



Ready for the show

Ms. Chancely Chick gets preened for the Canadian International Paint Horse Championship Show and Futurity on Saturday at Zweibrucken Farm by Kim Davies, Kim Tryon and Kim Burnie.

Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEN

Grade 7s to be immunized

Grade 7 students in Stouffville will soon receive Hepatitis B immunization shots, a Public Health Department official has reported.

Jane Miles, of the health department's school immunization program, expects the program will be welcomed across York Region, including Stouffville.

Each student will receive three Hepatitis B shots this year, said Miles. Meanwhile, the plan is to have information and consent for the shots sent home to the students in late September and early October. The immunization will be carried out soon after. Public health nurses will visit the schools and give the shots.

In 1994, a total of 7,400 York students were immunized against this sometimes fatal disease. "Last year, we had an excellent response," said Miles. "An impressive 97 per cent of York's Grade 7 students were immunized against Hepatitis B."

Hepatitis B is "spread by contact with blood and sexual fluids from an infected person," explained Miles. The health department is reminding everyone that this virus can get into the body through extremely small breaks in the skin.

Anyone wishing more information about the program, call (905) 940-1333.

Survey finds parents like full day program

(From page 1) child attending school every other day, there were some extended gaps between school days.

Bodkin said the board has "connected some of these gaps" in the school calendar for the upcoming year.

Fatigue and difficulty developing a family routine were also problems cited by parents, but the key concern of both parents and teachers was class size.

"The size of the class was the largest influencing issue on whether this program was

successful or not," said Markham (Thornhill) trustee Carol Cotton.

The survey, sent to 2,000 parents, teachers and principals, (there was a nearly 50 per cent rate of return) was geared toward finding ways to improve the full-day program,

not to determine who approves or disapproves of the plan.

The concept of full-day, alternate day kindergarten is accepted more in rural areas where parents have to travel farther to get their children to school.

"Membership on any task force examining the GTA must include fair representation from small towns in Durham and York," she added.

"Rural Ontario is not a homogeneous region where municipalities have uniform priorities."

"Individual rural municipalities must not be limited in their options for determining growth and development strategies."

Munro would like to see a shift of power in favor of local municipalities.

"A provincial government must offer a true partnership which provides flexibility to rural municipalities by giving local councils more control over how they use their resources and more local input into the provincial decision-making process," she said.



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Parkinson's group meets

The Parkinson Support Group of Markham Stouffville is holding its first meeting Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Suggestions for the coming year's program will be taken at that time.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will take place in the community room at the Markham police station, McCowan Rd. at Carlton Rd.

Meeting at Parkview linked to Beijing conference

A Stouffville-based status of women conference will be held in early September to coincide with the United Nation's Fourth World Conference.

The grass-roots conference, being tagged Humanity's Other Wing, is being held on September 9. It's being sponsored by the Baha'i community of Stouffville.

The conference is both free and non-denominational.

The event, to be officially opened by Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Wayne Emmerson, offers an impressive line-up.

Speakers include Professor Pat Smith, educator Terry Spratt and

magazine editor Alice Hawke.

Former Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Fran Sansbury and Helene Johnson of the local Chamber of Commerce are also taking part in panel discussions.

The conference will cover such issues as women and justice, health and morality, violence, woman as the custodian of the environment and women,

while a panel presentation called the Political Process and Peace is expected to attract attention.

Humanity's Other Wing will be held at Parkview Village on Sept. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dr. Farzad Katirai, local event organizer, said the local conference and the global conference being held in Beijing taking place so close to the millennium and dealing with the toughest of social problems, take on a special significance for each and every one of us. Katirai said the facts regarding the status of women globally depict a bleak and distressing picture. Katirai stressed that the number of

women living in poverty is not only disproportionate, but increasing.

In promoting the day long conference, Katirai pointed out that in much of the world, access to education, even primary education is denied to a large portion of females. He added, "Two thirds of the illiterate adult population of the world is female, while violence against women is widespread and deep-rooted."

Achieving equality between the sexes "starts at home," stressed Katirai.

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