



Cycle crushed

This Suzuki motorcycle lies in a mangled heap after an accident Thursday morning involving two Unionville High School students at the intersection of Apple Creek Blvd. and Hollingham Rd. Motorbike rider Michael Connolly, 18, was taken to Scarborough Grace Hospital with cuts to his legs and arms. Police said charges are pending against the driver of the other vehicle.

— Sjoerd Witteveen



\$15,000 damage

Markham firefighters drag charred debris from a burnt-out garage on Gainesville Ave. in Unionville. Deputy Fire Chief Bob Reid said the blaze started Thursday afternoon after some fuel ignited when an overheated lawnmower was being refilled. The fire caused an estimated

\$15,000 damage to the Tatem residence. Don Turner (below) was playing with his son in a neighboring yard when he saw the smoke and rushed over with a garden hose to battle flames on the garage roof.

— Bill Lanning

Enraged parents demand action

By PAUL PIVATO
Staff Reporter

A group of angry Raymerville parents told school board officials they don't want their children bused out of Markham at an emotionally-charged meeting Tuesday night.

Local school superintendent Terry Gray told the crowd of about 60 people that there may be no room for Raymerville students at the congested Markham District High School (MDHS).

"The answer is not to jam more people in there," said Mr. Gray. But he added that the board would be "as flexible as possible" in accommodating Raymerville students.

A recent board proposal says students now attending Ramer Wood Public School may be bused to high school in Milliken or Stouffville in 1988 once attendance at MDHS is capped.

Tom Johnston, spokesman for a coalition of parents known as the Ramer Wood Action Group, called upon parents to "check the

legality of the proposal."

"Why should our kids be discriminated against?" he said, standing before the crowd. "It's totally unfair and unjustifiable."

One parent, her voice tinged with anger, said she had reached the point where she would "pack up and get the hell out of here and go where they have room for our kids."

Another parent, obviously frustrated by the opening delay for the proposed Quantztown High School, urged parents "to get together and dig the (foundation) hole now."

Provincial Liberal candidate Gail Newall, also in attendance, promised the crowd she would try to arrange a meeting with Education Minister Sean Conway concerning the building of a new high school.

Steve Langford, a Graham Cres. resident who has two sons at Ramer Wood, said he would "either move or defy" the busing proposal.

Havoc at hydro

Last weekend's storm wreaked havoc with the town's hydro system throwing some businesses and residences into darkness until early Sunday morning.

"Natural disasters and storms continue to be our worst enemy," says Bob Dyer, Markham Hydro's consumer services superintendent.

Lightning knocked out about 10 transformers in clusters around the town driving repair workers out into the downpour.

The worst interruption of service threw several hundred houses in the Raymerville and Water Streets area into blackness.

Also, three transformers in the Delmark Road-Ashland Crescent area were knocked out along with

two residential transformers south of Hwy 7 and east of McCowan Road.

A primary cable feeding the apartment at 14 Dublin Place was hit late Saturday afternoon cutting off lights and elevators. Markham Hydro wasn't called until 8:17 and finished repairs after 3 a.m. Sunday.

In addition, two transformers in the IGA plaza on Main St. were zapped.

Mr. Dyer also said the utility company received 30 to 40 calls from the rural areas on the outskirts of the town.

"We had a worse summer last year than we've had so far this year," he added.



DON TURNER
Neighbor saw smoke

Mackay denies conflict in Humane Society work

By BRUCE ETHERIDGE
Unionville naturalist Barry Mackay "unequivocally denied" allegations of conflict of interest in his appointment as wildlife co-ordinator by the Toronto Humane Society.

As part of an investigation into the Toronto Humane Society's use of funds, Stanley Sokol, counsel for the Public Trustee's office, cited Mr. Mackay for conflict of interest in Ontario Supreme Court on May 19. All public charities fall under the jurisdiction of the Public Trustee's office.

Mr. Sokol said Mr. Mackay continued to serve and attend Toronto Humane Society Board of Director meetings after he had been hired as wildlife co-ordinator. The newly created post is a \$30,000 a year salaried position.

Mr. Mackay said he was "flabbergasted" by the allegations. The night he was offered the salaried position, Mr. Mackay said he turned in his resignation to the board. It was accepted, he said.

According to Mr. Mackay, a Toronto Humane Society bylaw permits employees to serve as board members. But he "didn't want the appearance of a conflict," he said. So Mr. Mackay resigned.

Mr. Mackay also denied he was

promised the position of wildlife co-ordinator if, as a member of the Society's Board of Directors, he voted in support of Vicki Miller's takeover bid.

