

Auto Express
**MERCEDES
 BENZ**
 REPAIR SPECIALIST
 172 BULLOCK DRIVE, UNIT 31
 MARKHAM
 471-8660

The Tribune

Stouffville Weekender

Ross Dixon
 FINANCIAL SERVICES
The Best Choice is Here!
 TERM G I C
 1 YR. 3.65%
 3 YR. 4.95%
 5 YR. 5.65%
 Rates subject to change
 GIC'S • RRSP'S • MUTUAL FUNDS •
 LIFE INSURANCE • ANNUITIES • RRIF'S
 • TAX PREPARATION • MORTGAGES
 137 Main St. N.
 Markham 471-2311

Vol. 13 No. 4 A Metroland Community Newspaper Saturday, January 25, 1997 48 Pages 50¢ (+7¢ plus 3¢ GST)

Education

Teachers chant for strike

By MIKE ADLER
 Staff Reporter

Rattling noisemakers, waving signs and chanting for a strike, hundreds of teachers stood in chilling cold Thursday on the frozen lawn of their public school board headquarters.

"I call it the Mother Hubbard board," declared Joan Heeler, a union president for York Region elementary teachers.

Recalling the nursery rhyme in which a cupboard is bare, Heeler asked the Aurora crowd of about 1,000, "I wonder what that hungry dog did to that old Mother Hubbard?"

She was answered with calls of "Strike, strike!" when Heeler announced the twin elementary unions would ask for the board's final offer that day, the next step to a strike vote.

Gerarda Schouten, a teacher at Willowbrook Public School in Thornhill, took up the chant banging a cookie tin with a piece of wood. "They never had any intention of negotiating with us," charged George Auerbach, a teacher at Bayview Glen Public.

Teachers are angry that half their daily preparation time

was shifted to after school — the board announced the move, still being challenged by the unions, in April — and have a strong message for the board, said union president Fred Mayor. "They are not interested in rolling over and playing dead," he warned.

Later, Heeler, addressing

(Please see page 2)

Company may still relocate

By JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

The plan to bring a 700,000-square foot kitchen furniture manufacturing plant to Stouffville is still alive.

In a week, town officials, including Whitchurch-Stouffville mayor Wayne Emmerson and economic development officer Eric Limanis will meet with the brass of Canac Business Centre to discuss the plan to have the manufacturing plant and its 500 employees relocate from Thornhill to Vandorf.

The company owns land in the area, including a 35-acre site on

(Please see page 3)



Non-smoking week?

John Lambersky, 17, poses with the cigarettes he was able to purchase from local merchants. Only one store rejected the youth.
 Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

STILL SMOKIN'
 Stouffville merchants
 fail Trib test: 1/10

By JOAN RANSBERRY and JOHN LAMBERSKY
 Special Report

The cigarette cops would be over worked in Stouffville. To mark National Non-smoking Week, a survey was carried out by *The Tribune* with the help of 17-year-old non-smoker John Lambersky.

The survey showed that nine out of 10 Stouffville merchants, or 90 per cent, willingly sold cigarettes to a minor in direct contravention of the law.

In neighboring Uxbridge, the cigarette cops wouldn't be as busy. Four out of 10, or 40 per cent of Uxbridge merchants

(Please see page 3)

Trust fund for infant established

A trust fund has been set up for a six-week-old baby who's father was killed in Stouffville last week.

An industrial accident last Friday at Gormley's Dynatec Mining Ltd. claimed the life of a 27-year-old Joe Parsons of Manilla, formerly of Stouffville. Funeral services were held Monday at Wideman

Mennonite Church on Hwy. 48. Parsons was raised by Bob and Cathy Williams of 19th Avenue. He attended Dickson Hill Public School.

Parsons was operating a sandblaster when co-workers found him unconscious. He died at York Central Hospital shortly after arriving by ambulance. Parsons and his

wife Tonya were married in 1995. Soon after, the couple bought a home in Manilla. Meanwhile baby Kayla was born just before Christmas.

Donations to the trust fund can be made at the Stouffville Toronto Dominion Bank on Main St.

The accident remains under investigation.

Halt development at lake: Watson

By JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

Clean water and lots of it for Musselman's Lake and Ballantrae is the driving force behind a plan being debated at Whitchurch-Stouffville council this coming Tuesday.

Ward 1 councillor Mike Watson said he's picking up the ball where the late councillor Ed Lyons left off.

The rookie councillor wants to have the new communal water system up and running for three years before allowing more development in the area.

This means that the Shickendanz proposal would be put on hold along with any further development for a full three years.

"We need to make sure the well has the quality and quantity of water before it's at full

(Please see page 3)

STOP BEFORE YOU CAN'T

Ford Re-manufactured Brake Pads and Shoes are Guaranteed for As Long As You Own Your Vehicle

FREE BRAKE INSPECTION

20% OFF
 Any Brake Parts and Labour if Required

McARTHUR'S
 KENNEDY RD. JUST SOUTH OF HWY. #7
474-1350

Celebrating 25 years of complete Service for all Ford, Lincoln & Mercury Products

Remanufactured

 Engines • Parts

QUALITY CARE
 Where the Quality Continues™

Offer Expires Feb. 28/97