, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) is organizing a media reception and coordinating local guides and grooming operations across the TOP (Trans Ontario Provincial) E Trail that bisects central-eastern Ontario and links to Quebec trails near Arnprior.

A special stop in the nation's capital is scheduled on Jan. 24th to focus federal attention on Canadian snowmobiling. Thereafter, Rendezvous will continue on Quebec and New Brunswick trails, finishing up on Jan.

29th in Fredericton.

The OFSC's TOP Trail Map details the extensive network of snowmobile trails being developed under SNO-TRAC and is the federation's equivalent of a provincial road map. A hundred thousand copies have been distributed throughout Ontario by the OFSC to encourage snowmobile tourism and to call attention to this incredible winter resource.

The joint trail permit, commemoratively called "Rendezvous", is a first in international snowmobiling. Designed by award winning Toronto graphic company LithArt Associates, the joint permit allows snowmobilers from either province hassle-free access to 60,000 kms. of the world's longest and best snowmobile trails for one low price.

Both the joint permit and Rendezvous '94 have their antecedent in a "Rendezvous '91" ride through Ontario and Quebec that has obviously paid large dividends for snowmobiling over the intervening years by forging a closer working relationship between the OFSC and the Federation des Clubs de Motoneigistes du Quebec (FCMQ).

The OFSC is inviting local snowmobile clubs along the proposed route to join Rendezvous '94 as it passes through their area as a reminder that the economic success of Ontario snowmobiling depends on grassroots support and thousands of community volunteers.

### Williams In Indoor Games

Freddie Williams of Brampton has confirmed he will run in the Hamilton Spectator Indoor Games on Jan. 14th, 1994 at Copps Coliseum.

The middle distance star became the first Canadian male to qualify for an Olympic or World Outdoor Championship 800 m final since 1964 Olympic silver medalist Bill Crothers, when he ran to a sixth place finish in the Stuttgart World Championships last summer. In doing so, Williams established a Canadian record of 1:45.13, this breaking Crothers 25-year old mark.

At the 1993 World Indoor Championships, held in Toronto's SkyDome in March, the South African-born Williams finished fifth in the 800 m final.

In order to accommodate Williams, the event organizers have added the 1000 m to the evening program. Williams ran the 500 m last year.

Tickets for the indoor games are now on sale at all TicketMaster outlets, at Copps Coliseum box office or by calling (416) 872-5000. They are priced at \$14 for adults, and \$5 for children under 12.

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- HIV testing and counselling
- Support services



## Bill Watt's Worlds

### ON STAGE:

Tonight's the night! Crazy For You, opens officially early this eve at the Royal Alexandra where it should most certainly enjoy a long run. Full review follows soonest. What a fine beginning for a new year of theatre going!

A fine ending for the old year was the Toronto Operetta Theatre's presentation at the Bluma Appel of Orpheus In The Underworld.

The melodies from it are well known but North Americans rarely have the opportunity to see a theatre performance of this beloved Offenbach work. Considerably more than a tot of gratitude is in order for the T.O.T. for presenting it, albeit in a less than conventional manner.

For reasons best known to itself, T.O.T. has elected to present the work in a setting that owes more to a Fosse and Brecht than to Offenbach. And, the libretto has been almost relentlessly updated.

Mount Olympus has become Club Olympus, a lazy beach setting. Hades looks rather like a Berlin cabaret of the thirties. Topical jokes and references abound including a few about local politicians. It could all be more than a tad offputting save for two things: the wonderful music and the almost inspired performances that rescue good humour from descending into mere tomfoolery.

As Eurydice, Sally Dibblee sings beautifully and clowns nicely in a fine recovery role from the awful offal inflicted on her in the recent Nosferatu.

As Orpheus, Torin Chiles is suitably twittish while eschewing outright dottishness. Sings well, too.

Grant Cowan recalls the late Bert Lahr as he plays Styx, the valet to Pluto and Ramona Carmelly (Orpheus' mother) might well be a latter day Tessie O'Shea.

Top comic honours, if anyone's counting, however, must surely be accorded to Juan Chioran as Jupiter and Henry Ingram as Pluto. The former has the requisite saturnine countenance (no one ever refers to a jupertine) that wonderfully contrasts with his clowning.

