

Prize-winning Parkview residents were talk of fair

A WINNING COMBINATION

Congratulations to Isobel Coleman and Mildred Gomoll, both of whom reside at Parkview Home. The 83-year-old Coleman captured first place honors at this year's Markham Fair for her beautiful hand-knitted baby's christening dress. Two years ago, this talented knitter won both first prize and Grand Champion for another baby's dress, which her family had framed and which now takes pride of place on her wall at Parkview. Gomoll, 91, is an accomplished poet whose work has been published on a number of occasions. One of her recent poems, entitled "My Daily Task - by Herc' Part I," was featured in the September issue of *Mature Lifestyles* and another work, "In The South - by Herc' Part II," was selected as a semi-finalist in a contest sponsored by the Poetry Club of America, which receives submissions from across North America.

WHITE CANE DAY

International White Cane Day on Oct. 15 is a time to reflect on the dire situation faced by many blind people in Third World countries, noted Art Brooker, national director of Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI), on Stouffville Rd. "A social safety net like we have here in Canada doesn't exist in these poorer countries," he said. "Often people who are blind lack even the most simple aids, such as white canes or schooling, which would give them a degree of mobility and autonomy. The fact that all too often blind individuals are shut out from mainstream society adds to their helplessness." Blind children are particularly vulnerable, said Brooker. "An estimated 90 per cent of these children never get the chance to go to school." Statistics show that there are 40 million blind people in the world and that the most common cause of blindness is cataracts. Approximately half of those affected could be cured through surgical intervention. CBMI specializes in the treatment and prevention of blindness through cataract surgery in Asia, Africa and Latin America, at an average cost of \$27 per operation. More than 50,000 blind and visually impaired individuals are currently receiving an education through projects supported by CBMI, which is recognized by the World Health Organization. For more information, or to make a donation, call 640-6464.

CHILDHOOD ASTHMA PROGRAM

Families with children who suffer from asthma are invited to attend a Childhood Asthma Program for residents of York Region, which will take place at York Central Hospital from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 17. Allan Kaplan,



M.D., will discuss the condition, the factors which trigger it and methods of management and treatment for sufferers.

Children from 6 to 12 years of age are invited to join the Asthma Detective Agency to investigate their asthma and learn how to control it at home, school and play.

The program is sponsored by The Lung Association in conjunction with York Central Hospital, and families can register by calling 905-882-0101.

COUNTRY CONCERT
Stouffville Country Market is hosting a free concert Sunday, Oct. 20 as part of Harvestfest celebrations. Guest performers are Shania

and the Runaway Train and Kenny Rogers' impersonator Peter Davidson. The emphasis is on country and showtime is 12:30 p.m.



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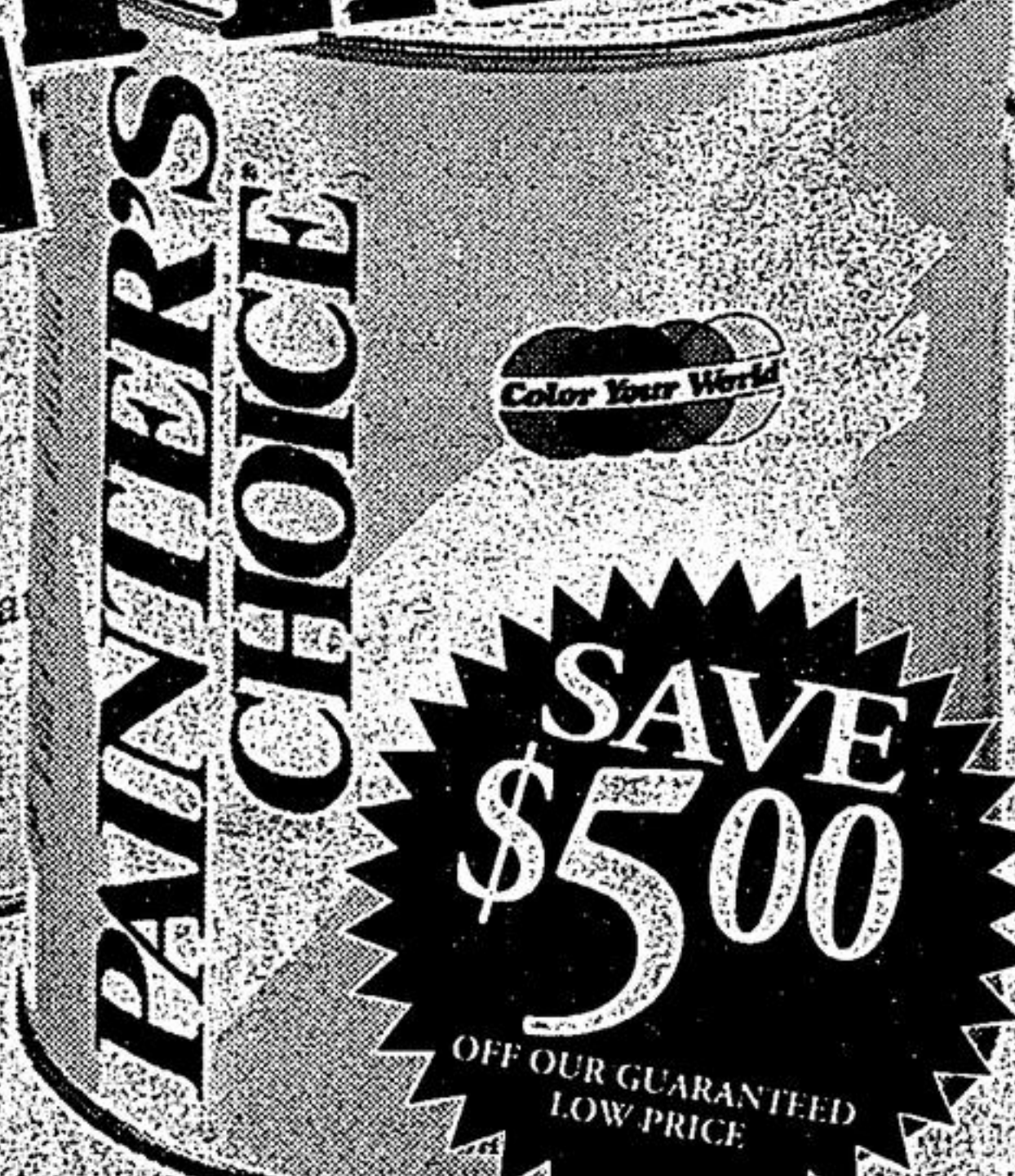
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An Invitation for Public Comments Development Charges Policies

All members of the public and the development industry are invited to attend a public workshop regarding the proposed Development Charges Policies for the Regional Municipality of York. Development charges are collected by the Region, from new development, to fund growth related infrastructure. The purpose of the meeting will be to ensure that all interested parties are appropriately informed on proposed Development Charge Policies and the potential financial impacts, and to receive input respecting any issues arising.

The workshop will be held on:

Thursday, October 24, 1996
7:00 p.m.

**Regional Administration Building,
Seminar Room,
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario**

All comments and written submissions will be considered as part of the Region's Development Charge review. If you would like a copy of the Draft Discussion Policies report in advance of the meeting, or if you have any inquiries regarding this matter, please call the York Region Finance Department at 895-1231.

Eldred King
Regional Chair

Gail Blackburn
Chair of Finance Committee