

Rick Briggs-Jude

Former Gormley boy on Sports Network TV

Rick Briggs-Jude, formerly of Gormley and now of Mississauga, is an employee on the staff of TSN, (The Sports Network).

And loves it. "I enjoy working with the people here," he says, "it's a youthful operation."

Rick claims because everyone likes what they're doing, it doesn't really seem like work. "But we make sure we do our best."

Because of this attitude, Rick is doing what he does best. He's held his present position two years, coming to TSN from Hockey Night in Canada where he started in the late 70s and remained five years.

When Rick left that operation, he was primarily a producer working on intermission features, calling in for out-of-town scores from around the NHL and helping organize the three-star selections.

In 1984, he received a call from the vice-president in charge of programming at TSN. He was offered a job.

"Any time you receive a call like that, it's an honor," Rick says. He quickly accepted.

Recently, TSN celebrated that station's fourth birthday. Rick's pleased to be a part of a growing operation.

"So many folks dislike their jobs. I consider myself lucky. I'm paid for doing a hobby," he states.

Rick claims he's always been interested in sports and the work is right up his alley.

Following graduation from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Rick enrolled at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute where he received his degree in Radio and Television Arts. He then went to work as a student sportscaster at CFRB where he remained two summers.

Later, he spent four months at CKO and three years at CFGM.

Rick is currently producing Expos' telecasts for TSN. He spent the entire summer travelling with the team, visiting every National League city around the circuit.

"The players are very cooperative," he says. "Win or lose, their moods don't change all that much."

Rick describes his job as that of a problem-solver. In organizing, planning and preparing telecasts, problems often arise, he admits.

One of his most rewarding experiences was arranging TSN's hockey package of NHL telecasts last spring. He describes this as "the highlight of my career."

The success of TSN's hockey playoff coverage was widely acclaimed, he says.

"We were able to bring information to the viewer quickly, using a number of satellite dishes," Rick explains.

Which sport is the most difficult to telecast?

"Baseball," replies Rick, "you never know where the ball is going."

Rick enjoys covering boxing best. However, one of his 'great moments in sport' was participation in the 1988 Calgary Games. He handled the production of speed-skating events and worked as a free-lancer for CTV while on holidays. Remote production sites, he says, are his first love.

Rick resides in Port Credit, God's country, he calls it.

"I tell everyone they should move here," he says.

Yes, he's happy working for TSN. More importantly, TSN is happy too.

Glass Tiger back home for concert

International recording stars Glass Tiger are returning home this month.

They'll present a benefit concert at the Newmarket Recreation Complex Dec. 29.

Reserve seat tickets, (\$15), are on sale at Movie Movie in the Newmarket Plaza, Davis Drive.

Proceeds will go to the Run-Walkathon for Easter Seals.

"The holiday season makes the organization a little tougher," says chairman Joe Persechini, "but what a great Christmas gift for disabled kids and the town."

"Tickets will make great stocking stuffers," suggests co-chairman Dave Blackwell.