Those who remember Billy DeWolfe can picture him in the role, except that Billy couldn't possibly sing as well as Don Chioran. Henry Ingram continues to impress with his versatility. We've now had the pleasure of seeing him in a variety of roles and enjoyed his portrayals in them all but believe that Pluto is his hilarious best to date.

All the cast members seem to catch fire from the aforementioned and enter into the spirit of fun. So too, do director Guillermo Silva-Marin and Mark

Dubois with his clearly affectionate conducting of possibly too enthusiastic musicians.

A wonderful show and too bad if you missed it.

### ON RECORD:

In the advanced sunset of his career, the late Bing Crosby recorded an album of popular songs with the Count Basie Orchestra. It didn't work. The man with the voice to which every other man once aspired was tired and though the rhythmic sense was still intact and the phrasing, impeccable, his voice quite simply no longer had what its owner needed for what he was trying to do. The cuts are rarely pressed now, not even for retrospectives. Better by far to remember the voice that was rather than the one it became.

Now, at an even more advanced age than was Der Bingle in his last kick at the can, Frank Sinatra has recorded Duets on the Capitol label. It's been around for some weeks but we've only recently got around to hearing it.

As you must know by now, Old Blue Eyes joins 13 of today's artists in re-recordings of his hits.

It's not bad, in fact, it's bloody good! Oh, Frankie's voice is now indisputably gone but his pizzazz (that's pizzazz, not pizzas) remains as well as his phrasing and superb timing.

Some might suggest that it's over produced but they're those who've forgotten if indeed they ever knew, the scrumptious musical arrangements and orchestrations of the fifties. Some of the original Nelson Riddle ones are here but, for the most part the arrangements are by Don Costa, the last of the giants and by Patrick Williams who also conducts.

Of considerable interest is the way in which Mr. Sinatra makes each artist rise above his or her own talents. Bono of U2 is a ridiculous performer who most surely doesn't deserve his popularity yet, when singing with Frank, I've Got You Under My Skin, he sounds almost believable. Ditto for Luther Vandross with The Lady Is A Tramp.

Best cuts? That's arguable but for The Column they are You Make Me Feel So Young with Charles Aznavour and Summer Wind with Julio Iglesias. All 13 cuts are enjoyable and the album should, and hopefully will, be a fine climax to an extraordinary recording career.

### IN PRINT:

Men who wear caps while eating and women who appear in public in kerchief covered curlers will wonder howinell "a human being makes love to a creature possessing eight arms, six legs, two penises and one vagina." Conglomeros by Jesse Brower



# Around and About

## Your Dining & Entertainment Guide



(Random House - New York) is not for them.

Those who enjoy the profitable novels of Stephen King and Anne Rice might enjoy Conglomeros but for all the wrong reasons.

Conglomeros is only for those discerning readers who enjoy and are properly distressed by Mary Shelley's Frankenstein or Shaw's Pygmalion.

Briefly, Conglomeros is a creature living in the dense forest of Roumania; a perfect and beautiful beast consisting of two female bodies, one male body, one head and a touchingly innocent attitude toward life.

A world weary snob finds her him it, falls in love with her et al and brings her, ah what the hell, to New York where he intends to mould the creature into the best that civilization can offer.

Instead, the creature becomes Connie, a freakish looking woman in a wheelchair who takes Greenwich Village by storm accompanied by a sleazy and second rate critic of rock music.

There's humour here but it's black humour and unsettling as such. There's merit in Conglomeros as a commentary on contemporary artistic mores except that it's been done before.

Interestingly enough, The Column was reading the book in a club lounge after the performance of an avant garde opera. Overhearing some of the conversations of those who had attended said opera, it was obvious some shared our thought that the work had been a specious piece of no value. Others felt it was soul stirring. The former will enjoy Conglomeros. It's doubtful if the latter would even appreciate it.

ON T.V.: Congratulations to Global Television celebrating its twentieth anniversary tomorrow. When it was founded, gainsayers predicted it wouldn't be successful and indeed, during the early months it appeared they might have been correct.

However, it survived, then thrived to the point where today it's one of the more profitable organizations of its kind while still offering quality programming.

Well done. FAST EXIT:

It is currently a time of purported political and social correctness. One suggests then that there might soon be much comment upon the title of Crazy For You mentioned earlier.

Spokespersons for those who are mentally disadvantaged might take umbrage at the word Crazy.

So, change the title to Infatuated By You. Wait a minute though: the weight handicapped could object to the inclusion of fat.