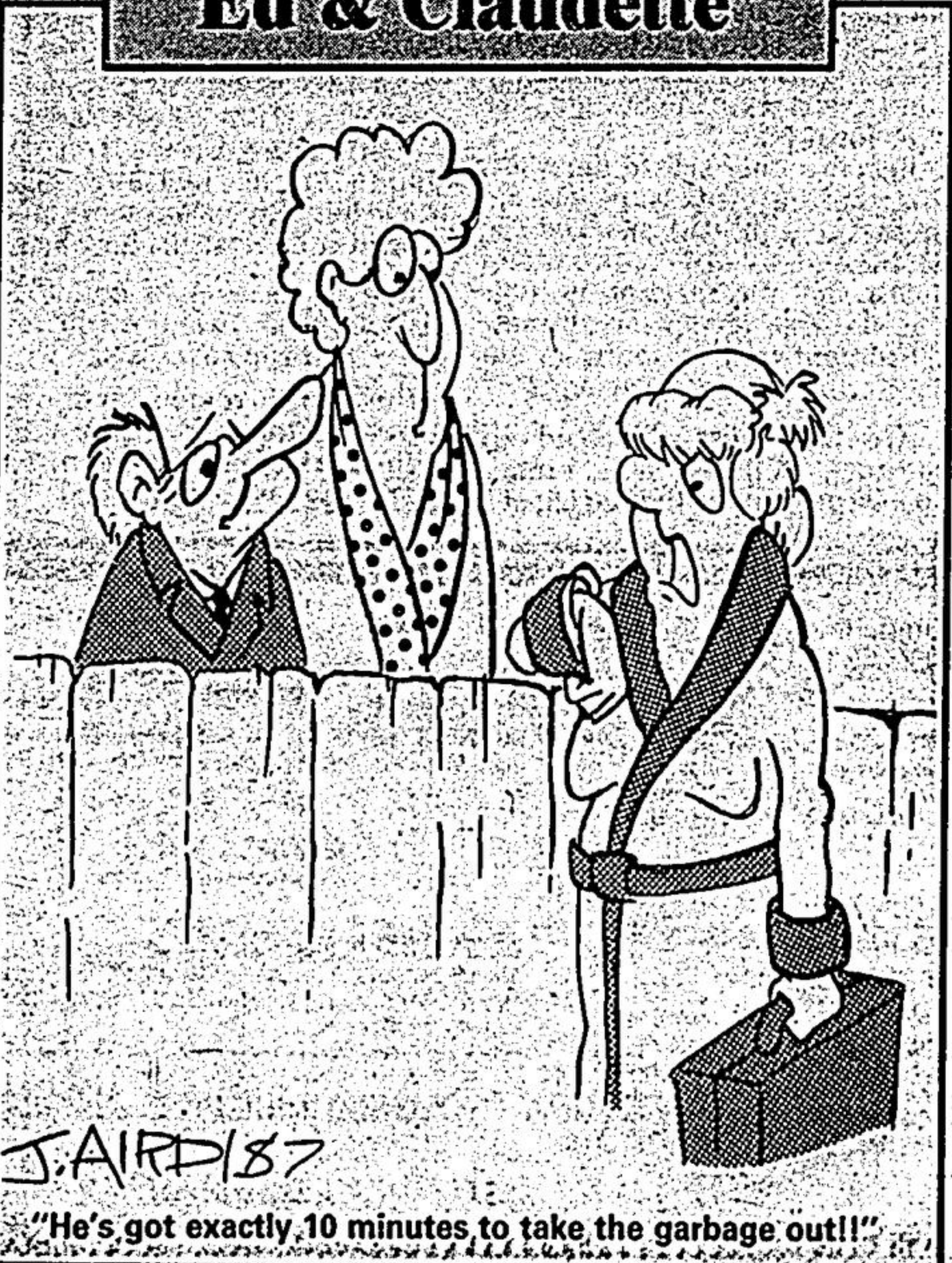
Ms. Miller, president of the animal activist group Arc II, and other Arc II members gained control of the Toronto Humane Society early last year.

But Mr. Mackay maintains that while he may agree with the Arc II's mandate he has never been a member of the controversial group.

Mr. Mackay served on the Toronto Humane Society's Board of Directors for four years. He has been a THS volunteer for over 20 years. The wildlife department operates under a budget of \$50,000.

As wildlife co-ordinator, Mr. Mackay deals primarily with the caring and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wild animals. Until Mr. Mackay's selection, the position of wildlife co-ordinator did not exist.

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