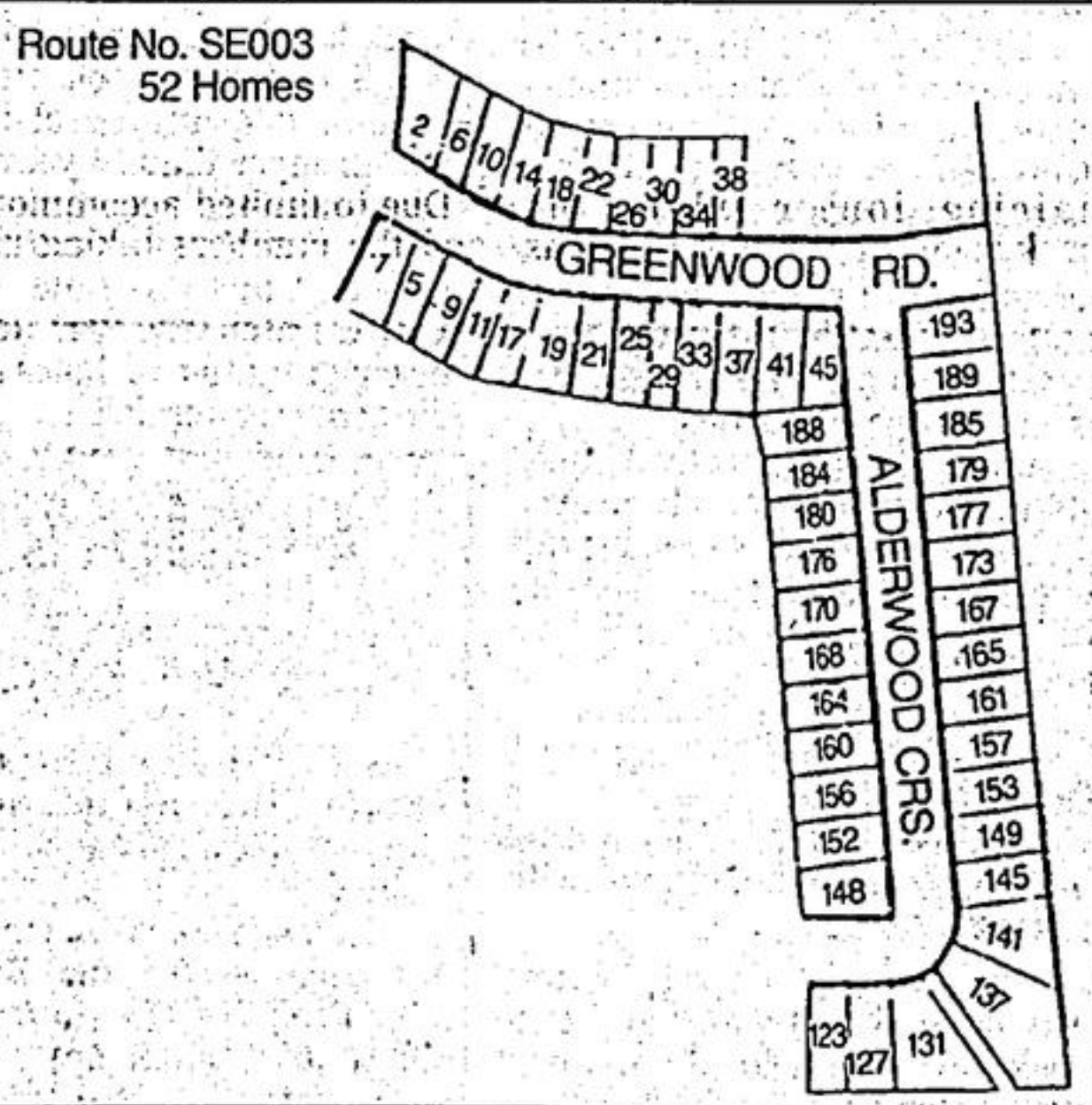
Last Year, \$25,000 was raised. For additional information, the numbers to call are 898-1861, 898-3603 and 898-2385.



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To celebrate the Christmas season the Economist & Sun/Stouffville Tribune offices will be closed on Monday December 26th. The deadlines for the holiday season are as follows:

Wed. December 21st edition	Normal deadline.
Friday December 23rd will include Boxing Day (supplement)	Tues. Dec. 20th noon
Sunday December 25th	no paper
Wednesday December 28th	Thurs. Dec. 22nd noon
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Sunday January 1st	no paper
Wednesday January 4th	Friday Dec. 30th noon

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Scouts need help

Without main officers, the 3rd Stouffville Pack of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be disbanded.

A general meeting to elect members to the Group Committee will be held Thurs., Jan 5, 1989 at Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville. The time is 7 p.m.

Anyone wishing to discuss the various open positions are asked to call Mr. Morrison at 640-5672, (home), or 752-6370, (work).



HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, Dec. 23 - 9:00 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24 - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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