Alright then, re-title to Enamoured Of You. Nope, can't do that either. Brigit Bardot and the rest of her animal loving friends might object to a perceived suggestion of bestiality over the sound alike of ewe. That's to say nothing of conservationists who are trying to protect yew trees.

What to do then? The only safe title that comes to



## "Of Mice And Men" At Fairview

Stage Centre Production is presenting "Of Mice And Men" by John Steinbeck Jan. 6 to Jan. 22, Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Wed. Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. at Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (Sheppard Ave. E. at Don Mills Rd.)

"Of Mice and Men" is a tremendously moving study of the characters of two

roving farmhands, one of whom - "with the strength of a gorilla and the mind of an untutored child" - unwittingly murders a woman. His friend and mentor takes action to prevent his being apprehended by the law.

John Steinbeck, a Nobel prize winner, was his own dramatist for his original short novel.

"Of Mice And Men", which has known the success of television productions and two movie versions, is one of the truly outstanding drama of the American theatre.

For tickets, and reservations call 299-5557. Single tickets are \$15. Seniors students \$12. Group rates are available.

## "Enter Laughing" At Village Theatre

Scarborough Players proudly announces its opening show of the 1994 season, "Enter Laughing", at the newly renovated Scarborough Village Theatre from Jan. 8 to 15.

Written by Joseph Stein and adapted from the novel by Carl Reiner, "Enter Laughing" is the hilarious story of a stage struck youth in the 1930's. He

yearns to be an actor but there are many obstacles in his way, starting with his disapproving parents, a fraudulent theatre school and his own questionable talent.

Tickets are available through the box office at the Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. at Markham Rd., or by phoning (416) 396-4049.

Single tickets are \$10, however, seniors and students pay only \$8 on Thursdays. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more. Mastercard and Visa are accepted. The

show runs Jan. 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 at 8 p.m. and matinee performances are being offered on Jan. 9 and 15 at 2 p.m.

## Canada's Favourite Gardener At Centre

Regina based horticulturist, writer and media personality, Ken Beattie, is well known to audiences across Canada and the United States and will be speaking at the Civic Garden Centre in Toronto on Tues. Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.

The audience will enjoy a slide tour of some of Great Britain's most popular gardens in early Spring including Hidcote, Edinburgh Botanic Garden,

Sissinghurst and Kew. Of particular interest will be a look at the 14th World Orchid Congress in Glasgow, Scotland.

Ken appears weekly on the national CBC television show "What On Earth", as well as hosting his own weekly cable show. He is a regular guest on David Tarrant's Canadian Garden program out of Vancouver and a frequent visitor to talk shows such as CBC's Morningside and Quirks and Quarks.

Beattie's presentation will be of interest to all who garden, novice and expert alike. Ken will share his

keen interest in orchids, gardens in general, people and travel - a pleasant escape from one of winter's cruellest months.

Admission is \$4 and parking is free. The Civic Garden Centre is easily accessible by TTC.

Seniors need help, especially during the winter, getting to doctors appointments. If you have a car and are available during the day you could be of tremendous help.

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# travel

## Saddle Up & Come On Down To Houston, Texas

Every year cowboys and wannabe cowboys venture down to Texas for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, one of the largest rodeos in the world. Even the astronauts at Houston's NASA/Johnson Space Centre slip out of their space suits and put on their cowboy boots, jeans, and hats and join everyone in the rodeo extravaganza.

The Bayou City's rollicking good time starts Feb. 19 and continues to Mar. 6, 1994. Cook-offs, "go Western" days, trail rides and rodeo-themed parties take place throughout Houston for 17 fun-filled days.

The Rodeo parade officially kicks off the event when approximately 6,000 trail riders mosey into town. They are accompanied by over 4,500 runners for the 10k Rodeo Run which starts from downtown and finishes at the Astrodome, home of NFL's Houston Oilers and baseball's Houston Astros.

Whet your appetite on Feb. 17 and 18 as local barbecue chefs compete in the "the Best All Around Bar-B-Crew". It takes place outside the Astrodome so after you finish eating the tantalizing BBQ dishes, go on a tour of one of the most interesting indoor sports facilities in the world.

The Astrodome is also home to the rodeo competitions. Professional cowboys will dazzle visitors with their amazing skills in steer wrestling, bareback bronco riding, calf roping and barrel racing.

