

# Subject awards to SDSS students

STOUFFVILLE — Many students were recognized for achievements during 1987-88 when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its annual Commencement Exercises, Nov. 11.

Several were mentioned in The Tribune's Nov. 16 edition. The remainder follow:

School Letters were presented to — Jim Baggs, Jeff Carney, Shaheen Doctor, Jeremy Gallop, Patricia Goldman, Kevin Harmer, Stephen Head, Wendy Kaspick, Paul Sinclair and Leslie Snooks.

School Sweaters were presented to — Wallace Barbour, Scott Couperthwaite, Brenda Hachev, Annika Hannan, Pam Powell, Leslie

Snooks, Lisa Weatherill.

Other students honored included — Rose Margani, Stouffville Lions Club Award; Tracy Blackwell, Music Mania Award; Greg Vliet, OSSIF District II Award; Annika Hannan, E.M. Hawley Memorial Award; Neil Gunathunge, Jerry White Geography Award; Jennifer Kueneman, Classicom Award; Lisa Weatherill, Laura Goulbourne Award; Marny Watson, Margie Griffiths Award; Jonathan Clarke, McNeil Pharmaceutical Award; Rob Stephenson, Eric Knabe Technical Award; David Enderwick, Hamilton Auto Supply Co. Award; Paul Brown, The Lloyd Grose Memorial Award for Agriculture and Patrick Alles, The Whitchurch-Stouffville Cultural Foundation Bursary.

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### A proud mother

Angela Mayer smiles with pride as she presents a Third Year Pin to daughter Kristina, nine, during a Brownie Enrollment Ceremony at Christ Church Anglican, Stouffville, Nov. 16.

—Jim Thomas

### Teen skate Saturday

STOUFFVILLE — Saturday evening, (Nov. 26), is Teen Night at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre.

Skating to music of your choice will begin at 8:30 p.m., and continue through to ten. The event is for teens only.

Admission is free.

Young people interested in designing a program for their peers for future Teen Nights are urged to contact the Recreation Office for assistance. The number to call is 640-6527.

## Callous injustice

Dear Editor:

Recently a tragic and cruel incidence occurred near this area. Through no fault of its own, one of God's innocent creatures found itself lodged in a place which belonged to a particular woman. While this person had actually been responsible for placing this creature there in the first place, she later decided it was going to be a nuisance and wanted to get rid of it.

Unfortunately, the creature had become lodged in such a way as to make it very difficult to remove. Given a short period of time, however, the creature undoubtedly would have emerged on its own, at which time it could have become a real source of joy to her or someone else who might have wanted it around.

Nevertheless, she was determined to be rid of it immediately, even though there was no way to do that without destroying the creature and causing it tremendous suffering. So she consulted an "expert" who had removed many of these particular creatures in the past.

This "expert" informed her the creature was a little too big to be removed in the usual way. That method involved simply cutting the creature into pieces (while still alive,) crushing the head, and sucking it out with a special kind of vacuum-hose. But since this creature was too big to cut into pieces, it would have to be killed another way before it could be removed.

The "expert" squirted a special chemical into the area where the creature had lodged, until it was surrounded in a corrosive liquid. Immediately the creature's skin began to burn. It also ingested some of the poisonous liquid. Soon it was writhing in agony and excruciating pain. After several hours of this suffering, the creature died and was removed.

This incident has upset me beyond words. Does it upset you? I hope so. It is sheer, callous injustice! Yet it's certainly not an isolated incident, for it's happening all the time. Even the costs for having this done are paid for by you and me through our Ontario government.

If this creature was a farm animal, these people could be charged with "cruelty to animals." If it were some endangered species, or even a wild animal, it would be protected by law as well. Yet for some unknown reason, this particular creature has no legal protection at all. And even though it could not be classified in any way as being less evolved or less intelligent than any of the animals which do have legal protection, it can be abused in every imaginable way.

In Canada, this creature has less protection than a tree in our national parks. Indeed, it has no protection at all. Even those who cry out for its protection are vilified by the yuppie-minded social trend setters of our day. Our politicians go out of their way to avoid even speaking about it. Without doubt, this creature is the most helpless, most innocent, yet most victimized in our country.

This creature is called an unborn baby.

Sharon Middleton, Gormley

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