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MUD SLIDERS:
 Footballers enjoy the spring weather Saturday at Claremont ball field. Taking advantage of the muddy field conditions to cool off are from left, Shaun Tran, Bill Taggart, Scott Acton, Chris McLeod, Mike Palachik, Cleffer Williams. For more photos see page 7.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Municipal budget on target

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 Staff Reporter

If the province keeps a promise, property owners in Whitchurch-Stouffville will not face a tax increase this year.

Late Monday, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council struck a \$13.8 million budget. "It's a very good budget. We might even be able to increase the level of services," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Council did not, however, set its mill rate. The formula used

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to let people know how much they have to pay in municipal taxes, but can't be established until the province releases final figures for the costs of

transferring responsibilities for some services to municipalities.

If Premier Mike Harris delivers on a "revenue neutral" promise, the municipal budget

will reflect a zero-per-cent tax hike, said Emmerson.

This will mean the average homeowner in Whitchurch-Stouffville will pay about \$525

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Police seeking fraud artist

The police have appealed to the public to help track down a Stouffville man wanted for a number of crimes.

York Regional Police and Crime Stoppers, are asking for help in locating Kevin Carter Buchanan.

The 32-year-old man is wanted on charges of fraud, theft under \$5,000, false pretense and uttering forged documents.

Buchanan is described as white, five-foot eight inches tall, 185

pounds, medium build, fair complexion, blond hair and blue eyes.

Police reported that in early April '97, Buchanan set up a used car sales business on the lot of a garage operated as the Stouffville Auto Clinic at 4001 Stouffville Rd.

Police further report that during April and May of '97, Buchanan used the name of the auto clinic to make purchases worth about \$1,900 without the permission of the owner.

The wanted man also received a

number of vehicles from different persons. He said he would sell them on consignment. Police said the man then sold the same vehicle to a number of different buyers by taking a cash down payment and telling the buyer he would hold the vehicle until they had finished paying for it. Buchanan left the area at the end of May '97.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477.

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The poll says...

■ Nearly 88 per cent of TribPoll respondents said the Latcham Gallery should remain publicly funded, while 12 per cent maintain it should be funded privately. Not one person said the gallery should be closed.

Since the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library Board several weeks ago announced the gallery would have to close, supporters have banded together to change that decision. A meeting at Orchard Park Public School brought out more than 100 Latcham supporters.

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