The good times continue at night with concerts by performers like Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Garth Brooks, and Houston's own Clint Black. For tickets and information call the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at (713) 791-9000.

It's not only cowboys who like to have a good time. Visitors don't want to miss Mardi Gras on Galveston Island, just a short 45 minute drive southeast of Houston. The traditional festival of feasting and merrymaking has been publicly observed here since 1867. The city wide celebration runs Feb. 4-15, 1994 with seven colourful parades and processions, 20 masked balls, a dozen art exhibitions, mask-making workshops and costume contests.

This year's Mardi Gras salutes the classic epics and mythology of ancient Greece. On Feb. 12th a special Knights of Momus Grand Night Parade: "A Greek Odyssey" will be held with giant floats depicting heroic characters from Homer's Odyssey, as well as 20 marching bands and many other costumed characters. The sounds of Greek bouzouki music, rock n' roll, Zydeco and World Beat will be heard Feb. 5 and 12th on the lavishly decorated streets in the historic Strand District of Galveston Island. For further information on the Mardi Gras call the Galveston Island convention and Visitors

Bureau at (409) 763-4311.

The cultural spirit flourishes at the Houston International Festival, one of the largest festivals in the United States, taking

ElderTreks, the Canadian company offering adventure tours for travellers 50 and over, has recently released its new brochure for trips operating from February '94 to February '95.

Eleven different tours are listed, ranging from Vietnam to the Galapagos Islands, where every tour is designed to take travellers off the beaten track, while maintaining reasonable levels of com-

fort. "I like to think of our travellers as having young and curious minds that somehow happen to be in somewhat older bodies. That's why we provide a few more creature comforts without sacrificing any of the great experiences for travellers 50 and up," says Toy Mason, president of ElderTreks.

The trips emphasize learning about a country through active programs, with an emphasis on interacting with local

cultures. As a consequence you can find "Elder Trekkers" having dinners in local homes in Indonesia, trekking into tribal villages in North Thailand, or exploring tribal longhouses in Borneo.

An attractive feature of many ElderTreks tours are the "adventure options" in which tour participants can choose between rigorous physical activities and tribal homestays, or follow a more comfortable itinerary utilizing charm-

ing guesthouses in remote areas.

In addition, new programs for the coming year feature diverse itineraries in Australia, Belize, and on the Caribbean Islands of St. Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago.

For more details, or to receive a copy of the new brochure, call or write to ElderTreks, at 597 Markham St., Toronto, Ont. M6G 2L7. Telephone (416) 588-5000.

## Gone with the wind

### Iceboaters set sail on the frozen lakes

By Dianne Pinder-Moss  
For the EMC Record News

Many people talk about love at first sight. For Stan Seitz and Pete Bunnett, it was love at first ride.

The two Ompah residents are avid iceboaters, having had a love for the sport since they took their first sail.

While a relatively new phenomenon in the Ottawa Valley, iceboating, or ice yachting as it is sometimes referred to, continues to increase in popularity throughout Canada and the northern United States.

Stan, who is also a soft water sailor, says the main difference between summer sailing and its cold-weather counterpart is the acceleration. Iceboats can reach speeds exceeding 80 mph. They travel four times the speed of wind. Recently, Stan was able to accelerate up to 55 mph while sailing around Canonto Lake.

Another advantage of the sport, says Stan, is the ease with which it can be mastered.

"It's very straight-forward," he said. "It doesn't take a long time to learn. I used to teach sailing in the summer through a program with the YMCA. I find it's a lot easier to teach someone sailing on ice or snow compared to water. An iceboat steers just like the kind of wagon we had as kids."

One of the big attractions of the sport is that, unlike summer sailing, you never get wet. Perhaps that's why, as Stan says, many people think winter sailing is warmer.

Pete is the novice of the two iceboaters, having only become "hooked" on iceboating a few winters ago. "I was struck by the sense of immediate acceleration and accompanying quiet," he said.

His counterpart, meanwhile, has been addicted to this form of sailing for over 20 years. He built his first boat during his university days in Chicago.

"I was hooked when I saw them," he remembers. "How simple they looked but how fast they could go."

The two men have turned their passion for the sport into a vocation. This happened while they were shopping for a new iceboat and visited a manufacturer in Hastings.

"Like the old Remington commercial, we liked the product so much we bought the company," Stan says.

