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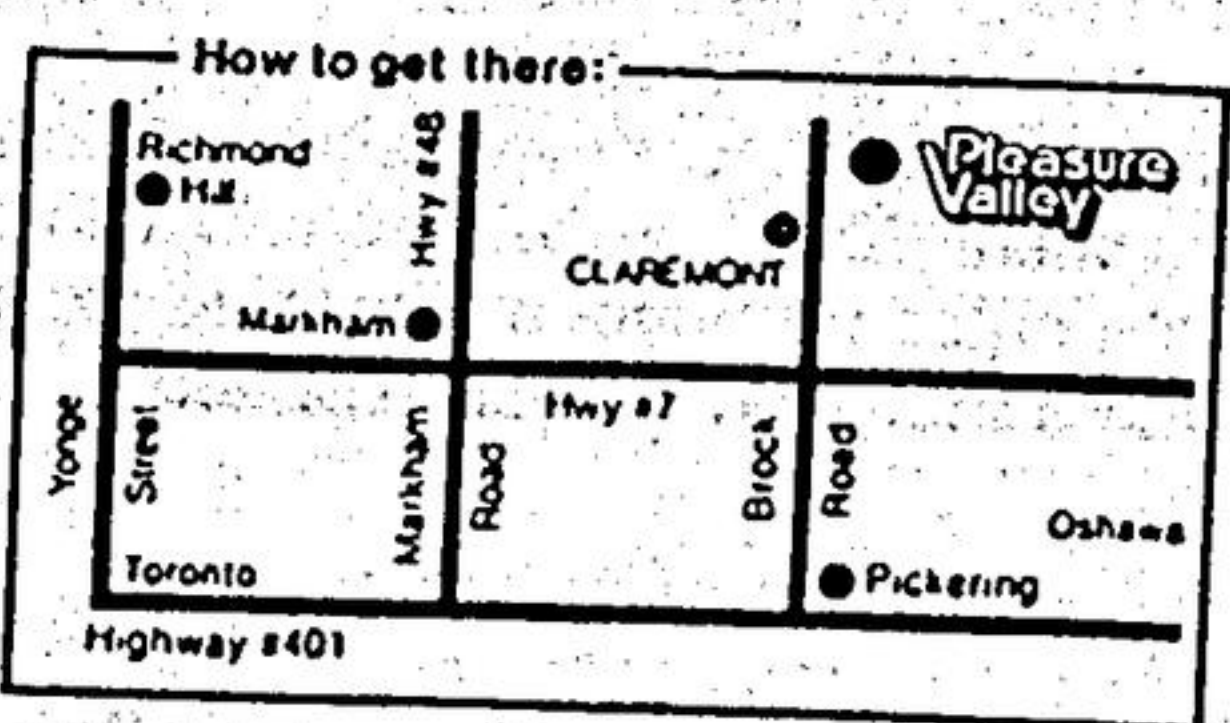


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Stouffville to host popular horse show

By ROBERT DONNELLY
The Stouffville-Markham area has become a mecca for horse breeders.

To this end, Stouffville's 150-acre Zweibrucken Horse Farm has been chosen to host this year's 16th Annual Canadian Hunter Breeders' Show.

The event, anticipated to draw almost 3,000 spectators, is slated for Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, and will promote the Canadian Hunter/Sporthorse.

Every year, according to a 1986 study on the horse industry, more than 16 million Canadians are attracted to horse shows and races throughout the country; more spectators than professional hockey, football, and baseball combined.

The Canadian love affair with horses is no more evident than in the Stouffville-Markham area, commented spokesperson Liz Shaughnessy.

"The sandy soil here is conducive to maintaining and training horses," she said.

"I come from the less enviable area of Caledon where it's clay and it's very hard on the horse...as a matter of fact you can lame a horse if you run them too hard," she explained.

Don Hargrave, the owner of a 25-acre Cashin Glen horse farm in Stouffville, added that the area's popularity for horse breeders has been on the rise.

"When I first came out here 40 years ago, it was primarily dairy and cattle country," he said.

"The feed mills will tell you that they sell more horse feed now than they do cattle feed."

Jim Elder, the longest standing member of the Canadian Equestrian team and the Gold medal winner at the 1968 Mexico Olympics described the region as "...one of the greatest horse areas in the entire world."

In addition to Mr. Elder's 1968 medal winner — Immigrant — many Olympic calibre horses have been Canadian Hunter/Sporthorses such as Big Dee (Canadian Jumping Team) and Mainspring (U.S. Jumping Team) to name a couple.

Horses will be judged on appearance and performance by Richard Stillwell — a British equestrian and coach for Princess Anne — and will be vying for \$2,500 in prize money.

Proceeds from the two-day event are to be donated to the Community Association for Riding for the Disabled (CARD).

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