

More editor's mail

# Fluoride story 'oversimplified'

Dear Editor,  
I would like to clarify several items in your recent article "Students teeth show effects of fluoride-free water".

The purpose of the study which was undertaken by the York Region Health Department in 1988-89 was not to determine the effect of fluoride in the school's water supplies, but rather to determine what differences, if any, exist between the dental health of children in York Region's urban south and more rural north.

Ten schools were included from the "north" and a random sample of 10 schools was chosen from the "south."

A number of factors probably contribute to this difference including the use of fluoridated toothpaste, access to dental care and the fluoride status of the water supply or the use of fluoride supplements in non-fluoridated areas.

To say that the "students' teeth show the effects of fluoride-free water" is a great oversimplification.

In order to determine the impact of fluoridated water, one would have to do a study which would control for the other factors which affect dental health including fluoride status from birth, use of toothpaste, use of dental services and use of fluoride supplements.

The article implies that this study received special funding from the ministry of health and the region. This was not the case, as the information was collected as part of the department's regular screening and referral program.

In late 1987, the ministry of health introduced a new program which ensures that no elementary school children are denied needed dental care because of financial circumstances or lack of dental insurance.

Children who are found to be in need of treatment by the health department are eligible for free treatment at either of the two clinics which are operated by the health department or from their family dentist.

The new school-based program will provide individual preventive services for children who would not otherwise receive these very important services.

Treatment services (fillings) will not be provided in the schools.

Dr. M. Bullen  
Dental Director

# Stoner is defended by Claremont area reader

Dear Editor,  
For the record, in response to John Marks' letter of your Oct. 4 issue:

Both Lorne Almack and Norah Stoner were present as supporters of those opposed to the proposed new (Whitevale) Pickering dump at the meeting which attracted hundreds to the Pickering recreation centre last June.

Ms. Stoner provided a well-documented rebuttal to Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema's defence of the dump and

received a standing ovation for her effort.

From my knowledge of Ms. Stoner's position in this she has been, after living here for more than 15 years, consistently averse to needless violation of diminishing greenlands in this part of southern Ontario as a member of provincial parliament and on Pickering Council.

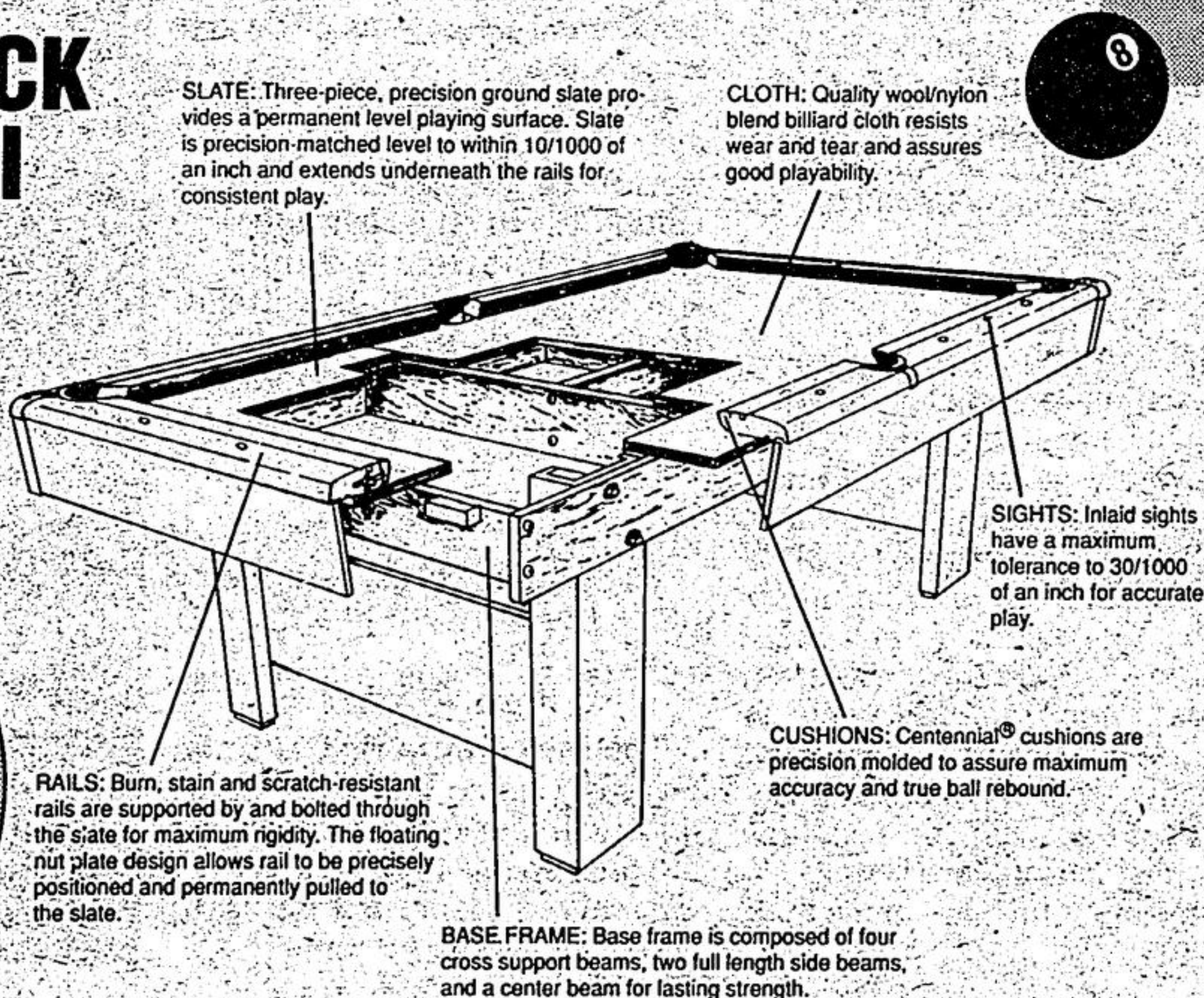
Mr. Herrema and Ms. Stoner are Liberals, but they don't agree with one another about the proposed Pickering dump.