In the warmth of their Vibration for the Nation workshop (the shop uses that name as Pete also builds drums and other musical instruments) the two men handcraft their product. This is a job that requires precision and plenty of patience.

The boats are fashioned from a combination of mahogany, basswood and ash with the most intensive part of the process, according to the two men, being the epoxy. The space-age epoxy is both used as a glue and a finish.

"There's quite a bit of choreography involved," says Stan. "It has the sense of an event itself."



Stan Seitz sails across the frozen lake before intrepid reporter Dianne Pinder-Moss bundles up for her turn at the driver's wheel - or driver's rope.

Pete act as ambassadors for iceboating. Their hope is that more people will warm up to the sport and the enjoyment it provides.

Not only is it environmentally friendly - the only sound is the wind and the action of the blades - they point out maintenance is next to nil, so once the initial investment is made, it's a free ride. A complete DN sells for under \$4,000. For those who feel like building their own DN, Pete and Stan can supply plans and all the necessary hardware.

Now optional steel edged ultralight style airplane skis easily adapt to changing ice and snow conditions. Ideal for beginners.

Iceboating is something the entire family can do and the boats are so lightweight (the model designed by Canadian Winter

Sailing Systems weighs 145 pounds sail and all) they can be easily transported on top of a car. There is also very little setup time.

"It'll take 15 minutes to put the boat together (at the waterfront) and five or 10 to take it apart," the winter sailor says.

Stan and Pete make it clear, however, that like most other sports, you can't fully appreciate the appeal of iceboating until you've experienced it firsthand.

"When I'm doing 40-50 mph, I'm only a couple of inches from the ice but I'm in total control"

Stan says. "Knowing you're just moving by the aid of the wind and your own ability is really a pleasure."

This reporter can attest this is an experience you won't soon forget. While I only had a brief sail, the wind chose not to co-operate that day, there was a tremendous sense of exhilaration as I sat in the cockpit with one hand pulling the sail in tight and the other steering the boat. I may not have been blown away by the wind but I certainly was by the boat.

To find out more about iceboating, information and brochures are available from Stan and Pete at Canadian Winter Sailing Systems, R.R. #1, Ompah, Ontario K0H 2J0 or call (613) 479-2335 or (613) 479-2855.

place from Apr. 20 - May 1, 1994. Over a million people enjoy the multicultural festival and this year's feature country is Italy. Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of Italy with an eclectic mix of performances, works of art, theatre productions, exotic and local foods, musical entertainment, and colourful open-air markets.

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"Houston is known for its NASA Johnson Space Centre but the city offers Canadians much more with an interesting mix of cultural activities," said William

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## Here & There In Pickering

by Diane Matheson



### Playground Fundraising

The Lincoln Avenue (Pickering Village) "Parent Advisory Committee" has taken on a major project this year. It is planning to install an exciting new playground. This will benefit all youngsters at the school and in the neighbourhood. In school hot dog days are Fridays: Dec. 10, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20 and June 17th.

Support students selling holiday ornaments and magnet fridge memos in the community during November. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Watch the barometer in front of the school to follow its progress. Target date for the playground is April 1994.

### St. Paul's Drop In

St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cr. in Ajax is running a pre-school parent child program on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Lots of activities are featured - toys, crafts, songs, painting, snacks and coffee and tea. Rates are reasonable. If you would like more information on registering your pre-schooler, call Susan at 428-9962.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Can you spare some time once a week to deliver meals for the Canadian Red Cross Society? Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers for its program. Call 420-3383 if you are interested.

### RINGETTE REGISTRATION

For over 30 years Canadian girls have been playing ringette. It's a unique winter team game that was invented in 1963 in northern Ontario by the late Sam Jacks. Ringette is being played by more than 60,000 players in Canada and is international too, currently being played in Finland, Sweden, Germany, Canada and the U.S. It is also a proposed spectator sport for the Winter Olympics.

Ringette is not only for fun, it is for fitness participation, competition, socializing, learning and teaching. Ringette is for mom, dad and sister; the beginner, the expert, and everyone in between. Ringette is for all ages and recreation and competitive programs involve players from aged five to 65.

If you are interested in becoming a Coach or a Team Manager, call Doug Standon, Coaching Coordinator at 686-1431.

For more information contact Sandi Norris at 428-7568.

