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A no-fault nightmare

The bureaucratic and political war over the provincial government's proposed no-fault insurance plan continues to rage, while hapless motorists ponder the future of their skyrocketing premiums.

But Stouffville business people were given another view last week, as expressed by a claims vice-president from Allstate Insurance.

And despite reassurances from the industry executive, no solid bits of good news were gleaned from the meeting, organized by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

From all accounts outside the insurance industry, no-fault is going to be an administrative and legal nightmare.

Others claim no-fault policies will harm the very people the legislation was originally drafted to protect.

Meanwhile, several York Region municipalities have decided they too oppose no-fault as proposed at the provincial legislature.

Too much rhetoric on both sides of the issue, and too few clear, solid guidelines for the average person are available.

Currently, the no-fault proposal is riddled with faults. And we pay in the long run.

Burning questions never answered

Some random thoughts and questions that have occurred in recent days regarding local politics:

Who will be Fran Sainsbury's successor on Council should she cop the provincial Liberal nomination in Markham riding?

What does Fran have her sights set on? Nothing less than the environment portfolio, we hope.

Also, are the provincial Tories serious about cleaning up their act? Is their huge party deficit a sign of their governing abilities? Who, exactly, are Diane Cunningham and Michael Harris?

Don Cousens is well respected, and Markham is a Tory stronghold but the Liberals, despite occasional displays of arrogance, are riding high on the popularity scales.

Do you think Durham-York MPP



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Bill Ballinger and Fran would make a good local team? Assuming she does get the nomination, and then wins an election, there are definite possibilities there.

Could Music Mania parodies be just around the corner?

We're waiting impatiently for the outcome of it all.

Random thoughts and questions regarding marital bliss:

Does your mate use absolute terms very often? Do you often hear "You *always* miss the hamper

with your dirty socks," or "You *never* do the things I ask you to."

Are husbands guilty of this type of marital misconduct too? Do wives hear "You *always* leave the seat down," or "You *never* let me watch the Jays?"

Is it just one of those things we all have to get used to? Well?

I also wonder about the marriage phrase "Do you take this woman; do you take this man, etc.?" The person who came up with these vows must have had a killer sense of humor.

I thought marriage was a mutual thing.

If I wanted to take something, I wouldn't have spent several thousand dollars to do it. And my wife, had she thought longer about it, probably would have taken something more valuable and less cranky.

With all this taking going on, what kind of example would it set for your children?

Thinking about it makes me tired.

Random thoughts and questions on our economy:

Does John Crow have bodyguards? Could he borrow some of Brian Mulroney's? Did they go to the same charm school, or what?

Are we, or are we not in midst of a recession? I guess it depends what or who you read.

And isn't the word recession derived from the root word recess? Remember recess? It was all fun and games. Some linguist is

laughing at us all right now.

Finally, I wonder how Brian Mulroney will go down in Canadian history.

Other heads of state have called him a great leader, while at home these days, he's mostly considered a bum.

Editor's mail

Restricted post office hours affects resident

Dear Editor,
I have lived in Stouffville for about 14 years now and in my travels throughout the province, admit with a little pride that this is where I live.

I've always felt this town has good community government and sensible rules. Today I found out how a not-so-sensible federal government can influence the daily lives of the residents of Stouffville.

On the door of the post office is a notice that, as of May 14, access to the mailboxes will be restricted to the hours which the post office is open. Everyone does not have a nine-to-five job. I work for a construction company and am in our office at 7 a.m.

Due to the nature of the business, and the concept that the office provides administrative support for the operations, our office closes at 6 p.m.

I questioned one of the postal clerks about how I was supposed to

get my mail, and was told that due to vandalism it was decided to close access to the boxes and that I would have to get someone in town to pick up my mail.

I think there will be fewer smiles during the next election campaign.

Next time my wife says *always* or *never*, I'll take her to our leader to show how nothing is *really* done. How can she complain?

I was also advised that if I didn't like it I could "call downtown."

Due to the zoning plan, I cannot get a sidewalk box and must maintain a box at the post office. They "improved our service" and closed Saturday mornings. Now, even though their financial statements for the past two years has shown considerable profit, they cannot even organize their administration to stagger hours of personnel to maintain access to the mail boxes of core residents.

The federal government spends a pile of time and money to provide services in French and English, but cannot maintain a decent postal service in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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