

**Letters**

# They had tough time getting New Year cab

For the past couple of years, the news media and people in general have voiced opinions on driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The Christmas season is especially one time of year it is best to take a cab; running the risk of accidents and all those spot checks are not worth it.

New Year's Eve is also popular and I know a busy time for cabs, because everybody seems to want a cab at 9 p.m. with a

return of 1 a.m.

This New Year's Eve my husband and myself along with two other couples had tickets for a dance at the Thornhill Community Centre.

Two days prior to December 31, we called the local cab company inquiring if they would transport three couples on New Year's Eve from Richmond Hill to Thornhill.

Their reply — "Yes, just call one to one and a half hours prior to departure."

We thought a station wagon would be better giving both the driver and passengers more room.

Again, the reply was "Yes, but an additional charge of \$3 would be added, because we had specified for the use of a station wagon."

That was agreeable with all concerned.

On December 31 at 7 p.m. I called for a cab. The lady who answered the telephone told me the cab would be at my house between now and 8 p.m.

I explained my previous day's conversation and requested a cab for approximately 8:30 p.m. The dispatcher said she would do her best.

I no sooner hung up the receiver and went into the bedroom when there was a knock at the door.

The cab had arrived.

My husband called the driver back to the door. I tried to explain that he was earlier than expected and had my wallet in my hand offering to pay him even though he was early.

Very abruptly he flung his hands in the air, implying no charge.

We asked if he would then return and very rudely were told he'd never return to this address again.

By 8 p.m. I once again telephoned, either the lines were busy or when it did ring, the lines rang about 30 to 40 times.

At 8:15 p.m. I ordered a cab and didn't bother explaining to the dispatcher my previous experiences.

Approximately 25 minutes later the cab pulled up and we proceeded to get into the cab. Once inside the driver asked us our destination.

He informed us his vehicle was a five-passenger car.

I instructed the cab to continue to the next address where the other couple were also ready to

# Fit sex education policy to class

From comments recently made to me about the Public School Board's stand on Sex Education, I read a growing consensus that policy on this subject should be fitted to the individual class.

Obvious reasons are the different priorities of different age groups and communities, as well as the fact that student peer groups tend to operate as class units.

These reasons are supported by growing awareness that parents and teachers can both get better results if their messages are mutually

supportive and are coordinated.

But there is a further need because each family is affected by what other class parents are teaching — or not teaching.

We may agree that a policy is needed — and it certainly is — but that policy must be acceptable to those affected.

It may be of general interest that a few elementary schools are starting to explore group discussions between the teacher and the students' parents.

Eric W. Baker  
Gormley

# Participation House wins

May we, through your newspaper, send a very warm thank you to the residents of York Region for their support of the Holiday Star Telethon for Cerebral Palsy held over Global TV December 30 and 31.

They surely responded and we are grateful.

More than \$1,000,000 was pledged across the province by generous donors, thereby making it possible to further the work on behalf of our severely physically disabled young adults.

The project to benefit in this area is Participation House Markham, and we

thank your paper for any publicity allowed us prior to the Telethon.

Everyone was great and of course Participation House Markham was the winner along with other Participation House projects across the province.

From all of our young people who are now and will in the future benefit from Participation Houses Projects across the province, thank you, York Region, for your generous support.

Shirley & Jack McRae,  
Telephone co-ordinators  
Markham, York Region

# Cheers for mayors

Three cheers to our Mayor Dave Schiller.

The same to Mayor Tony Roman, who, along with their more enlightened councillors have reached a significant decision regarding the hydro tower corridor.

Their meeting with Alf Stong last week has brought the concerns of the citizens of this area into the political arena where they can be dealt with effectively.

The question must be asked — why did the Mayor of Vaughan not attend this meeting?

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# Volunteer co-ordinator says thanks for story

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