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EDITORIAL

Not too late to find, or post a summer job

It's not too late to find or post a summer job, but you'll have to do it soon.

Summer employment offices in the area are closing down in the next few weeks.

The Markham summer employment office of Human Resources Canada in Markville Shopping Centre will be closing July 30, and the Richmond Hill office, which also posts some Stouffville-area jobs, will be closing Aug. 1.

Uxbridge students and employers are serviced through a Pickering office, which will be closing Aug. 13.

But supervisors from all these offices report there are still jobs available for students. And they encourage homeowners to list their odd jobs, as well.

Got some home repair or improvement projects in mind this summer? Got the spare cash, but not the time to do it?

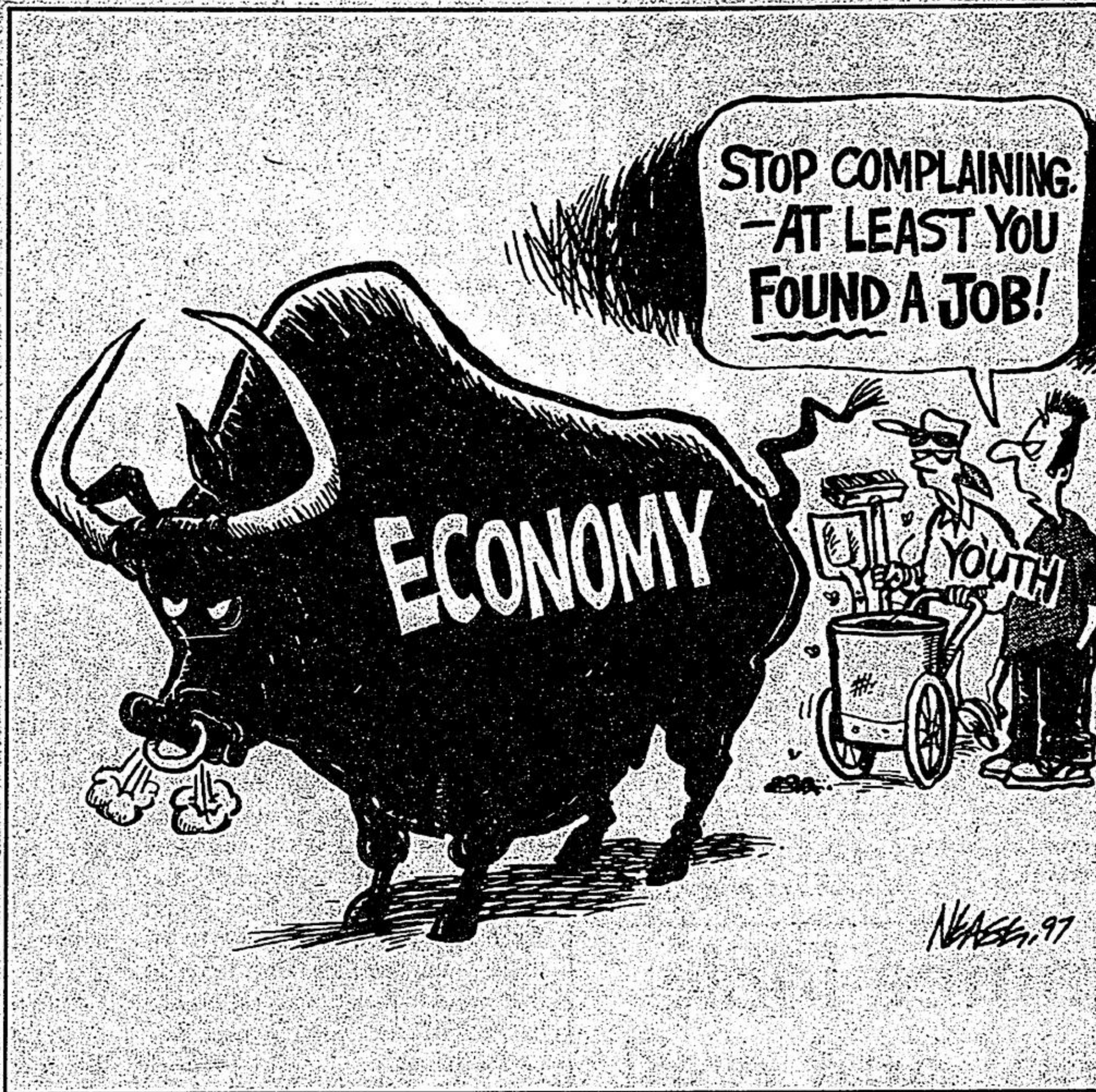
Why not consider hiring a student from your community?