### CHILD CARE

The Y in Durham have several quality locations for licensed child care for nursery aged, school aged and junior Y on a full and part time basis. Professionally trained staff provide a fun and stimulating program of age appropriate activities located in your neighbourhood schools and churches.

In Pickering school age programs for 6 to 9 year olds are held in the following schools: Frenchman's Bay Public School, Sir John A. MacDonald Public School, Vaughan Willard Public School, Lincoln Avenue Public School all in Pickering, and Lincoln Avenue Public School in Ajax. For more information on how to enrol your child in one of the Y's programs call 686-1828.

### ALATEEN

This group supports young people aged 12 to 20 who have alcoholic friends or relatives. If you would like to attend a meeting, they are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, King's Crescent in Ajax. Call 427-0338 for more information.

### CALORIE COUNTERS

Do you need some help and moral support in getting those extra pounds off? Maybe the Canadian Calorie Counters will work for you. They hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 1430 Bayly St. near the GO station in Pickering. The cost is \$1.25 each week with lectures and weigh-ins. Call 420-0746 for more information.

### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International is a worldwide human rights movement. Group 90 (Ajax-Pickering) meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Pickering Village United Church. Call Marv Sproul at 683-8019 for more information.

### WELCOME WAGON

If you are new to the area or have just had a new baby, call Dorothy at 839-6276 for information about the Ajax Pickering area.

## 20th Anniversary Of Durham Region

The Opening Ceremonies for a year long festival of Cultural and Sporting Events celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Region of Durham will take place at 2 p.m. Jan. 9th at Eastdale Collegiate, 265 Harmony Road North, Oshawa.

The exciting program planned for the Opening Ceremonies will officially kick-off 1994 - a year filled with over 360 events running throughout Durham Region. Everyone is invited to

attend. The program includes activities for all ages and will include the "Let's Celebrate Durham" song being performed by a region-wide choir. Refreshments, a Celebrate Durham Cake, entertainment, municipal displays and much more will follow.

Come out and discover what Durham has to offer. More information can be obtained from the Economic Development Department at 905-668-8000

## Scarborough Comes To Life At Half Way House

by Wendy Lewis

At the corner of Kingston Rd. and Midland Ave., painted on the outside wall of a convenience store, is a window into the past. It is John Hood's mural depicting the lovely old Half Way House as it was in the 1850s, situated at these same crossroads, a popular stopping place halfway between the farming community of Dunbarton and Toronto's Lawrence Market.

Although the Half Way House no longer stands here, Scarborough residents are fortunate that it was not lost completely. Moved to Black Creek Pioneer Village in 1965, the Half Way House is now fully restored to its original condition.

It was built by Andrew Thompson in the 1840s, during the great inn-building period, before stage coach travel was replaced by the railroad. At that time, Scarborough Township had a population of only 3,821, but as W. H. Smith wrote in 1851: "its proximity to market gives it important advantages. The farms generally appear to be well cultivated, and the occupants to be in comfortable circumstances."

Smith's records show that in 1850 Scarborough Township produced 101,227 pounds of oats, 90,608 bushels of wheat, 35,935 pounds of butter, 14,557 pounds of wool, 12,875 pounds of cheese and 9,002 pounds of maple sugar!

Much of that produce had to be carted to market along the Kingston Road, passing right in front of the Half Way House.

Weary travellers stopped here to refresh themselves with a plate of stew and a pint of whisky. It cost each traveller about \$1 for a bed, dinner, breakfast the next morning, and stabling for his horse.

Hanging on the bar room wall was an interesting list

of regulations imposed by Scarborough Township Council in 1851. The innkeeper could not harbour any "evil disposed person", nor "sell spirituous liquors to any child under 15 years of age" nor "to any person addicted to drinking to the injury of his or her family." There was, however, no fuss about bar closing hours back then. Legend has it that whisky and glasses were left out at night for latecomers to help themselves. They were expected to leave their payment behind, which they always did, in exactly the right amount.

Upstairs at the inn were five bedrooms, but in the busy season, travellers would also sleep on straw ticks on the ballroom floor. No one could be turned away in cold weather, and sleeping quarters were tight, so it was not unusual to find yourself with one, two, or three strange bed-mates! The ballroom was also used for community events such as dances, concerts, church socials, and political meetings.

