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Stouffville's Rose Bowl

These roses at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club were planted nearly 40 years ago by George Saunders, an avid lawn bowler and horticulturalist. They're spectacular enough that participants fre-

quently take time out from their bowls to enjoy them. Eleanor Crossen (left) and Maudie Irwin are pictured here. The club is located in Stouffville Memorial Park.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Officers cleared

Two Ontario Provincial Police officers did not use unreasonable force to arrest a Stouffville teenager for impaired driving, an internal police investigation has determined.

However, the family of 18-year-old Shawn Leonard, Loretta Crescent, is calling for further investigation into the incident by an independent civilian body.

The OPP's professional standards branch in Toronto recently concluded a three-week investigation into Leonard's June 22 arrest.

In clearing the officers, Superintendent Bill Bowles said they "acted lawfully in the performance of their duty."

According to part of Supt. Bowles' letter to the man's mother, Carol Leonard: "I am satisfied they used only as much force as was necessary to physically detain your son following his recent arrest for impaired driving."

Leonard claimed two policemen grabbed him without provocation in the main room of the Minden OPP detachment.

He said the officers "pounded" his head against the cement floor after he had submitted to, and had undergone, two breathalyzer tests.

If a further inquiry is denied, the Leonards will attempt to have the officers charged with assault.

Leonard — who has worn a prosthetic device on his left arm since birth — told police investigators he was aware he could have hit the officers with the hook during the alleged attack. But he decided against such action "because they were police."

Aide worked for former minister's companies

A special assistant to former industry minister Sinclair Stevens admitted she continued to work for his family companies while she was on the federal payroll.

Shirley Walker made the disclosure Thursday while testifying at the inquiry probing conflict-of-interest allegations against Mr. Stevens, who remains MP for the federal riding of York-Peel.

He resigned his cabinet post on May 12 after a relentless opposition attack focused on a

\$2.6 million interest-free loan made to his wife, Noreen Stevens. The funds came from Anton Czapka, co-founder and minority shareholder of Magna International Inc.

Mr. Stevens denies knowledge of any transaction between his wife and Magna, which had received millions of dollars in grants from the industry ministry.

As the Toronto probe neared the end of its first week, Miss Walker maintained she never told the then-minister about the

million-dollar business transactions with which she was involved.

She also testified that she did not consider herself to be violating conflict guidelines set out for government employees.

A government worker must not engage in an outside management or operational activity of a commercial nature, according to these guidelines.

"I didn't consider that I had any outside activities," Miss Walker testified. "I was facilitating someone else's wishes, requests."

A letter introduced as evidence at the inquiry Thursday was designed to help a subsidiary of a Stevens-owned construction company qualify for federal incentive grants. It was signed by Miss Walker.

Commission counsel David Scott presented several letters and other documents signed by the aide on behalf of the Stevens' group of family companies. They were all endorsed by Miss Walker after she had joined the staff of the Department of Regional Industrial Ex-

pansion in October of 1984.

Mr. Scott showed her a letter dated Feb. 28, 1985 from Stevens-controlled Gill Construction Company to Haniel Bank Canada about paying \$200,000 towards a loan.

Miss Walker admitted the signature at the bottom was hers, but said she didn't write the note and didn't know who did.

The inquiry continues before Mr. Justice William Parker of the Ontario Supreme Court.

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