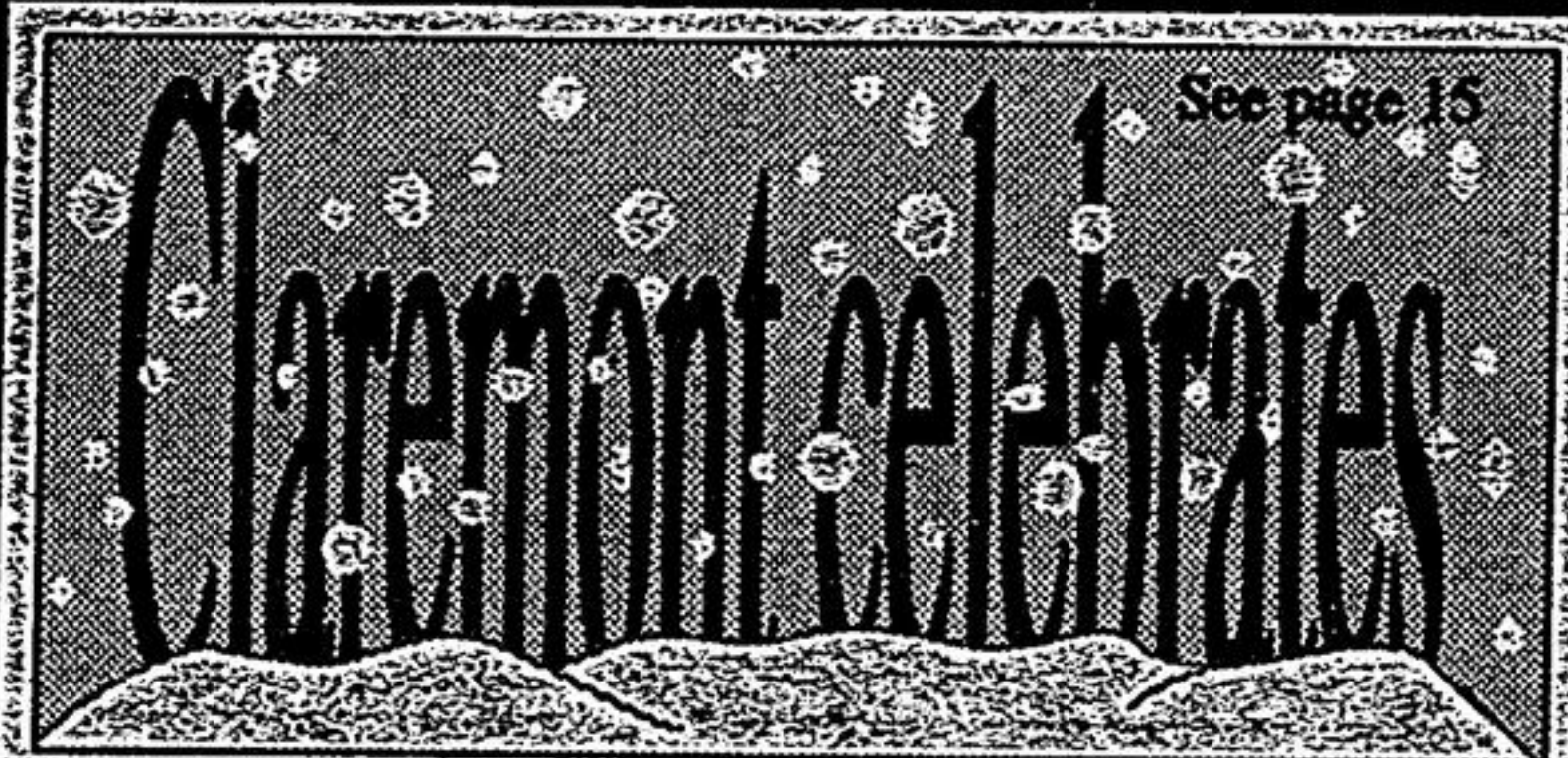
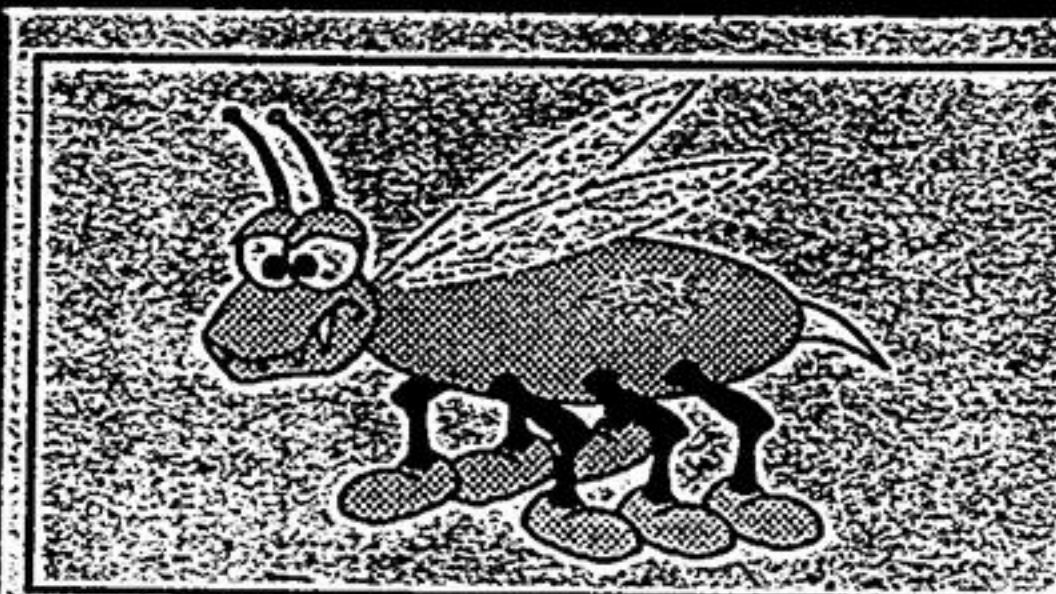


