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The Tribune is pleased to announce another great contest. We want your recipes! Here's how it works. There's two ways to win. Each week for the next month, we will ask you for your recipes for various summertime foods. This week it is DILL PICKLES. If you think you have a great recipe, bring a jar of your pickles into The Tribune at 6244 Main St. Stouffville, along with a copy of your recipe. Our panel of judges will taste all the entries and award the grand prize of a trophy bearing your name and the inscription "Best Pickle in Whitchurch-Stouffville" and we'll publish your recipe and photograph in our upcoming recipes section. Please, only

home recipes, no cookbook or commercial recipes. Bring in your dill pickles and recipe by Friday, Aug. 11 at noon to qualify. Next week, we'll have another category. If you're not a pickler, don't fret. Bring in a copy of your best recipe for any dish, and we'll print as many as we can in our recipe book, coming out in September. One recipe per person please. We'll enter all recipes in a draw for a terrific prize, to be made in September. Send in your recipes today and watch for next week's recipe category. Good cooking!



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Two Stouffville entrepreneurs on top 100 list

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When it comes to entrepreneurship, count Stouffville in. The Stouffville business sector has good reason to stand proud today.

Not one but two members of the local business community have made the list of the top 100 entrepreneurs in Ontario.

The list is produced annually by the Ontario Business Journal, a well-known and well-respected business publication.

Ed Hakonson, 49, owner of Stouffville's Choko Motor Sports Inc. and Jochen Schleese, owner of Schleese Saddlery Service Ltd. share the honors with 98 others from across the province.

From early snowmobile apparel designs sketched on his table in 1983, Hakonson has built Choko Motorsports Inc. into a leading motorsport apparel company.

Choko's 1995 figures as of May 31 were more than double those at the same point last year. Meanwhile, the company has a 65 per cent increase forecasted for all of 1995.

The Stouffville company now specializes in the design, marketing and distribution of high quality motorsports related apparel, branded with major licensed properties as well as Choko's own distinctive label.

In 1985, Jochen Schleese became the youngest master saddler in Europe at the age of 22. Ten years later, Schleese is the president of Schleese Saddlery Services in Stouffville, the only Canadian manufacturer of English riding saddles.

In the past year, the local company has garnered an international reputation by importing saddles into Europe, reversing an age old trend.

The attention of dressage experts worldwide has resulted in a booming business for Schleese, with an 83 per cent increase in revenues last year.

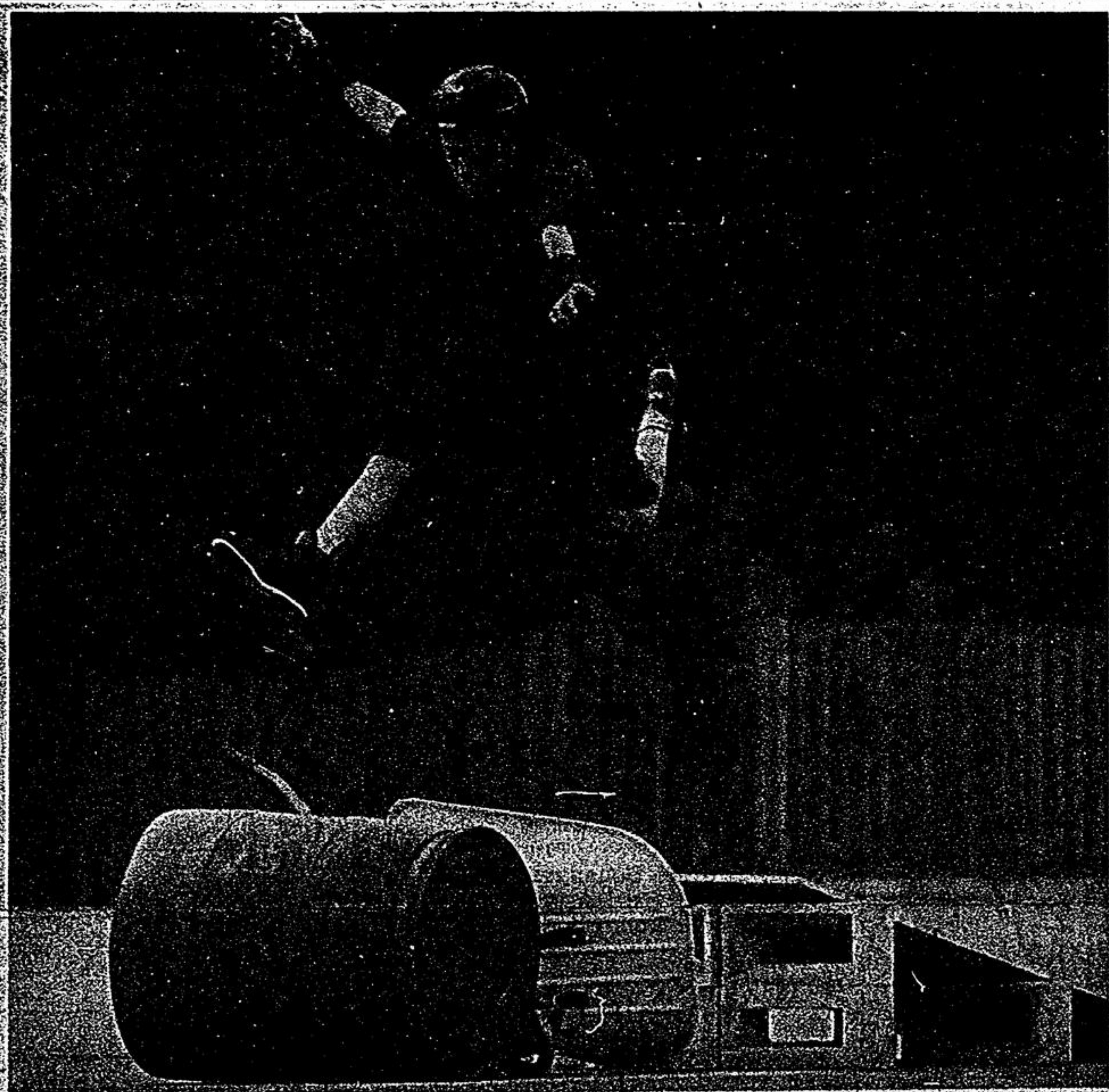
This is not the first time that Schleese has been recognized for being an outstanding businessman. He was the local Chamber of Commerce's 1994 choice as business person of the year.

