

# Lynda Norman vies for Ward 6

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of a limousine company. Norman was on the successful Committee To Save our Stouffville Post office. She said the township must "learn to be a bit more frugal" with its monetary resources, and vowed not to forget the citizens living in the hamlets. "If we are to survive we must pull together, not pull in opposite direc-

tions," she said. "Personal conflicts, vendettas and jealousies must be abandoned in our daily lives as well as in our municipal council." Norman said she didn't want to make any empty campaign promises, but promised to give 100 per cent to the job if elected. "I'll use my resources and draw strength from my peers," she said.

## Man charged in police chase

A car being followed by police crashed in Stouffville early Monday morning. York Region police report a car was spotted travelling in an erratic manner north of Hwy 48 at Steeles Ave in Markham at about 4:55 a.m. Police followed the vehicle which reached speeds in excess of 180 kilometres per hour on Hwy 48, and ran red lights at Robinson St., Major Mackenzie Dr. and Stouffville Rd. The driver of the vehicle eventually lost control and crashed into a ditch on the northeast corner of Bloomington Rd and Hwy 48, police said. The driver was not injured in the crash, though the vehicle skidded for more than 124 metres before ending up in the ditch. An 18-year-old Scarborough man faces charges of dangerous operation, two counts of breach of probation and failure to comply.



## Proud to plow

The 163rd annual York Plowing match was held on the weekend, with the some of the best farmers in the area competing. Not only were tractors used, but old-style plowing was a big attraction as well.

Photo/JULIE TIMMINS

# Communications lab at Parkview this week

By MIKE RUTA  
Staff Reporter

The Communication Technology Laboratory (CTL) is coming to Stouffville's York-Durham Aphasia Centre.

The CTL is a customized motor home operated by the Adult Adaptive Communication Service (AACS), full of devices and systems to aid people with communication disabilities.

A joint project of the Ontario March of Dimes and the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre

in Toronto, the CTL will be at Parkview Village from today to Sept. 9.

"We're really trying to bring an awareness of all the things available for people with communication problems," said Barbara Collier, AACS coordinator. "There's an incredible lack of services for people in the province." According to the Hugh MacMillan Centre, an estimated 200,000 adults in Ontario have severe speech problems which require Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). Many of them have speaking difficulties due to physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy or as a result of head injuries or other neurological conditions.

AAC refers to ways other than speech and handwriting which can be used to send messages from one person to another. AAC systems include communication displays, gestures, signing, voice-input devices and adaptive computers for writing. Only two accredited programs exist in the province to serve adults with

severe speech problems. While the province does provide funding assistance for hi-tech communication devices for people born after July 1963, there is only limited financial assistance available for older people in need.

Dr. Max Korn, a senior consultant with the Assisted Devices Program (ADP) branch of the Ministry of Health, says the issue isn't money.

"The problem is there aren't sufficiently trained teams of professionals to serve people with communication problems," he said, adding that some pilot projects for adults are under way. "If you have multiple disabilities, severe communication problems, we don't have the teams out there to meet the need."

The Communication Technology Lab will not be selling devices, but can steer people in the right direction if they wish to purchase some of them, said Collier. If you are interested in scheduling a visit to the lab while it's in Stouffville, call Ruth or Anne at 642-2053.

To review systems in detail, hours. For an overview, reserve you should set aside about two about 45 minutes.

## Gas line severed on 9th

The fire department was called to the Stouffville Mews townhouse development on the Ninth Line Sunday afternoon after a backhoe severed a Consumer's Gas line.

Deputy Fire Chief Murray Emmerson said while caution is always advisable when dealing with natural gas, staff were easily able to handle the problem.

"You've always got the potential for danger... but they were able to plug it and seal it enough so that Consumer's could carry on with their repair work," he said.

Emmerson added that a fire crew was only at the scene for about 45 minutes.

Mike Grifa, Consumer's operations manager, said the line, intended to service the new townhouses, was punctured by the builder, adding that no customers were affected.

A work crew shut the gas off before cutting out and replacing the affected section "in no time at all," said Grifa.

Courtney Newmarch, director of sales and marketing for Kevin Doble Properties, said construction crews are working on weekends to meet a deadline.