Bruce Findlay  
R.R. 2, Claremont

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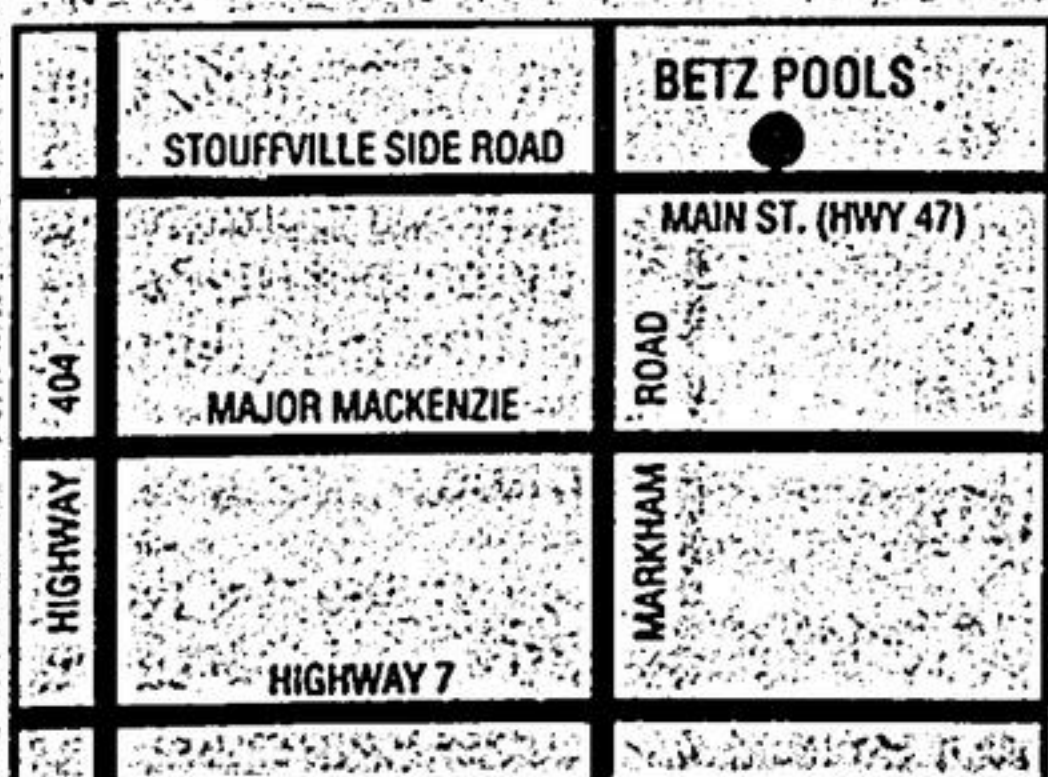
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# Reader thankful for Stouffville IGA store

Dear Editor,  
I feel compelled to write to you because I feel our local IGA owners and managers should be highly commended for their community support and compassion.

Recently, I approached our local IGA store for a \$25 food voucher on behalf of my sister and her small children (which the manager quickly granted). I am a resident of Stouffville and shop weekly at the IGA.

My sister is not from this area, but the need was desperate. She has recently given birth and, at the time, decided to give the child up for adoption as she felt she was unable to give the baby proper care.

She then made a life-changing decision, kept her new infant and regained custody of her six-year-old daughter. However, practically speaking, she owned nothing — not even a bed to sleep on.

I decided to have a shower for her and the children. Many members of our family, the community, and my church attended and she has been supplied with more than enough of the necessities for raising children.

I hope you find that our local IGA should be given recognition for their far-reaching generosity in this meaningful way.

Yours truly,  
Wendy Willey

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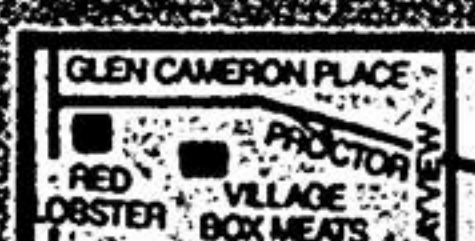
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