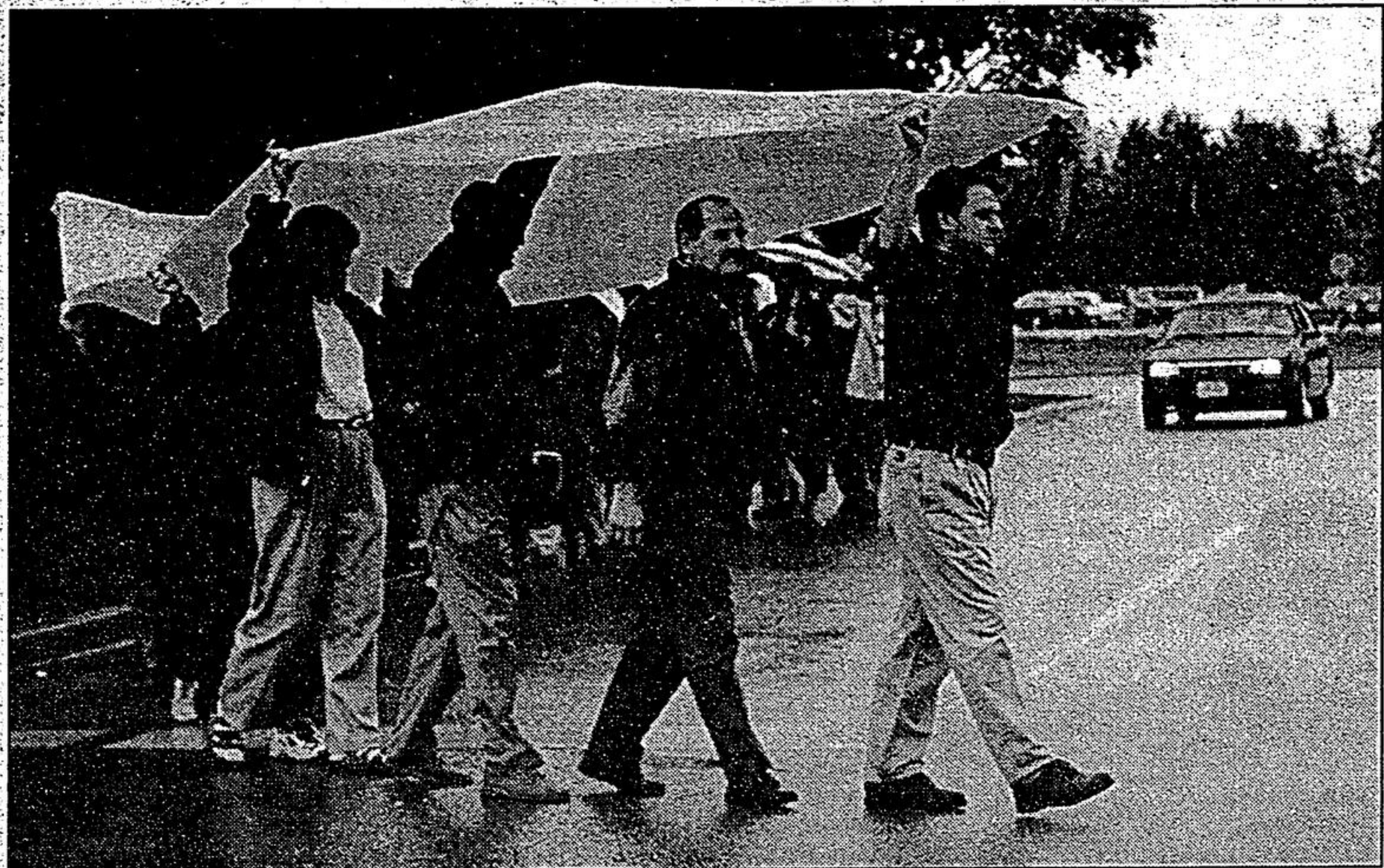


Stouffville teachers stage noon-hour picket



SINGLE FILE: Stouffville District Secondary School teachers join with colleagues across the province in a lunch-time protest against proposed provincial labour legislation.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

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Staff Reporter

Teachers and other school staff walked protest pickets around schools throughout the region Thursday, as provincial union leaders threatened to strike against Tory labour legislation.

The latest bill, under the Education Quality Improvement Act, would give the province power to limit preparation time for teachers, extend the school year and cut some professional development days.

Two shifts of Stouffville District High School teachers walked in the rain, taking about 20 minutes for each shift, said principal Rod Leonard. "Students asked what the teachers were doing and that was about it," he added.

The education bill is "a direct attack" on teachers' working conditions and public education, said Corey Trute, vice-president of the local Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation and a Markham

elementary teacher, who said cutting preparation time by 50 per cent would cost 10,000 teaching jobs.

