

Computer firm for Pickering

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PICKERING — A major multinational computer manufacturing firm has announced plans to relocate its Canadian head office in Pickering.

Commodore Computer will construct a 125,000-square-foot plant and office building on the north side of Bayly Street, at Sanddybeach Road.

Commodore president and general manager Art Goodall says work will begin immediately, with hopes of meeting a pro-

jected completion date of March, 1984.

Goodall says the complex "will employ 200 people, some of whom will be from the area, and will produce the popular Commodore 64 and VIC-20 personal computers."

He says he doesn't know how many jobs would be available to Pickering residents, "but a good guess is probably around 100 people."

"Construction costs will be slightly over \$3 million," Goodall says, "and with the land on top of that, the whole

package will be in the area of \$4 million."

In making the move to Pickering, Commodore has a chance to consolidate all its Toronto-area interests in one centre. Currently, they're scattered in three smaller buildings in Toronto.

Goodall says this was a major reason behind the new building.

"We've got various parts of our operation all over the place now," he says. "It's not efficient."

The Pickering site was chosen over two alterna-

tives in Markham. Goodall says that as far as transportation time from Toronto was concerned "it was a very close toss-up between Pickering and Markham."

The deciding factors, he says, were low land costs and a "great tax rate."

The site selection process went quickly once the need for a major facility was established.

"It took six to eight weeks from front to back," Goodall says. "We moved into new facilities recently—our third plant in Toronto—and as soon as we moved in they were too small."

Now that the site has been purchased from Pickering landowner Bert Windberg, the Toronto-based Friedman Group has been given the green light to start development immediately.

"Surveyors are on the property right now," Goodall says. "And we (Commodore) will be working closely with the town and with the region in the next while."

The projected completion date of March, 1984, may be unrealistic, he says, but the company's going to give it a good shot.

"I don't know if it's feasible, but we're going to try. A lot depends on the weather conditions this winter."

Commodore manufactures furniture as well as computers. Goodall says that computer employees at the two existing Scarborough-based plants would be offered first crack at jobs in Pickering, while the furniture workers face a more uncertain future.

"The furniture people will be consolidated," he says, though noting "there will be job loss potential."

Pickering mayor Jack Anderson is pleased with

Commodore's decision to relocate in the town.

"It's the largest industrial development in Pickering in quite a few years," he says. "It's important to have a high-profile company because it can bring subsidiaries."

Pickering was considered by Commodore right from the start, according to the mayor, because of the price and location of the land.

"The company itself felt because of the transportation corridor available—Highway 401 and the CNR line—that Pickering was certainly viable," he says.

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Achievements recognized

Many graduates receive awards

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Secondary School held their annual commencement exercises on Saturday at 8:15

p.m. The evening recognized many award winning students for their talents and achievements through-

out their years at high school.

The top Grade 13 female and male student who displayed outstanding qualities in character, leadership, scholarship, and athletics were: Melissa Forrest—the Bank of Commerce Trophy and Elaine Latcham Award (\$200) and Joe Curtis—the Trinity Boys' Cup and Art Latcham Award (\$200).

The Grade 13 Board of Education Proficiency Shield Award and P.T. Bernhard Award for academic excellence were presented to Heather MacNaughton, who was the top overall student with a grade average of 92.5 per cent. She also won the IODE Mathematics and English Awards each worth \$75.

Other award winners included: Michelle LeBreux—the Legion Auxiliary History Award; Gary Bayard—the Kinsmen Club Science Award; Wendy Lewis—Quaker Hill Women's Institute Language Award; Esther Giles—Geography Proficiency Award; Sherri Siegrist—Highland Beverages Biology Award; Sonya Meek—Optimist Club Geography Award; Pam Myers—the Lion's Club Economics Award; Melissa Forrest—the W. Laurence Evans Band Trophy; Sandra Annand—the Baldwin Sales Music Award; Linda Evans—George Beare Music Award; Tracy Bell—the Elizabeth L. Knight Bursary; Joyce Dickinson—Glitsch Canada Ltd. Accounting Award; Beth Stewart—the Uxbridge Duplicate Bridge Club

Award; and Brad Ellis—the O.S.S.T.F. District 17 award.

Fourteen Ontario Scholars were each awarded \$100 for the completion of six Grade 13 subjects with a minimum average of 80 per cent. The recipients were: Gary Bayard, Joseph Curtis, Bradley Ellis, Melissa Forrest, Renee Jones, Andrew Locke, Heather MacNaughton, Sonya Meek, Pam Myers, Lesley Pritchard, Paul Riseborough, Jim Sheridan, Sherri Siegrist, and Beth Stewart.

Other awards and scholarships included: the Uxbridge Times Journal trophy—Peter Gregor; the Alex-Williamson trophy—Peter Foulds; the Al Torrance Electric trophy—Doug Tomkinson; the Baldwin Sales Machine Shop trophy—Richard Zillman; The Cat's Whiskers Library Award—Jayne Bradshaw; the Larry Pickering Construction trophy—Trevor Hickling; the Uxbridge Secondary School Art Award—Joanne VanMaurik; the Grade 12 Proficiency Shield and War Memorial Scholarship—Michelle LeBreux; the Matthew Dymond History Award—Brent Bauer; the Driver Education Award—Peter Locke; the Barbara Passmore Memorial Award—Mark Ford (advanced) and Richard Zillman (general); and the Uxbridge Secondary School Family Studies Award—Sherry Morris.

