



Photo/ANNETTE BUCHKOWSKI

### Taking its toll

Cap Cowan (at left) and Tim Rochacewich of the Stouffville Lions Club were out in force with the rest of the Lions stopping cars at intersections all over town Saturday as part of the club's fundraising voluntary toll booth. The money is raised for community projects.

## Woman, 31, still critical

An Uxbridge accident victim remains in critical condition this morning after an icy crash on Hwy 48 in Stouffville, Feb. 11.

Sharon Hill, 31, is in the intensive care unit at Sunnybrook Medical Health Science Centre in Toronto after undergoing surgery for serious head injuries, hospital officials confirmed.

Ontario Provincial Police are investigating the two-car crash that occurred at 7:30 a.m. on Hwy 48 in Ringwood between Bloomington Road and Hwy 47.

Hill, heading southbound on Hwy 48, lost control of her 1986

Plymouth van on an icy stretch of road and struck 64-year-old Boris Sjoberg of Markham heading northbound, police said.

OPP Aurora detachment are asking for the public's help in their investigation.

Sgt. Mark Allen said the facts leading up to the accident are "unclear" and officers want to "cover all the bases."

There are no charges being laid due to bad road conditions, Sgt. Allen said.

Witnesses are asked to call 841-5777 and ask for Const. McArthur or Sgt. Allen.

### CRIME WATCH

#### Teen arrested

A car alarm alerted neighbors to a car theft in process. A Stouffville teen was arrested in Richmond Hill after police were called to a Maple Grove Ave. address Feb. 17 at 11:10 p.m. According to police reports, one car had successfully been broken into, but a second car was equipped with an alarm, alerting neighbors.

Police were called and an 18-year-old Con. 8 man was arrested. He also faces a charge of possession of burglary tools.

#### Man charged

A Toronto man was arrested by York Region police last Thursday in connection with the theft of almost \$10,000 worth of sunroofs from a local car dealer.

The glass panel tops, valued at \$9,500, were removed from several cars last May at Lamberts Corvettes on Woodbine Ave.

The 22-year-old Dawes Rd. man is to appear in court March 7.

#### Snowmobile stolen

A snowmobile is missing from a Whitchurch-Stouffville residence.

The machine went missing between Jan. 30 and Feb. 15 from a Con. 9 location. The red 1990 Yamaha Exciter was parked on a front lawn when stolen.

## \$30,000 system for rec complex Town holds off on floor

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

The town should not purchase flooring for the Recreation Complex until it is determined how much use the floor would get, said one councillor last week.

Ward 4 Councillor Wayne Emmerson said more information is needed before he would agree to spend \$15,000 on a flooring system — 50 per cent of the cost.

He was responding to a staff report which recommended the town accommodate the Chamber of Commerce next year and rent the group the ice from April 17-19.

But since the Stouffville Figure Skating Club is still in action, a \$30,000 flooring system would be needed. Staff also recommended the town store any material needed to cover the ice for a period of five years.

"I have a concern that a lot of money would be put out for this floor that maybe used once a year," Emmerson said.

He wanted staff to come up with another alternative or compromise before council approved the purchase.

But Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles accused Emmerson of not looking after the community's interests as a whole.

"We should have more than a skating surface there. It was built to benefit the whole community. The chamber did their fair share to help and I don't see this (flooring option) as a waste," Alles said. And Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the town should consider doing a "total project so we have something to market other than the ice." Emmerson agreed a compromise should be made and suggested staff "juggle around the ice time."

Town recreation director Marlane McKee Wetheral said the report "was the answer" to the 1992 booking and accommodated both the skating club and the chamber.

However, council once again voted to have staff further investigate alternatives other than purchasing the floor.

Chamber president Larry Rogalski said starting the season earlier would satisfy both sides in the issue.



DOUG ALLES  
more than skating



WAYNE EMMERSON  
has concerns

## Committee seeks hotline

A telephone hotline will make it easy for local residents to nab violators placing trash on roadways, Whitchurch-Stouffville's Waste Management Committee said.