At different times throughout its history, the Half Way House served as a post office, an ice cream parlour, a hardware store, and a radio shop. By 1965, however, the building stood derelict and boarded up - a sad end to its long and colourful history. The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, meanwhile, was searching for a 19th century inn to become part of Black Creek Pioneer Village. It was a perfect match.

The Old Half Way House was purchased for only \$1000, and for another \$12,000 was dismantled and moved to its new home where it was gradually restored, furnished and "brought to life" with costumed historical interpreters.

Throughout November and December, the Half Way House at Black Creek is decorated for a 19th century Christmas, complete with a "Kissing Ball" - a glorious bundle of apples, ribbons and evergreen boughs that inspires those beneath it to share the Christmas spirit with kisses!

Pay a visit to the Half Way House, and you will feel like you walked right

into John Hood's mural, and through a window into Scarborough's past.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is located at Jane St. and Steeles Ave. in north-west Toronto. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, and \$4.50 for seniors. Children four years and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call (416) 736-1733.



## Glider Pilot Graduates

Over the summer, Corporal Mark Davies, 16, of 110 Black Hawk Squadron (Agincourt) Royal Canadian Air Cadets earned his glider pilot wings after a 6 week training program this summer at the Central Region Gliding School at Mountainview, a small Canadian Forces facility near Trenton, Ontario.

Selected from amongst the more than 5,000 air cadets in Ontario, only 74 cadets attend this program annually. The selection process for this scholarship includes a written examination held in January and a formal interview with at least two directors of the Air Cadet League of Canada and pilots from the air cadet regional gliding centres. Each of the 103 air cadet squadrons can nominate up to 6 candidates for the 78 positions. The competition is tough.

The air cadet gliding program started 26 years ago with 1 aircraft. Now there is 17 gliders and 8 tow planes and most of the instructors are former air cadets who have stayed with the program as adults. During the cadet training year from September to June, gliding continues at regional centres where all air cadets have an opportunity to fly at least twice a year. Air cadet gliding is where many of Canada's commercial and military pilots first experienced the thrill of sitting behind the controls of an airplane.

## Need Volunteers

The Canadian Cancer Society, Agincourt and West Hill Units are seeking volunteers to serve in the following committees: Health Promotions, Fundraising, Patient Services, Volunteer Development, Communications, Medical Affairs and Reach to Recovery. No experience is required but motivation to serve the community would be appreciated.

Call (416) 293-7422 (Agincourt) or (416) 261-6942 (West Hill) for more

information.

The Health Promotions Committee of Canadian Cancer Society (Agincourt Unit), is seeking volunteers interested in attending a Sunsense training session on ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer. The free half-day seminar will be held in Mississauga. Car-pooling is available.

For more information, contact Tracey (905) 404-1429 or Marion (755-1891) by Jan. 7, 1994.

## "Past Times, Play Times"

Jumeau is on display in the McNair Gallery.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is open daily, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Past Times, Play Times" runs Dec. 26 and runs through to Dec. 31. The village is closed from Jan. 1 to Mar. 11, 1994, inclusive; reopening for the 1994 season on Mar. 12, 1994. For more information call (416) 736-1733.

## Pickering Council Notes

**Brock West Landfill Site**  
A number of citizens spoke to council about the Brock West Landfill Site.

Peter Pickfield, solicitor for PACT, said that Pickering has hosted a landfill site for the 20 years and have borne all the risks but the benefits have gone to Metro Toronto residents. He advised that Metro Toronto has ignored all the environmental requirements and has not complied with the laws. The site has been overbuilt and he urged council to take action in court.

Dave Ryan, 1028 Rouge Valley Dr. told council that this landfill site is and has been a blight on the town and urges council to take

action to close this site.

Sharon Alton, 2379 Denvale Dr. told council of her disappointment that Pickering Council, the Region and Jim Wiseman M.P. have once again allowed Metro to dump on Pickering. She questioned why a health study has not been carried out on the children of Pickering as to the affects the dump is having on their health.

Dan Leonhardt, 2379 Denvale Dr. demanded council take action now to close the Brock West Landfill Site.

Jackie Hughes, 265 Richardson St. asked council to start the litigation process against Metro Toronto.

David Steele, representing PACT, wants a full environment hearing if Metro Toronto moves landfill from the Brock North site to Brock West. He asked why Pickering was not informed that 24,000 gallons of leachate was pumped into Duffins Creek and why MTRCA did not post signs advising the public of the danger of swimming in this creek.