

Walk Fido for charity

Sunday is 'Walk Your Dog Day' in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The first-ever event here is being sponsored by the Balantrae and District Lions Club with all proceeds going to Canine Vision Canada (CVC).

The cross-country trek will begin at Cedar Beach Park, Musselman's Lake, from 10 to 11 a.m., and head east around Shadow Lake.

Individuals, couples or families without pledge sheets can still participate by making a donation, Club president Dave Probert told The Weekender.

Program planners need help

The York Region Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is busy planning its fifth Festive Gifts Program for Psychiatric Patients.

But co-ordinator Lorelei Parchment needs volunteers to help plan and carry out the program.

It's run entirely by volunteers who want to help make the Christmas season a little happier for York Region residents who suffer from psychiatric conditions.

Parchment says last year's program served 100 adults, 53 children and 23 residents across the region. This year, she expects that number to double.

The Canadian Mental Health Association is a non-profit, voluntary organization whose mandate is to remove the stigma of mental illness and to promote mental health among all Canadians.

This mandate is achieved through programs that respond to the mental health needs of the local community through direct service to patients and ex-psychiatric patients, through advocacy, public education and programming.

The program is in need of volunteers who will help with the planning and carrying out of the Festive Gifts Program.

People who are interested in helping to campaign for donations, purchase gifts, bake, assemble and wrap packages, and distribute gifts, are asked to call the Canadian Mental Health Association at 898-7466 or 1-800-263-2018.

The first meeting for this year's program will be held Monday, Oct. 19, 1987 at 7 p.m., 47 Main St. South, Newmarket.

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Winter destruction date for old arena?

Mayor Fran Sainsbury predicts the former Stouffville Arena will be levelled before winter. Tenders for the building's demolition are currently being drafted.

Mayor Sainsbury wants the site retained for park purposes — possibly another ball diamond.

If expansion of the Municipal Building proceeds as expected, a section of the main park may be required for this purpose. The current arena location would represent a fair exchange, she believes.

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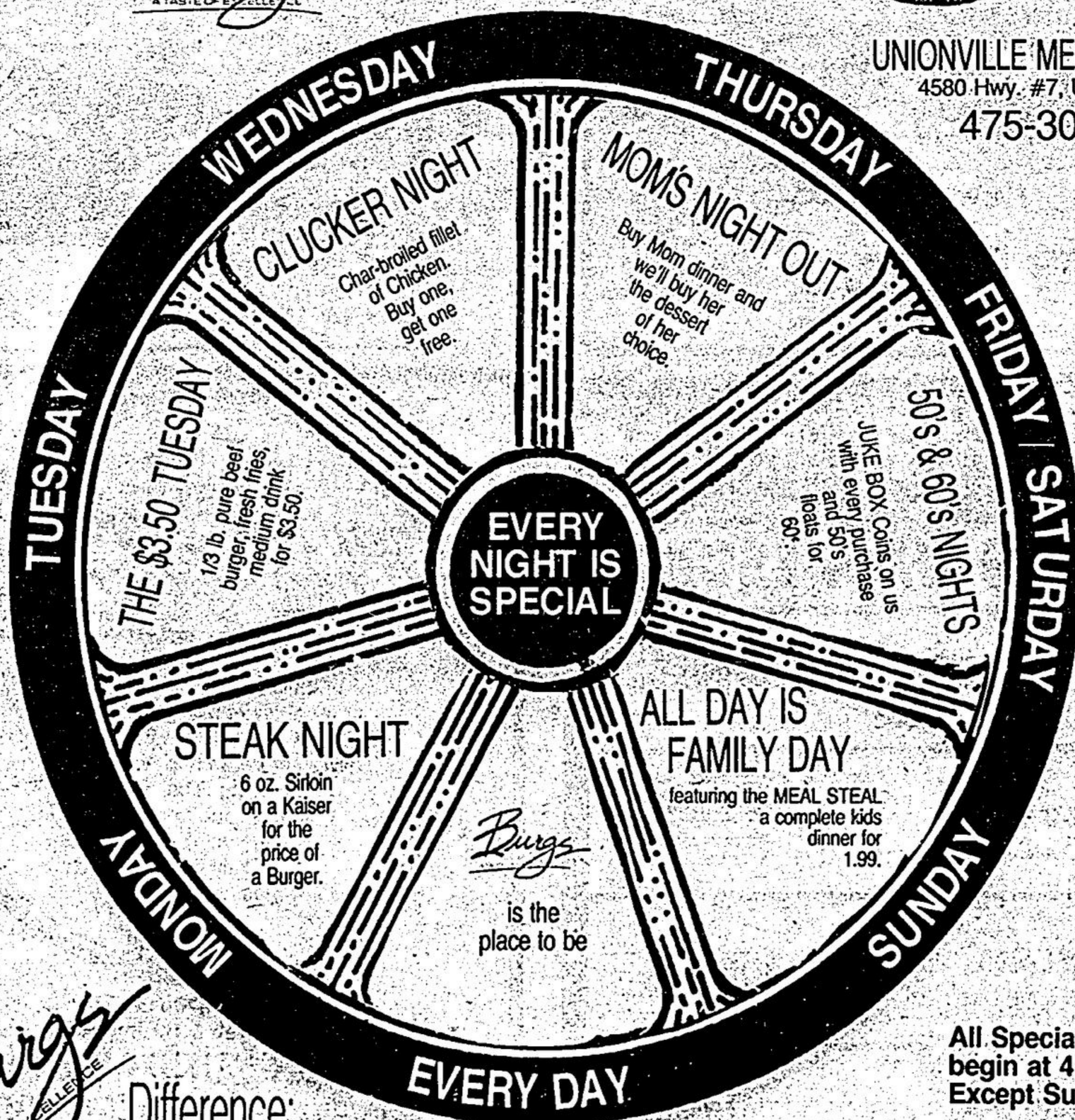
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