Students receiving the Letter 'U' Awards for high academic and extra-curricular activity achieve-

ment were: Brent Bauer, Denise Coppins, Mark Ford, Melissa Forrest, Esther Giles, Harold Kim, Sherry

Morris, Lesley Pritchard, and Ted Wiles.

The recipients of the General Proficiency Shields

for other levels were: Grade 9—James Bennett; Grade 10—Sherri McMillan; and Grade 11—Tom Hall.



Melissa Forrest displays a couple of the awards she received at the Uxbridge Secondary School commencement on Saturday night. Melissa won an Ontario Scholarship, the W. Laurence Evans Band Trophy, the Bank of Commerce Trophy, and Elaine Latcham Award.



Uxbridge Secondary School Principal, David Brown, (left) presents Joe Curtis, the top male student at Uxbridge, with his award. Joe won the Trinity Boys' Cup and Art Latcham Award along with winning an Ontario Scholarship.



Sanchia Mooney, of Claremont, (right) received the Pickering Lions Club Bursary from Virginia Sullivan at Friday night's commencement exercises at Pickering High School. Sanchia, 18, also won a subject award in music for highest proficiency. For a list of Pickering High School award winners, see page B-2.

Mouse market helps children

UXBRIDGE — "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

However, before this Christmas arrives, many mice will be active when the Mouse Market takes place in the Uxbridge Public

School Gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be mice in all different shapes and sizes. Some will take the form of gingerbread cookies while others will be finger puppets. Mice are the theme for this year's market, spon-

sored by the Uxbridge Public School Parents Club.

The event, which draws participants such as the Kinettes, the Time-Out Group, the Stonemore Day Care Group, and many individual women, is held annually to raise money to help the public school students.

The logo for the parents group is CLASS (childrens, library, arts, sports, and special events fund). Last year the group raised \$7,000 which was used to purchase playground equipment and this year a bulk of the money raised will go to the library.

"We're a small group, but

boy do we work hard," said member Ann Bell.

Almost everything sold at the market is handmade. Some of the merchandise includes crafts, apple dolls, homemade chocolates, ceramics, baking, and a variety of mice oriented crafts.

There will be muffins and coffee served and kids can win prizes if they play the bottle baffle. To urge the Christmas spirit on there will be Christmas music played throughout the day.

For further information on the Mouse Market contact Judy Seymour at 852-7450.

Claremont area man killed

CLAREMONT — A single vehicle accident has left a Claremont man dead and another man injured said Durham Regional Police of Uxbridge 26 Division.

Police said on November 6 Richard Brown, 31, of Paddock Road, R.R. 2, Claremont, was driving southbound on Conc. 7 near Sideline 10 when his car went into a ditch and

side-swiped some trees. The passenger, 30-year-old William Phillips, of Scarborough, was taken to a Scarborough hospital with injuries.

Further details were unknown, but police are still investigating.

GREENWOOD — A snowy November night turned fatal when a Greenwood woman was killed and her husband injured in a car accident on Hwy. 16, south of Ottawa, Friday.

An O.P.P. spokesman said 57-year-old Betty Marie Weatherston was killed as the northbound Oldsmobile she was a passenger in veered on the slippery road and collided with a southbound vehicle.

The passenger in the oncoming vehicle, Barbara

Scott, 37, of Ashton, was also killed in the accident.

Both drivers, Leonard Weatherston, 62, of Greenwood, and Gervase Cospello, 58, of Carp, Ontario, were taken to Brockville General Hospital in serious condition. Hospital officials stated Mr. Weatherston is presently in stable condition and Mr. Cospello is in satisfactory condition.

Police said the weather conditions were poor. No charges have been laid and there will be no inquest.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$5,000 for each vehicle.

Mrs. Weatherston is survived by her husband Leonard; children Dawn, David, Darlene, and Dean; and grandchildren Kristy, Robert, Kelly, and Katherine.

Funeral services are being held today (Nov. 9) at the Bullock & Pinkham Funeral Home, in Beaverton. Interment follows at the Stone Church Cemetery, Beaverton.

Reward raised to a record \$25,000

BROOKLIN — Durham Regional Police determined to conclude a year-long investigation into the death of a Brooklin man, have increased the reward to \$25,000.

Detective Bernie Fitzpatrick said the amount, originally set at \$10,000, has been increased to find more "concrete leads" into the death of 57-year-old Walter Clark Major, dragged by a van, August 7, 1982.

"It's the largest amount ever issued to this area," he said.

According to Fitzpatrick, Mr. Major was pursuing a van because the occupant or occupants had apparently stolen several tires from his property. When Mr. Major reached in the driver's side window to grab the ignition keys the van sped away dragging him approximately 400 feet. Fitzpatrick stated Mr. Major died as a result of his injuries.

When the event occurred, police issued a Canada-wide alert for the van, last seen heading north on the Ashburn Road towards Conc. 19. The van was believed to be a 1981 or 1982 G.M.C. Since the investigation began, Fitzpatrick said more than 2,000 vans and numerous people have been checked out in connection with the incident. However, "we're not getting too many good concrete leads," he said.

Various leads from coast to coast have been examined, he said. "We're even investigating something in Texas."

Fitzpatrick said the reward is for any information which could lead to the arrest or conviction of person or persons involved in the incident.

If anyone has information, contact the Durham Regional Police, 77 Centre St., North, Oshawa — 579-1520 ext. 223.

Collision claims two lives