

# Weekender

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## Claremont celebrates

The runner-up in Claremont's 1985 Winter Carnival pageant is the north Pickering hamlet's 1986 Snow Queen.

Susie Pekkinen, 15, was selected Thursday to preside over the third annual winter festival, which continues through the weekend.

Her Princesses are first runner-up Deanna Evans, 15, and second runner-up Dianne Painter, 16.

Sherry Carruthers and Tiffany Houston were also among the field of five finalists. Other contestants were Tammy Nelson, Donna Carruthers, Serena Greenbury and Pam Barber.

Carnival committee chairman Al Graham served as master of ceremonies while judging duties were handled by Altona's Jim Junkin and Claremont residents Mary Borland and Kitty McArthur.

Today's (Feb. 1) schedule includes a United Church pancake breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; Miller Mile foot race at 9:30 a.m.; and a 10 a.m. parade featuring mascot Mr. C.W.C. A Legion open house runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a variety of outdoor activities at the park until 5 p.m.

The gala Trappers' Ball goes tonight at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

If the weather co-operates Sunday, there'll be a youth-versus-35 and over hockey game on the park's ice pad at 11 a.m.; cross-country skiing from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Claremont Estates; Kahlua reception in the Masonic Hall from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; and a hymn sing and bean dinner beginning in the Baptist Church at 5 and continuing until 7 p.m.



## Can you do the Can Can?

The Town of Markham will be featured on the CHCH-TV show New Faces, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Several Markham area entertainers will be featured including the Laurie Thacker Dancers who will open and

close the show. Doing the Can Can (left to right) are Jane MacPherson, Vicki Baulch, Patricia Monette, Sonia Sisti, Frances Hillman and Starr Crocker. — Sjoerd Witteveen



Mr. C.W.C.

## Accused killer insane, jury told

Guy Paul Morin is a "deeply sick" schizophrenic who could not know if he in fact killed Christine Jessop, a stunned Ontario Supreme Court jury has been told.

Forensic psychologist Graham Turrall testified Thursday that, in his opinion, the accused killer is insane and possesses a "very tenuous hold on reality."

He told court that "in Mr. Morin's mind, the act of stabbing may have represented a magic wand, and he was touching her and giving her life...preserving her innocence in some strange, illogical way."

Defence lawyer Clayton Ruby said the defence witness's testimony is not intended as an admission of his client's guilt.

"I stress to you that Mr. Morin's position is that he did not kill that

girl..." he told the 12 jury members. "But we now know ourselves that Mr. Morin is quite strange."

The jury now has three possible verdicts: guilty, not guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity.

Earlier in the week, the 26-year-old bachelor took the stand and denied seeing Christine the day she was killed. Morin, who has pleaded not guilty to a charge of first-degree murder, also testified that whomever did kill the girl was "sick."

The nine-year-old Queensville resident disappeared from her home on Oct. 3, 1984. Her partially-clad, decomposed body was discovered nearly three months later in a wooded area near the Brock Township hamlet of Sonya.

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