

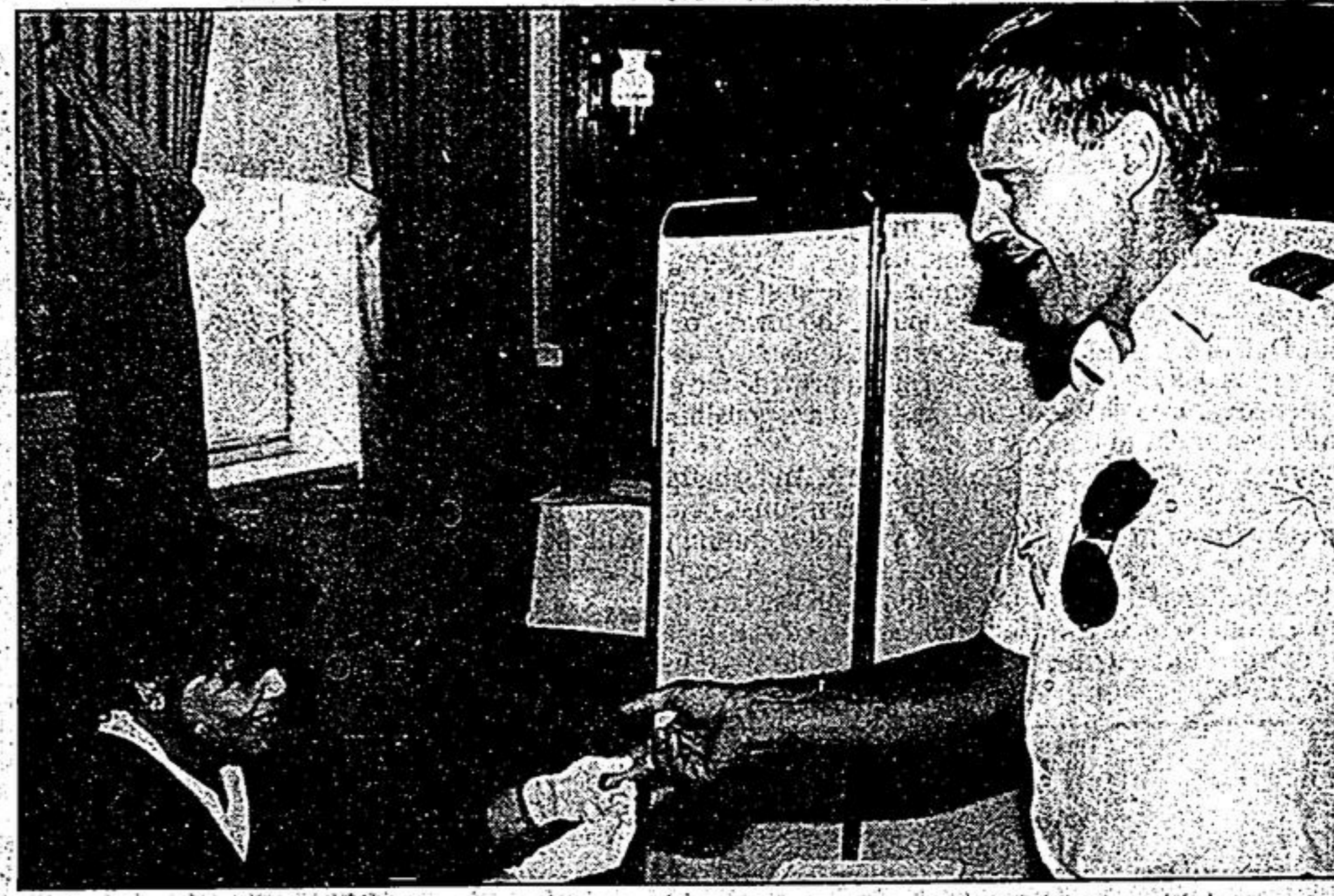
Lifeline extended by Stouffville donors

An impressive number of Stouffville residents — including local celebrities and fire fighters — turned out for the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic last Friday at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on the 9th Line.

At right, councillor Wayne Emmerson shares a laugh with R.N. Melanie Farmer as he gets his blood pressure checked before giving blood. Below right, Stouffville Fire Chief Bill Brown, who said he wasn't afraid of needles, reacts after getting his finger pricked by clinical assistant Trixie Raffinan. Below, Brown relaxes on "the table" as R.N. Zorina Gomez prepares to poke him with a needle.



