

OPP investigators

Pyramid ring

Pyramid schemes attract people who want to get rich quick but it's more likely participants will lose their money, say Ontario Provincial Police investigators.

And the force's special investigation branch warns that pyramid players could find themselves arrested, fined and even jailed.

A ring called Pilot Investment Club, or the airplane pyramid, is operating in Ontario, according to an OPP news release. "Regardless of the name, all pyramid schemes are illegal."

Simple mathematics show most participants will be bilked of their money.

Here's how it works: A pyramid consists of 15 people. The person at the top is called the 'pilot'. The next level consists of two players called 'co-pilots' and the next level is made up of four people referred to as the 'crew'. The last layer involves eight participants called 'passengers'.

To work, the eight passengers each give the pilot an amount, called an 'investment', that can be as much as \$5,000 each. The usual amount of the schemes now operating is \$2,200.

Once he has his money, the pilot leaves and the group splits into two pyramids each piloted by the original two co-pilots. Everyone else moves up one row and another eight passengers are recruited for each of the two pyramids.

Theoretically, should one drop out and all 16 new players pay their investment money, the original co-pilots would receive their money and would depart the scheme. The two pyramids would be split into four.

If each pyramid was to fill and be split each day, the number of new members would double daily until the end of just two weeks when there would be 262,143 people playing. At the end of the third week, 33,544,431 persons would be needed and a mere three days later, 268,435,455 would be involved.

Cancer drive

The Markham branch of the Canadian Cancer Society invites you to a golf drive and putt at Fairwood Fairways (Markham Road north of Steeles).

Proceeds from the day will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society to aid research and services.

Your support will be appreciated, says Eleanor Malcom, one of the event organizers.

You should know...

That 33% of adults in Stouffville received none of the last four issues of the Stouffville Sun, compared to 28.2% who received none of the last four issues of The Tribune. (Sources: Kubas & Associates study, Spring 1985. Details on request.)

CORRECTION

The wrong hours were printed in the ad for Markham Bowl on Wed. Aug. 16 Pg. B4. The hours should read:
OPEN 7 DAYS
1:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Finale tonight

Tonight (Aug. 16) is the third and final night for Uxbridge's historic musical, The Temple of Fame.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. in Uxbridge Music Hall, located on Main Street south of Brock.

Rob Corbett of the Boot-strap theatre group adapted the melodramatic farce from a script first performed in Uxbridge back in 1902.

Also in the cast are Dorothy Partridge, Bill Bagshaw, Mary Van Wyck, Ian Ball, Jemmie Phillips and Tania Markle.

Tickets, \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens.

So who wins in the pyramid game? According to the OPP, the answer is — almost no one.

And who loses? Simple mathematics show that aside from the hustlers who set up the pyramids, and whose names are at the top, everyone else will lose.

Contrary to what participants are told at meetings, police undercover officers are attending organizational sessions of the Pilot Investment Club and other such schemes operating in Ontario — and arrests are being made.

The Criminal Code provides for a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and fines are unlimited.

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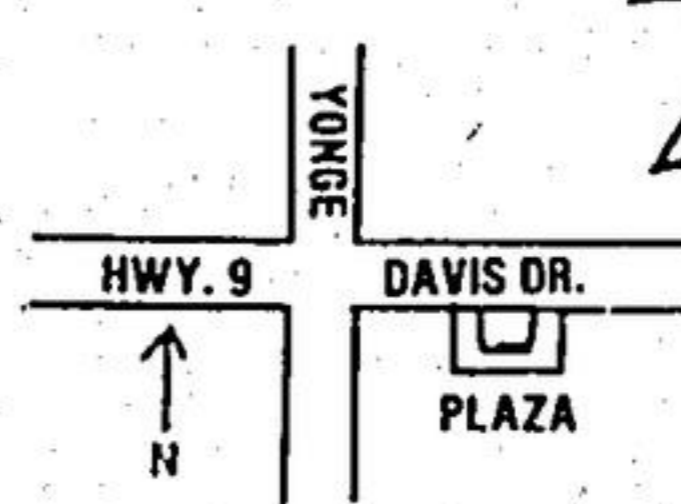
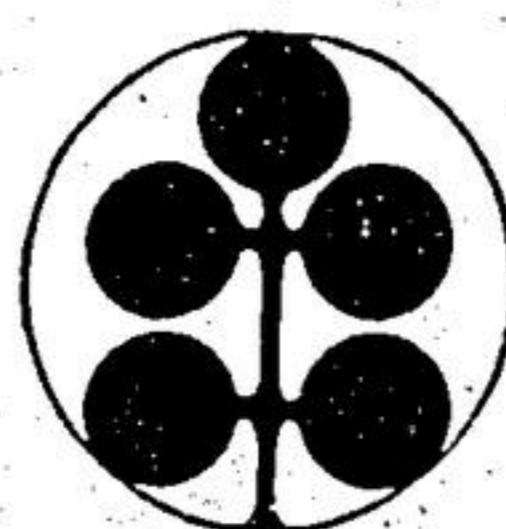
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