They're ready and willing to do whatever work projects are out there.

Does your deck need a thorough cleaning and fresh coat of stain? How about those broken cobblestone pathways and steps? Have a fence in need of repairs? How about those overgrown weeds and trees in your garden? Does your driveway cry out to be resealed? The garden shed or garage might need a new coat of paint.

If you have a Stouffville-area job, call 477-3066. Uxbridge jobs should be posted in the Pickering office, by calling 831-7651.

If you're a Stouffville student looking for work, check out the jobs posted in the Markville Shopping Centre employment office or the Richmond Hill office in Hillcrest Mall. Uxbridge students may call the Pickering office at 831-7651 and ask about Uxbridge-area job opportunities.



Kids' bloopers guaranteed to get laughs

Kids Say The Darndest Things -- Art Linkletter book title

They certainly do — and nobody knows it better than the star-crossed professionals who get to spend most of their working hours with our kids — their teachers.

Teachers get to mark tests and examinations, and that's where the teachers learn that some kids don't retain information quite as efficiently as others.

Hence the Student Blooper Phenomenon.

Herewith a collection of some of the more outrageous howlers committed to paper by our little darlings.

Science with a vengeance: "We get our temperature in different ways. Either fairinheit, cellcius, or centipede."

"One horsepower is the amount of energy it takes to drag a horse 500 feet in one second."

"A molecule is so small it can't be observed by the naked observer."

FAMOUS BLOOPERS

Famous people of science don't escape the

swipe of Bloopism.

One student wrote that The Law of Gravity was passed by Isaac Newton, while another insisted that the Russian Pavlov was famous for studying the salvation of dogs.

Young students seem to have an even shakier grasp of biology.

In a class report one child wrote "our biology class went out to explore the swamp and to collect little orgasms."

And another juvenile chronicler recorded "In Biology today, we digested a frog."

You want to hope that



Basic Black
Arthur Black

these kids don't choose a medical career.

"The big artery in your neck is called the jocular vein."

"The pelvis protects the gentiles."

"A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

And this description: "The heart beats faster when you are younger, average when you are middle age, hardly at all when you are old, and not at all when you are dead."

ZOUNDS OF MUSIC

The Zounds of Music: "Music sung by two people is called a duel."

"A harp is a nude piano."

"My favorite composer is an opus."

"Agnus Dei was a woman composer famous for her church music."

"A very liked piece is the Bronze Lullaby."

Putting The Litter In Literature: "Shakespeare was famous for

writing and performing tragedies, comedies and hysterectomies..."

"Shakespeare wrote his plays in Islamic pentameter."

"A great Jewish leader in Scotland was Rabbi Burns."

"I like the story 'The Last of the Moccasins'."

"In Ibsen's 'Ghosts', Oswald dies of congenial syphilis."

"Jake Barnes, in 'The Sun Also Rises' was injured in the groin region, and was impudent for the rest of his life."

And then of course there's history — both ancient and modern.

ROMAN INVASION

One student noted that Rome was invaded by The Ballbearings.

Another explained that the Bolshevik Party was led by John Lennon.

And my favorite — a student commenting on fashion in ancient Egypt: "Early Egyptian women wore a garment called a calasirus. It was a sheer dress which started beneath the breasts which hung to the floor."

Man, if that didn't make Egyptian guys impudent, nothing would.

Editorial was anti-American and full of facile comments

Dear Editor,

Accepting the dictionary description of the function of an editor as "giving the opinion or attitude of the paper regarding some subject," it is disappointing to read in your July 12 editorial ("Chretien's comments just friendly criticism") that "Canadians know Americans can be a bunch of blow-hards, that they're arrogant, often rude and insulated from the rest of the world."

I am an American and both my Canadian husband and myself feel

LETTERS

that if the above facile comments do not reflect your editorial policy, then we expect a published retraction and apology, and also feel that your editor should not be using his column to promulgate his personal views.

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