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## Seniors balk at smaller windows

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Senior citizens living in a subsidized apartment at 325 Elm Rd. are continuing their fight to halt apartment renovations that their spokesman says are dangerous and potentially life-threatening.

John Dittrich, a second-floor resident in the three-storey seniors' complex, said seniors are prepared to fight; a York Regional Housing Authority plan to replace two large sliding glass doors in second and third floor apartments with "tiny sliding windows."

The new windows will decrease ventilation making it harder for seniors to breathe, Dittrich said.

"These new windows are for healthy people, not for seniors," he said. "They are little more than a few inches above the minimum that the government allows."

Government specifications say windows must exceed 432 square inches in area, Dittrich said.

The new windows are 600 square inches, but Dittrich isn't satisfied.

"That's a big difference from the old sliding doors which were 2,540 square inches," Dittrich said.

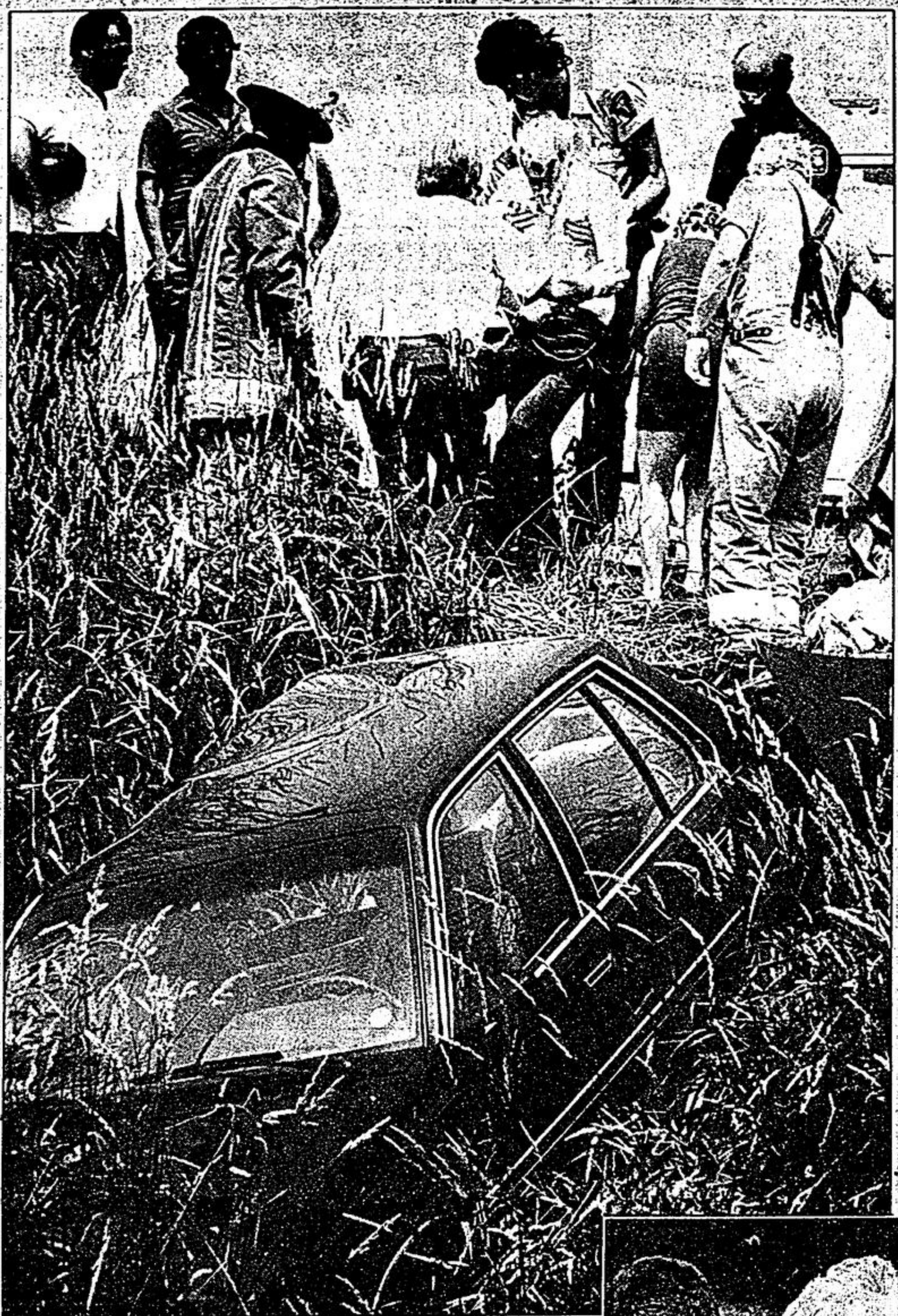
"They said the reason they were installing the windows was to beautify the home and save energy. How can you save energy when you have these little peep holes?"

But York Regional Housing Authority acting manager Valerie Brown said the new windows "meet building standards" and are not a threat to residents.

Local MP Bill Ballinger — who participated in a public forum at the building on May 30 — said the new windows pose no threat to residents.

"When I left the public meeting (May 30), it was unanimous that the changes be made," he said.

Ballinger said a new internal ventilation system will be installed within the next couple of months that will improve the air flow in all apartments in the complex.



