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## On the flipside

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

A noble effort to avoid hitting a dog could have spelled disaster for Rocco Liscio, 62, last Friday. The Scarborough man was northbound on McCowan Rd. north of the Bethesda Sideroad

when a dog darted in front of his 1980 Buick LeSabre around 4:15 p.m. He swerved to miss the dog, and the car flipped in the west ditch. The driver was not injured in the accident.

## Fairness, not flaws promised with GST

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

Lower income Canadians will not be affected by the federal government's proposed nine per cent goods and services tax (GST), says Bill Attewell, MP Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham riding.

A scant crowd of only 25 residents gathered at Parkview Village Thursday evening to learn more about a tax that will apply to everything from muffins to mufflers.

Mr. Attewell — speaking to community residents as part of a six-week nation-wide Tory sales pitch — told the audience this "massive tax reform" will provide credits to those in need.

But at the same time the proposal means cutting programs such as Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) benefits.

"We think this is a fair rule and are proceeding with legislation. In order to enjoy one of the best health care systems in the world, we as citizens can't be so generous."

"This political hot potato (GST proposal) is a hard thing to communicate but (credits) will go back into the pockets of those who deserve something back," he says.

According to figures cited from an overview booklet, which was handed out to listeners, government expenditures rose from \$86.7 billion to \$99.5 billion in the four-year Tory reign.

"We need to do more (to cut the deficit) and (the nine per cent tax) would introduce fairness to the system that currently "has serious flaws."

Mr. Attewell says the GST will generate \$5.4 billion in annual revenue and will "make sure we're competitive with other countries" by favoring Canadian-made goods over imported goods.

"We want to favor Canadians — not foreigners. And tough as it is, this type of thing (tax reform) is happening all over the world in terms of income tax."

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce president and Main St. proprietor Susan

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## Communal water a worry says poll

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

Nearly 90 per cent of Musselman's Lake and Ballantree residents are against the town's proposed communal water system, according to a public plebiscite sponsored by the Lake Musselman Club.

Advisor Ken Jobe said public

response was nearly 20 per cent and that a 10-per-cent response is considered excellent in this type of poll.

The environmental advocacy group distributed 780 ballots and received 155 responses by the Oct. 27 deadline and Jobe said ballots are still pouring in.

The results are "astounding"

but "what we anticipated," Jobe told The Tribune.

Lake Musselman Club wanted to legitimize the poll and had a government-accepted scrutineer receive and tally the results from ballots mailed to a sealed post office box.

The group then delivered the ballots to the town offices hoping

to reserve a spot on an upcoming council meeting to voice its concerns.

The environmental advocacy group — concerned that the lake will eventually die from excessive pollution — was angered the council did not hold a public vote on the proposal of a water system, so formulated this poll on its own.

Jobe said the 20-per-cent response from its poll outdid a similar poll conducted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and Latcham Gallery which received a 12.5-per-cent response from the 6,000 questionnaires distributed.

Lake Musselman Club — more determined than ever to fight pollution at the lake — will be incorporating the group this week.

## Homicide victim found headless

The skeletal remains of a Whitby homicide victim were discovered by a Scugog Island man Oct. 29 while he was scouting near a wheat field in Scugog County for returnable bottles.

The headless skeleton of 35-year-old Alfred Meitner of 200

Garden St., Whitby, was found when a man sighted a running shoe "sticking up". The skull was found lying four feet from the remains.

The remains were ironically found on the legendary Ghost Road — where a 20-year-old rumor has it that a motorcycle

accident left a driver decapitated in the same field.

Police are asking anyone who may know more about the whereabouts of the deceased on or before Sept. 23 to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 436-8477 or call the Durham Region Police Force at 579-1520.

### A nose for scotch

Tony Tucker tests the nose of this single malt scotch. See page 6.



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Pythons and boas are a predator in an ecosystem.

