

AIDS week launched in York

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Staff Reporter

A program designed to draw attention to the fact that several Stouffville residents could easily "succumb" to AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), was given town council approval last week.

Dr. Helena Jacek, York Region's Medical Officer of Health, attended last Tuesday evening's council meeting where she and Gail Clenman, an health educator on the disease, asked that Oct. 16 to 22 be proclaimed AIDS Awareness Week in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The region-wide theme will be AIDS: Our Challenge.

"Some small municipalities think AIDS is a problem of the big bad city and that Steeles Ave. is some sort of boundary to keep AIDS out of York Region. But it won't," she added.

Gail Clenman told council, "the problem will get worse before it gets better" because of the up-to-10-year incubation period for infected carriers of the disease.

"People may not get tested and (HIV virus) symptoms may not

show up for two years — although in most cases symptoms do show up in six months," she said.

In other words, unsuspecting AIDS carriers could be unknowingly infecting sexual partners for a period of two years without being aware they have contracted the virus themselves.

"The decline (of AIDS-infected citizens) will come farther in future" through education and prevention practices.

Ms. Clenman says the highest risk age group for contracting the HIV virus is the 20 to 49 group where 20 per cent of those are 20-year-olds.

"AIDS is still one of the greatest health care and community challenges. It becomes a challenge to care and to educate," the expert says.

"AIDS week (in its sixth year) is a commitment to communities through education and support and a series of planned events is geared to provide continued awareness."

York Region will launch the week with tree-planting ceremonies.

Recreation budget upped by \$6,300

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Active citizens in Whitchurch-Stouffville will benefit from an injection of more than \$6,000 into the town's 1989 budget to improve and upgrade recreational services.

The town's recreational budget is \$6,300 richer due to an approved provincial grant to help the

town "carry out its municipal recreation programs in 1989."

Bill Ballinger, MPP York-Durham, announced the grant on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Ken Black.

The grant — geared to "give smaller communities an opportunity to gain some ground" when it comes to providing upgraded recreational programs — is "essential to the operation," says Marlane McKee-Wetherall.

"The funding is applied for every year for the delivery of recreational program services. The lower the population — the higher the percentage of grant you receive," she explained.

"This grant is essential to our operation and is used not as capital dollars but operating dollars."

"The whole community will benefit from the recreation programs and facilities this grant

will help to support," Ballinger announced Friday.

The grant is part of a 1988-'89 small municipality recreation funding boost including 891 municipalities, local service boards, improvement districts and Indian band councils.

Wires crossed in pizza puzzler

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Members of town council waited anxiously for their dinner to show up at the municipal offices on Civic Ave. last Tuesday before the scheduled 7:15 p.m. council meeting.

And they waited, and waited, and waited.

When press arrived, Councillor Tatone was peering hungrily out the office doors in anticipation of a missing large pizza expected to arrive an hour before, while others walked around shrugging their shoulders in disbelief and amusement.

It seems the order went to the right street, wrong town. The pizza company's central phone system sent the town councillors' pizza to Civic Ave. in Newmarket!

When the lost pizza finally found its way to the right street, right town — at no charge — the council wolfed it down in nine minutes flat and were ready to roll at 7:15 p.m. sharp.

Bell spends \$1 million on upgrade

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Bell Canada will upgrade telephone service by installing fibre optic cable to run underground along the north side of Bethesda Rd., using existing ducts.

But the \$1 million "state of the art" technological project has council concerned the phone company will leave behind a mess of tree removals, trenches and dug-up driveways.

"I didn't like the way (Bell) finished up at Buckingham Manor. They chewed it up and went away," said Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

But Stouffville Engineering Coordinator Paul Whitehouse said the company would replace any tree removals and will fix any driveways that will be dug up.

The four to five-foot burial concrete boxes each contain six ducts and would allow for better communication. But councillors want to ensure the company will clean up their mess once the boxes are installed.

The cable — to be run on the north side of the road — would

Lack of funds cited

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for private schools. "In Manitoba, the government gives \$1,800 to people going to private schools."

St. John's tuition costs are just under \$10,000.

Mike Maunder, currently a teacher at the school and an ex-headmaster, said parents and old boys from the school were

shocked when they heard of the closing.

"It's a little like dying," said Mr. Maunder, who has been with the school for 21 years.