PHOTOS/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Claremont collision

A 75-year-old Scarborough man was sent to hospital with serious injuries Monday afternoon when the car in which he was a passenger was hit by a dump truck on Brock Rd. at Regional Road 5 near Claremont. The car pulled out onto Brock Rd. from Rd. 5 but its rear end was caught by a southbound dump truck. The 1986 Buick was flung into the south-east ditch. The driver of the Buick, 67-year-old Sarah Rowe of Scarborough suffered minor injuries. The driver of the dump truck, 35-year-old Kosta Todorovski, also of Scarborough was uninjured. Mrs. Rowe is charged with careless driving. In the photo above, rescue workers carry the passenger of the Buick to a waiting ambulance. Inset, Mrs. Rowe is escorted from the accident by rescuers.

## Emergency services play broken telephone

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Telephone service in the Stouffville area was temporarily interrupted last Wednesday morning after approximately 30,000 telephone lines were accidentally cut by a work crew in Pickering.

The crew was digging near a bridge over the Rouge River on Kingston Rd., when they accidentally severed bundles of fibre-optic wires, disrupting service in a number of locals north of Metro. Bell Canada spokesperson Denise Grey said in an interview last week.

Stouffville fire chief Bill Brown said the temporary disruption "did not seriously affect the fire department."

But local ambulance service — which works on a different line than the fire department — was "affected" by the interruption.

"The lines were totally unreliable," said Uxbridge-Stouffville Ambulance Service spokesman Pete Carell.

Carell said the disruption affected the Uxbridge area the most.

## Teen dance idea thwarted by Chamber

**MATT NICHOLLS**  
 Correspondent

Caught in bureaucratic red tape.

That's how 20-year-old Stouffville student Duff Wallis says he feels after his summer business venture was rejected last month by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

"I have yet to receive a valid reason for this rejection," the second-year politics student at Queen's University says. "I know kids my age and they seem to be running into red tape everywhere."

"But it seems to me they didn't even know what the rules were."

In June, Mr. Wallis decided to start a summer business under the Ontario Ministry of Skills and Development's Youth Venture Capital Loan's Program.

His plan was to provide local youths with low-cost community dances — which he says the Stouffville Recreation Committee had not considered this year — to generate more income for his university expenses.

Under the Student Venture program, a student receives a \$3,000 loan to start-up a summer business. The loan must be repaid in full by the beginning of September.

And the Chamber of Commerce in the student's town must approve the business venture before the loan is secured.

Mr. Wallis says he planned to rent the Stouffville Community

Centre for \$100 per night, charging a minimal fee to cover personal costs and hopefully make a small profit.

The idea was geared as a supplement to his \$10-an-hour summer job, he says.

But the Chamber of Commerce rejected Wallis's proposal, stating that he hadn't done enough research.

"I couldn't understand that because I've organized youth dances in the past," he said.

Mr. Wallis said he has organized dances at the Community Centre for the Rec. Committee and SDSS High School and everything had gone well.

But Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce president Susan Myers said Mr. Wallis' past experience was not the issue.

An incomplete application — and a rushed proposal — was the problem.

"This is the first application we turned down" and "it's because we didn't agree with his idea."

For instance, Ms. Myers said she knows it's impossible to rent the community centre for only \$100 a night.

And she said Mr. Wallis' claim that the Chamber of Commerce "didn't know anything" about the Youth Ventures program was inaccurate.

"We've had a number of students involved with the program over the last few years," she said. "Duff is the first person we turned down."

Ms. Myers also said Mr. Wallis' claims that she was "malicious" and "rude" when talking to him on the telephone, were blatantly inaccurate.

"I don't know why he'd think I was malicious," she said. "He's the one who slammed the phone in my ear."

Carl Felhaber, a spokesperson from the Ontario Ministry of Skills and Development, said "there were misunderstandings by both sides" in the conflict.

"There were different things on each side that should not have been said," Felhaber said. "I think Duff said some things he shouldn't have."

"But the Chamber of Commerce didn't realize certain things about the program either," he said.



## Shane recovering, but becoming restless

**MATT NICHOLLS**  
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The long road to recovery continues for Stouffville teenager Shane Stapley.

The 15-year-old youth, who suffered severe burns to 45 per cent of his body has "been through the worst of it," Shane's father, Tribune reporter Bruce Stapley, said in an interview. The burns resulted after Shane's gas-stained clothes were accidentally lit on fire at a local gas bar last month.

Shane is currently recovering in the intensive care unit at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

"He had a really good weekend" last week and the last skin-grafting session took place this week, Mr. Stapley said. "But he's finding getting into a routine hard."

Mr. Stapley said his son is experiencing "periods of emotional and physical restlessness" and his "mobility is limited."

"Every shift in position is a major operation for him," he said. "But he's coming along."

Doctors expect Shane to be removed from intensive care by next week.

To keep busy, Shane has been playing video games on T.V., Mr. Stapley said.

"A friend gave him an Intellivision video game to use" and "he really enjoys baseball," he said.

While doctors aren't sure when Shane will be able to leave the hospital, a target date has been set at mid to late August, Mr. Stapley said.

"But we'll have to see what happens," he said. "It's hard to say right now."

Mr. Stapley said a trust fund, which was set up on Shane's behalf by the Main St. branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, will help pay for medical costs after Shane is released from hospital.

Shane will need jobs (arm and leg protectors) and a special ointment to protect his skin and OHIP doesn't cover these costs, Mr. Stapley said.

another fund-raising venture is currently being organized to will help the Stapleys pay for Shane's medical needs.

John Heaton, of John Heaton Painting on Mill St. is in the process of organizing a golf tournament to benefit Shane. Watch future issues of the Tribune for more details.



PHOTO/BRUCE STAPLEY

Shane Stapley rests at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto where he's being treated for burns suffered in an accident last month. He tries to while away his time with a remote control car and video games donated by friends. He's expected to be released from the intensive care unit by next week but will face more time in a regular hospital ward.

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