-Mike Ruta

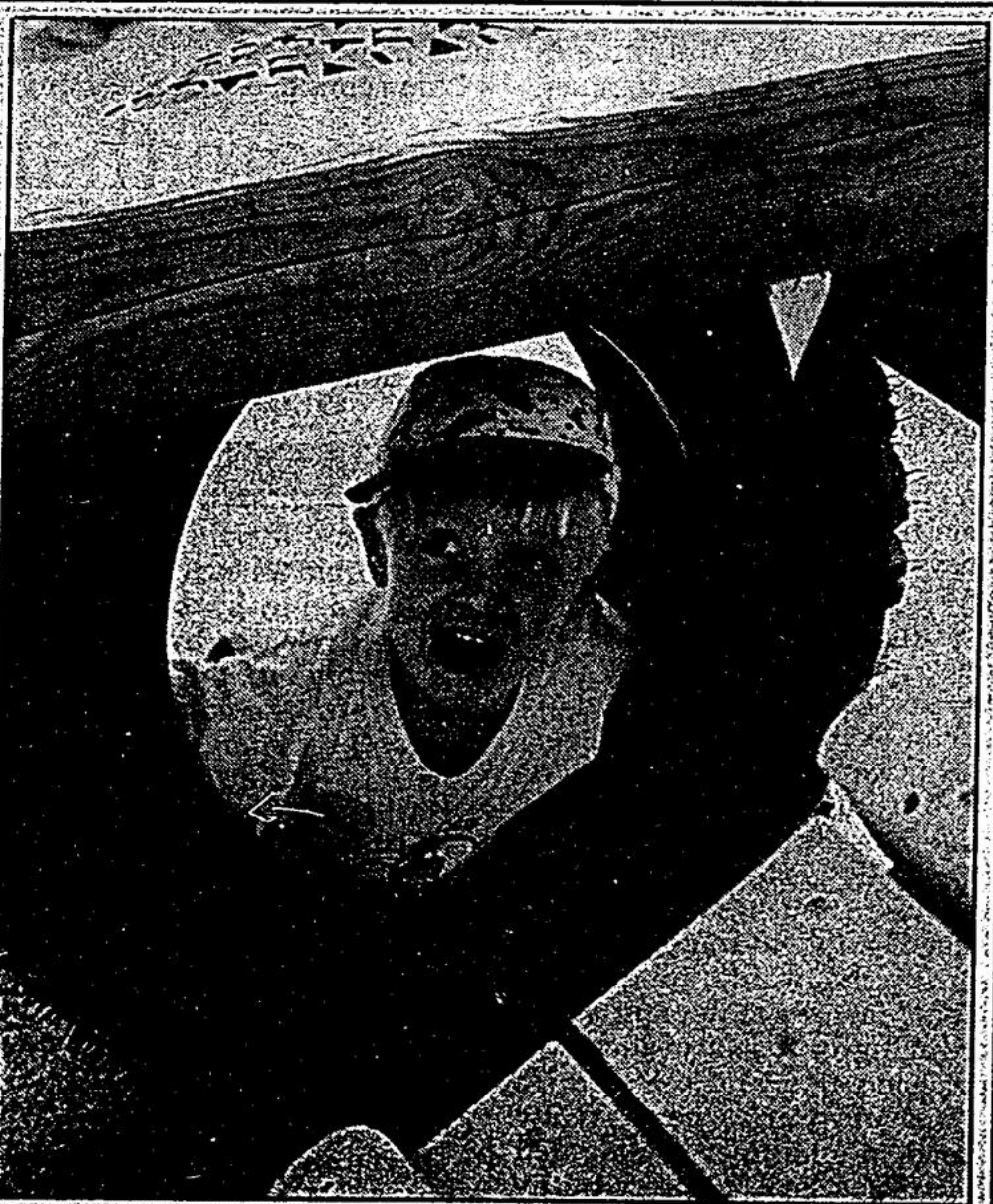
## Marcel Bossi steps down

Strawberry Festival Committee chairman Marcel Bossi has decided to watch next year's festival from the sidelines and so has resigned his post. He said he wishes to spend more time with his family. See the Weekender for details.

## Peek-a-boo!

Gareth Davies, 3, of Stouffville, wound up his summer at the playground, accompanied by his mom Cathy and sister Ceri on Sunday.

Photo/CHERYL JOHNSON



## Power skating school to be offered

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club is offering courses in power skating. A 12-week course for age 5 and older starts Sept. 11. Applicants must be able to skate the full ice surface and back.

Registrations are being accepted on Thursday and Friday at the Rec Complex from 4-6 p.m. A two-week course began yesterday, but some spaces are still available. Registration as above.

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