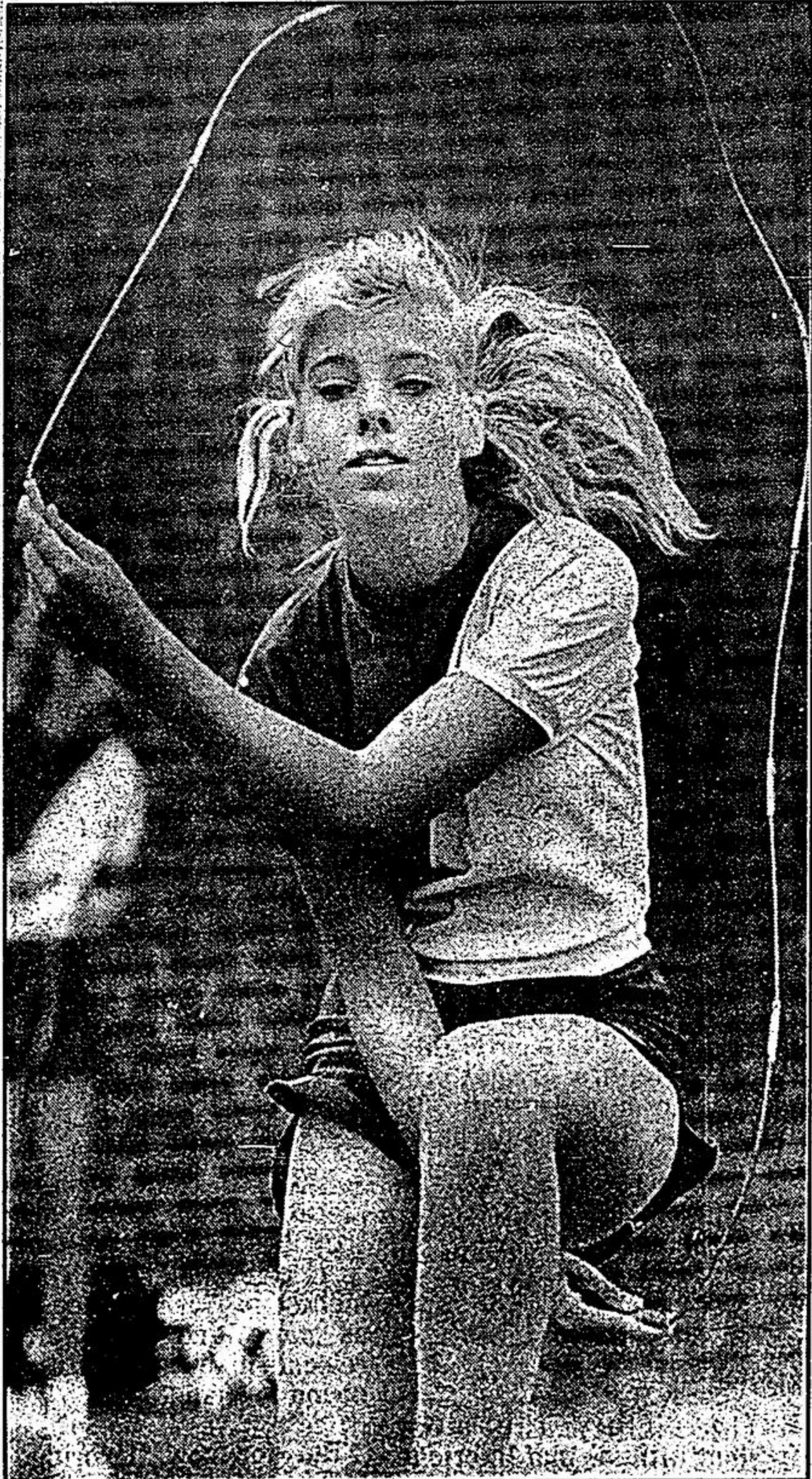
Mr. Maunder compared the feeling to the way he felt when the school lost 12 students and a teacher who drowned on a canoe excursion to Lake Temiskaming in 1978.

Our mistake

A photo caption in last Wednesday's Tribune incorrectly identified a group of seniors celebrating the 25th anniversary of Ontario housing as being residents of Parkview Home. In fact, the seniors live at 325 Elm Rd. in Stouffville.

The Tribune regrets the error.

Rope routine



Amy Roorda, 12, of the world champion jump-rope team, the Lincoln Leapers, gets all wrapped up in one of her myriad jumping routines. The team performed Saturday in front of the Stouffville Public Library as part of the 8th annual Stouffville Magic Festival.

Photo/RICK MADONIK

run west of the tracks "just shy" of the 5th Conc.

"There will be trenching and digging-up but everything will be restored," the engineering coordinator told the committee.

But Councillor Emmerson said

"it's never the same after" Bell works in the area. "As a town, we should be instructing Bell as to what side of the road the cable will run" stating the south side would mean less interference to residents' trees and driveways.

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