Boyd's Sports Atoms ready for next round of play-offs. See page 13



## WHAT BUGS YOU?



Here's what really bugs Lynne Martin of Stouffville: "People who toss cigarette butts out the car window where there is an ashtray right beside them in the car."

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## Composting latest effort by local waste group

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Whitchurch-Stouffville spent nearly \$720,000 on garbage and another \$89,000 on recycling efforts in 1990, council heard last week.

Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders, a member of the community's Waste Management Committee, told officials the committee is now aiming to further efforts to divert garbage from landfill sites.

"We have been talking about the garbage crisis for several

years, however, the crisis is now upon us," Sanders said during a report to council.

He noted that as of March 1 the local landfill site will no longer accept yard waste.

Therefore, the local waste committee wants to promote composting as part of its new strategy to combat waste in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Sanders said.

"We need everyone's co-operation in trying to reduce our waste and reduce this million dollar per year problem," he added.

Sanders said although "we have a long way to go" in waste management achievements, "Stouffville residents have been recycling for a long time."

Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson said the town should order composters now to have them available to residents by the spring.

Sanders said town public works director Paul Whitehouse is preparing a report regarding composters and their cost and will submit it to the waste committee at its next meeting.



## Compressor smoke sends firefighters to McNeil plant

Whitchurch-Stouffville volunteer fire department rushed to McNeil Pharmaceutical Saturday about 12:06 p.m. after security guards reported smoke in the building.

When the fire brigade arrived on the scene a white mist or smoke was pouring out of the office vents throughout the building and workers began to investigate the source, deputy fire chief Murray Emmerson said.

The smoke was not thick enough to activate the company's fire alarms but would likely have set them off if not reported, he said. After further investigation it was discovered a compressor in a mechanical room had malfunctioned or blown, spilling a non-hazardous oil and creating the smoke, Emmerson said.

When the fans were shut down the smoke stopped, Emmerson said a crew was in the building making the drug Tylenol at the time of the call, which could have been the source of the smoke.

No one was evacuated and crews helped workers clean up the vegetable oil-like spill.

## Town should put end to false alarm offences: Emmerson

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department answers far too many false alarms and the town should take legal action against offenders, said one local official Tuesday.

Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson said he is not going to let this issue fall by the wayside.

"I have a real concern about this. There is an astounding number of false alarms here. How can we curb

some of these, and what can be done to stop them?" Emmerson asked.

Emmerson was responding to a recent report from fire chief Bill Brown that stated the local brigade answered 375 calls in 1990 - 74 of which were false alarms - the highest occurrence of any call coming into the department.

The number of false alarms is up from 58 in 1989, the report showed.

Bill Brown told *The Tribune* it costs taxpayers a minimum of \$600 for each false alarm call the depart-

ment responds to.

That adds up to about \$45,000 taxpayers had to fork over in 1990 for false alarms.

And who is to blame?

Brown said it's a combination of poor maintenance, poor education by users, and an increase in the number of crimes.

"People are becoming more aware because there is an increase in the number of burglaries and break-ins," Brown said.

"A few years ago I could count on my hands how many alarm sys-

tems there were in this town. Not now," Brown added.

Town chief administrative officer

Bob Panizza said the town is currently investigating what "legal

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overheard

"If the federal government ran McDonald's like it runs its own departments, they would have a minister, a deputy minister, and under them, an assistant deputy minister of hamburgers and assistant deputy minister of fishburgers, an assistant deputy minister of chicken burgers, a director of ketchup and a director of mayonnaise. You could still get a hamburger, but it would take two weeks and it would cost \$6.95 plus GST."

Mike Wagner, president of the York North Reform Party Riding Association, last Tuesday at the association's information night at Latham Gallery.