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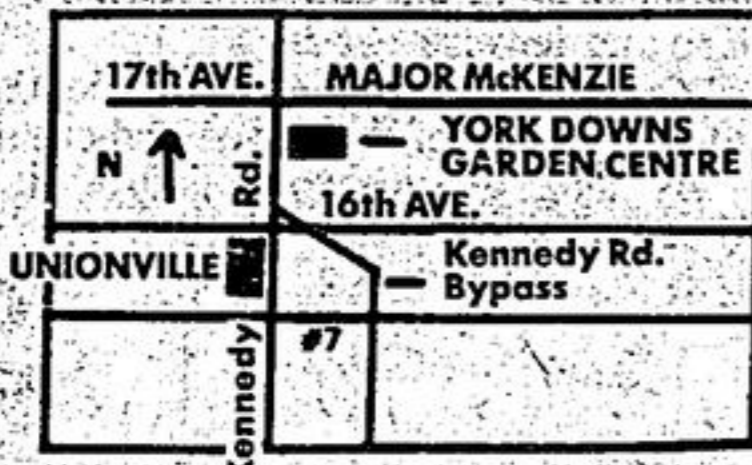
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School break programs keep local kids smiling

By KATE GILDERDALE
While a large proportion of the population fled to sunnier climes over March break, there were plenty of youngsters happily enjoying entertainment closer to home. Nine-year-old Trudy dropped in to visit Dinosaur Daze at the library on her way to the Science Centre Thursday. "I went to visit my grandmother in hospital as well," she said. Tim, 8, received plenty of exercise. "I played hockey for Conlin Motors yesterday and I played

with my friends as well. I'm going to the Science Centre this afternoon." "I've been playing with my friends and reading about dinosaurs a lot," volunteered 6-year-old Adam, while Katie, 9, spent some time enjoying the library March break program. "I've played with my friends and I'm going to my grandmother's for part of the time. I'm going there on Friday night, because my mom and dad are going on a cruise." Said nine-year-old Naomi: "I've been going to the dentist,

doing my science project and I've been to a library in North York to see a Degrassi Junior High movie." She was planning to catch one of the local library programs as well, she said. Joel, also 9, said he'd visited the library every day. "The best thing was yesterday. It was called the Doug and Al Show and it was funny. Today I went out to lunch with Jordan and we did some things together." Eight-year-old Jordan said he'd been watching a lot of movies. "I've been at the library with Joel and I think it's good." Stephanie, 10, also spent much of her time at the library. "I've enjoyed the shows, they're great. I think I'm going to visit a friend from England. She's staying with relatives in Toronto." Marty, 10, said: "I've been sliding at my house. I've got a hill there. We've been to the library twice and we're going to watch the show there this afternoon." His cousin Michelle, 11, had spent a lot of time at the library as well. "I've enjoyed it," she said.

Asked what she and her sister Chantel, 7, had been doing at March break, Sheena, 9, replied, "nothing much really." With a bit of prompting from her mom, she reconsidered. "We went to the Science Centre the day before yesterday and we went to Casa Loma yesterday. We went to visit my grandmother in the hospital." They were also visiting the library on Thursday to watch the Erehon Theatre's production of "Dinosaurs."

Julia, 8 and brother Andrew, 5, went to the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg and enjoyed activities there. "We made pictures with stencils, and looked at the paintings. We learned some string games," explained Julia.

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Calendar of events

Each week, Community Focus publishes a Calendar of Events. There's no charge for this service. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to call 640-2100 or 649-2292 no later than the Friday preceding publication!

Thurs Mar. 30

A demonstration entitled "Ontario Foods in the Microwave" will be held Thurs., March 30 at 7:30 p.m., in the Goodwood Community Centre, sponsored by the Women's Institutes of Altona, Goodwood and Claremont. For additional information call 640-3270 or 649-5630.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Newcomers Club will meet Thurs., March 30 at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of Parkview Village, Ninth Line South. Guest speaker is Jack Burrows of Farmer Jack's Gardens, Stouffville.

The Ajax-Pickering Christian Women's Club will meet Thurs., March 30 at 9:15 a.m., in the Granada Restaurant, (lower level), Pickering Town Centre. A hairstyle make-over demonstration will be featured. For reservations call 428-8505 or 839-7674. Admission is \$3.25.

Fri Mar. 31

Author Donna Noble, an authority on manic depression, will visit John Lord's Books, 29 Main Street East, Stouffville, Fri., March 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Silver Jubilee Club is hosting a bridge party, Fri., March 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. Seniors and their friends are invited. Admission is \$1.00.

Sat. Apr. 1

The Unity Singers will present their 10th anniversary benefit concert, Sat., April 1 at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of Springvale Baptist Church, Stouffville Road and Kennedy Road. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds going to the Parkview Home Building Project and the New Life Centre, Toronto.

The Uxbridge Figure Skating Club will present its 25th anniversary show, Sat., April 1 at 7 p.m., and Sun., April 2 at 2 p.m.

A public dance will be held at the Mt. Zion Community Centre, Sat., April 1 at 8:30 p.m., with music by Gordon Prentice and his Band.

The annual Ontario Hereford Prestige Sale will be held at Markham Fairgrounds, Sat., April 1. The show begins at 10 a.m.; the sale at 12:30 p.m.

The Maples of Ballantrae is holding an April Fool's Dance, Sat., April 1 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring a buffet dinner and dance. Admission \$20 per couple. For additional information call 640-4882.

Sun. Apr. 2

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum celebrates the arrival of spring with a pancake and maple syrup luncheon, Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is adults \$3; children \$2.

Mon. Apr. 3

The first of a five-game euchre series will be held at the Cedar Grove Community Centre, Mon., April 3 with proceeds to the Canadian Cancer Society. Starting time is 8 p.m. There will be lucky draws.

The Video Luncheon Club will meet Mon., April 3 at 12:30 p.m. Movies will be shown by Home Support Services. Tea and cookies will be served.

The Ontario Genealogical Society is sponsoring a meeting Mon., April 3 at Grace Anglican Church, 19 Parkway Avenue, Markham. Louise Hope will be the host. Time of the program is 8 p.m.

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