"Teachers in this province will not stand by and allow this government to compromise our children's future," he warned in a statement this week.

A group representing student leaders in the province also expressed concern about the government's approach to education reform.

"Students fear that less preparation time for teachers will translate into a decrease in individual communication for (the) student-teacher relationship," said Rebecca Hartley, an official of the Ontario Secondary School Students' Association, which advises Snobelen.

Amardeep Rai, a Grade 10 student who joined the picket at Middlefield Collegiate Institute in Markham, also expressed this view, adding that teachers are "doing more things, but the government doesn't see that."

Adult community plans brought to public meeting

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Construction of a golf course linked to a \$150-million adult lifestyle community slated for Aurora Road and Hwy. 48 will get under way in the spring if local council agrees.

Next Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ballantrae Community Centre, the Foran Group, consultants for developer Schickendanz Bros. Ltd., will present details of the plan at a public hearing.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council will, once again, oversee the meeting. This marks the second time the



BOB FORHAN JR.

adult lifestyle community. It's made up of 900 homes, a champion golf course, a club house, a swimming pool, a tennis court and jogging trails. The community will be built over a 15-year period.

public has reviewed the major proposal. In the spring, more than 325 residents of Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake attended an information session to gather details of the

If all goes well, construction of the 18-hole golf course to be built on 370 acres will begin in the early spring.

Meanwhile, the startup for the first phase of the housing development will start in the summer, said Bob Forhan Jr., spokesperson for the Foran Group.

As was expected, the most often asked question on the plan is linked to water. Local residents have asked for assurances the development will not impact on the community's

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quality and quantity of water.

Concern is such that the developer presented a water report outlining the full details of the water supply.

On Tuesday, a "full team" of specialists, including architects and engineers, will be on hand to answer all questions, including those linked to the water supply, said Forhan Jr.

Most of the residents of the new

development will be 50 years and older. About 80 per cent of the homes will be one-storey bungalows, while the rest will be link houses.

The development will be a condominium setup with residents owning the houses and lots, while all outdoor upkeep is done for the residents.

"It's been well received so far," said Forhan Jr. "We've tried to be very open. Yes, it's been an ambitious project."

Angelis second candidate in Ward 3

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A political watchdog is running for Whitchurch-Stouffville Council in the upcoming municipal election.

Sophie Angelis, 41, a community activist from Woodbine Avenue, has filed the appropriate papers to seek office in Ward 3.

"The established lifestyle of our community needs to be protected. It's a wonderful place to live. Let's take care of it," said Angelis.

Angelis stresses that she is no stranger to the ward.

"I've shown an interest in planning matters and in the environment for many years. I want to be part of the decision making," said Angelis.

Angelis is challenging Peter Dobrich for the seat which takes in Lemonville and the surrounding area. Dobrich, a member of the local Hydro Commission, declared three months ago that he's a candidate in Ward 3.

Meanwhile, Ward 3 Councillor



SOPHIE ANGELIS

Margot Marshall recently reported that she's retiring from political life.

Angelis said there are issues affecting her home ward that need to be

addressed.

"I'm not against industrial development, but I am opposed to scattered industrial development."

During the campaign, Angelis said she will tell voters she's against building a new town hall.

"The timing is wrong," she said.

Angelis, a homemaker, has been married to John for 23 years. The couple have two children, Irene, 16, and nine-year-old Anthony.

The municipal election campaign is heating up. Incumbent Mayor Wayne Emmerson is being challenged by Musselman's Lake resident Charlene Jones.

While Ward 1 Councillor Ivanka Bradley announced that she's not seeking re-election to the ward seat, area resident Steve Pliakes has filed to run.

Helene Johnson is being challenged by Roland Kontgen in Ward 2, while incumbent Councillor Mike Watson has announced that he's not seeking re-election.

Ward 4 Councillor Cliff Dunkeld wants to return to council, while Ward 5 Councillor Judy Scala hopes to get re-elected.

No one has come forward to challenge either Dunkeld or Scala.

Incumbent Ward 6 Councillor Mark Kostandoff is running against Thicketwood Blvd. resident Sue Sherban.

The cutoff date to enter the municipal race is Oct. 10.



CHARLENE JONES

Police seek witnesses to Goodwood crash

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jaws of life to pry the van's driver from the wreckage.

The driver of the van, Don Mills resident Kwang Park, was listed in fair condition at Sunnybrook Friday. The driver of the transport was not injured.

Hwy. 47 west of Goodwood was closed for hours, with cars and school buses being rerouted.

Whitby OPP is still investigating the accident. They are asking anyone who may have witnessed the accident to contact their detachment at 1-905-668-3388.

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