The committee will request, through council, that the province implement a toll-free hotline number to the Environment Ministry, it was decided at a Jan. 24 meeting.

The committee maintains a toll-free number could help residents get involved to try to alleviate the ongoing problem of garbage being dumped on roadways.

The town notifies the ministry of all illegal roadway garbage dumping on Whitchurch-Stouffville roads. The waste committee was expected to get council's support of its resolution last night.

# York board ponders year-round school

■ Muskoka, Durham boards may also implement 12-month calendar for students, teachers

A 12-month school year could be on the books for next year in York Region.

The York Region Board of Education is looking to test an all-year school in 1992, said board chairman Harry Bowes. A proposal has yet to be presented to the board, although discussions have been ongoing for almost five years. A year-round school committee composed of staff, teachers, principals and vice principals, union representatives and trustees will be expanded with the addition of students, parents and business people to further study the concept.

"When I look at the advantages from the United States I'm really enthused about it," Bowes said yesterday. He attended a conference in Toronto where Durham and Muskoka boards presented the modified school year idea to trustees and teachers.

Implementation of the scheme, which would cancel the prolonged summer vacation, would scatter the shorter holidays throughout the 12-month school year. Bowes said the addition of air conditioning into schools would be an expense, but studies show it's no hotter in schools in May than in August.

The concept was endorsed by the province's select committee on education in July 1989, and interest was shown by the Durham and Muskoka boards to start up pilot projects.

The select committee said a modified school year would benefit special education groups, reduce the number of drop outs and make use of schools throughout the entire year.

Bowes said the Muskoka board cited the desire for winter holidays instead of a prolonged summer vacation as a benefit for that area because of the tourism in the area.

### Contractors say

## Public health at stake if inspections leave York

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

York Region would jeopardize public health and safety if plumbing inspections fell into the hands of its nine municipalities, regional officials were told last week.

The expense is "beyond the capability of smaller municipalities and work would be handed down to less-qualified people," said Gerald Morgan, vice president of Independent Plumbing and Heating Contractors.

He added contaminated water and sewer gases could enter buildings and drinking water is "low-quality, badly designed fixtures" are used by "less-qualified people" trying to "save a buck."

But Regional Councillor Landon said he's heard enough "fear mongering" and added municipalities would not allow health and the environment to suffer.

"It's wrong to say municipalities cannot handle this. We'll handle qualified people. (Plumbing inspection) rightfully belongs to the municipalities; it's an orphan here at the region," Landon said.

The matter was thought to be closed last December when council voted to keep plumbing inspections at the region, but Landon in January asked council to reconsider and requested a second vote.

Morgan said the region already has a "fully-qualified, professional plumbing department with high standards and a staff that is extremely capable."

Meanwhile George Woodruff, acting director of York's plumbing division, accused council of playing "emotional football with its employees" when it re-opened the issue last month. And Whitchurch-Stouffville plumber Tom Winter urged officials to turn Landon's motion down again.

"Creeks all flow downhill in this community and I can't stress the fact enough that this will be on your heads," if the region loses plumbing inspections, he said.

In a recorded vote, Markham and Vaughan failed to convince York Region's seven smaller municipalities that the region should no longer perform plumbing inspections.

**KIDS  
EARN  
EXTRA  
MONEY  
BECOME A  
CARRIER  
TODAY**  
Call:  
**294-8244**  
or  
**640-2100**

### Attention Flyer Advertisers

We can deliver your flyers for as little as 3-1/2¢ a piece. So far this year we have delivered 2,914,092 flyers door-to-door in Markham, Unionville, Milliken, Stouffville, Uxbridge and surrounding rural routes. We can deliver your flyers on the day you want to the area you want — any quantity from 5,000 to 35,000.

Call: Advertising at  
294-2200, 640-2100 or  
Distribution at 294-8244 or 640-2100

### INSERTS FOR WED. FEB. 20/91

Can-Pro Accounting  
Home Hardware  
Aikens I.D.A. Pharmacy  
The Future Shop  
Shoppers Drug Mart  
Super Wheels

\* Selected Areas