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Africa is final destination of Goodwood student

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The chance of a lifetime. That's how 21-year-old student Terezka Korinek describes her upcoming journey to villages in New Brunswick and Senegal, Africa, as part of the Canada World Youth Exchange Program. "It's going to be a wonderful experience," the Goodwood resident said in an interview last week. "It's an experience I will remember for the rest of my life."

Canada World Youth is a non-profit organization funded by the

Canadian International Development Agency which arranges exchanges between Canada and the Third World.

Korinek was one of over 120 Ontario youths selected for the exchange program, which gives students an opportunity to actively learn about life in different parts of the world.

Successful applicants for the program spend a total of six months away from home, helping out with community projects in local villages.

Korinek is scheduled to spend three months in an Acadian village in New Brunswick and

then three months in a village in Senegal, a country in Northern Africa.

She will leave Goodwood on her once-in-a-lifetime journey July 22 and return Feb. 13, 1990.

"You have to be prepared to do whatever the community decides has to be done," the bright and enthusiastic Korinek explained.

"You have to be very flexible and adaptable to the situation you're placed in."

Some past exchange students have helped local residents with a number of community projects, most involving physical labor, Korinek said.

Since 1971, over 7,000 youths from 36 countries have participated in the program.

To be selected, a candidate must pass a rigorous set of tests — both mental and physical — to see if they're fit to take part in the exchange.

The selection process has two objectives: to root out the best candidates and to ensure that the exchange teams actually represent the Canadian identity.

It's a process that is both challenging and intense, Korinek said.

"They do everything," she added, joking about the thorough medical examination all candidates must pass.

"On evaluation day you take part in discussions and games that indicate how you react to situations. They want people who show initiative, people who are doers."

This is the second year in a row that Korinek has applied for the program.

She decided to join after seeing a former exchange student's slide show at her high school two years ago.

Last year, Korinek requested a placement in the Far East. But after passing all the tests, she was only selected as a back-up candidate.

But this year, her dream of helping in a Third World country is finally coming true.

"I know people who have applied for three years in a row before they finally get in," she said. "I was kind of surprised this year when I was accepted."

Currently, Korinek is looking

for sponsors to help her raise the \$300 minimum she must have to help finance her journey.

And she's trying to convince her parents and friends that the next six months will be an incredible life experience and not a terrifying mistake.

"Of course they're worried," she said. "But I think they're (her parents) happy I'm pursuing what I want to pursue."

"For now, I want to get more empirical knowledge."

Plaza owners oppose Ballantrae med. centre

A Ballantrae businessman's bid to erect a new medical building at the corner of Felcher Blvd. and Hwy. 48, has met with opposition from a neighboring property owner.

According to Town Planner Michael Saunders, local chiropractor Dr. John Bare has asked for an amendment to general zoning bylaws in order to change his property's present rural residential zoning to local commercial — D.

He explained the letter designation signified council would not allow development on the site until the D was removed. One condition for removal would be the installation of a piped water system in the community of Ballantrae.

And while it was pointed out Bare's proposed uses for the building include a medical clinic, pharmacy, optical clinic and professional offices, all services unique to the area, Angelo San Giorgio, one of several investors in the adjacent Ballantrae plaza, is opposed.

"We've owned this plaza for five or six years now and during that time we've had considerable problems keeping our 8,000 square feet rented," he said during a public meeting last Tuesday evening. "I can definitely see an additional 10,000 square feet next door having a negative impact on the value of our property."

San Giorgio felt with the amount of residential development in the area, there wasn't enough demand for another commercial development.

Terry Kelly, land use planner and representative for Bare, disagreed.

"The application is for a comprehensive medical clinic, an x-ray lab, dentist, optometrist and chiropractor; next door consists of an animal hospital, hairdresser, dry cleaner and convenience store," he said. "Our proposal in no way would take away from those uses."

"It is no doubt my feeling this will not have a negative impact on a plaza with completely different uses," continued Kelly. "In fact, I think it will complement it."

Although reminded the public meeting was for information purposes only and he was not to show bias, Councillor Ron Robb appeared to favor the application.

"I certainly feel if and when a water supply goes in, this structure will be an asset to the community. I think the people of Ballantrae will be very happy."



Don Green, 15, practices BMX bicycle gyration Saturday afternoon beside the Stouffville tennis courts.



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