Officials of the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce were overwhelmed to learn that two local business persons made such a prestigious list.

"To think a little town like this would have two top entrepreneurs in Ontario," said Helene Johnson. "This is outstanding."



SCHLEESE



Barrel jumping

Jeremy Keller takes some air while jumping a barrel, and a wheelbarrow, on his rolleblades in the parking lot by Stouffville Memorial Park. Keller used the wheelbarrow to bring his homemade ramp to the parking lot.

Photo: STEVE SOMERVILLE

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Police applaud watchdog approach

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Stouffville's move to keep tabs on the type of business being carried out in industrial units is being applauded by York Regional Police.

The June discovery of a local hydroponic marijuana operation in a Ringwood industrial park prompted the call for a review of uses

in Stouffville's industrial units.

Police sergeant Bruce Powley is impressed that the municipality wants to keep a closer eye on business activity in industrial parks.

"It's positive," said Powley. "It helps to know what's going on."

The sergeant pointed out that police depend on the

public for tips. In the case of drug growing operations, a great deal of electricity is required. "If someone's hydro bill is going through the roof, it could mean something," said Powley.

The report dealing with local business uses is expected soon, said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "It will be good to know for various reasons what we have in

town," Mayor Emmerson said. He is going to suggest that the police get a copy of the report.

Last month, Whitchurch-Stouffville council directed staff to draft a list of the uses in the units at Ringwood Dr. as well as at other industrial condominiums. Meanwhile, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police has just reported that communities across the country are experiencing a dramatic increase in commercial hydroponic marijuana growing operations.

Two men charged in connection with the local drug bust will make a court appearance on Aug. 11.

Court appearance Friday in hydroponic marijuana case

A man facing narcotic charges in connection with a \$500,000 Stouffville drug bust made a brief court appearance Wednesday.

Under police escort, Charles Michael Way, 45, of 100 Ringwood Dr., entered the Newmarket court. His stay, however, was short lived.

The 45-year old, along with co-accused William Dunn, 40, of Toronto, will return to court Friday where both are expected to enter pleas linked to the charges.

Way, who's being held in custody, is no stranger to police. He was released from federal prison in 1990 after serving one third of a nine-year sentence for manslaughter in connection with the shooting death of a 31-year old woman.

In June, operating on a tip, police discovered a full-scale hydroponic drug processing operation running out of four units in the industrial park.

Vandorf Park gets protection

A watchdog group has been set up to guard a 450-home hamlet in north Stouffville.

The Vandorf Park Association (VPA) has been set up to oversee the community.

Bill Souter, VPA president, said the group's mandate is to make sure the communities in the area will continue to enjoy the recreational and environmental park facilities.

Also, the VPA plans to co-ordinate harmoniously with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Parks and Recreation facilities, the residential association, and the museums to improve Vandorf Park and its facilities in the interest of the residents of the surrounding communities, said Souter.

Vandorf is a "jewel" of a community, said Souter. He added, "It must be cherished for all the local families to enjoy."



Elvis sighting

Lauren Smith, a member of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club is a big fan of Olympic silver medalist Elvis Stojko. She had a chance to tell him so when she met him at Centennial Arena in Markham last week. Stojko was at the arena taping part of the Anne Murray Christmas special to be aired on CBC this December.

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