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FOCUSSED EFFORT: Brenda Robbins of Stouffville District Secondary School concentrates and gives it her all as she shotputs in senior girls' division Tuesday during York Region track championships at York University.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Tourist rail could grind to final halt

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

The fate of the York-Durham Heritage Railway should be known by Wednesday.

While Whitchurch-Stouffville Council gave the train the green light to run, permission only applied to the weekend Long term clearance to run between Stouffville and Uxbridge was not given.

At a special meeting of council, slated for May 20, councillors will review concerns about the noise generated by the heritage train.

Stouffville resident Lina

Bigioni, whose home is adjacent to the railway tracks, has told council the noise from the train is disturbing the neighbourhood.

Bigioni described the noise as "incredibly loud." She said the duration of the whistle and the distance from the crossing seemed to have increased between 1996 and '97. "Last year, it was a hardship," added Bigioni.

When it comes to train whistles, "to blow or not to blow" has been debated Canadawide for years. Some municipalities are opting to stop the train whistle providing the safety issue has been addressed.

Town administrator Merlin

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Tax break for business won't be felt in York

MIKE ADLER
 Staff Reporter

The Tory government's plan to push school taxes for businesses down to a provincial average won't be felt in York Region, Ontario's finance ministry says.

The promise to eventually lower education tax rates to 3.3 per cent, made in the provincial budget last week, means big savings for industrial and commercial taxpayers in Toronto and in many other

locales. In places where the taxes were already below that average, such as York Region, they won't fall, but at least they won't rise.

"They should not change," said ministry spokesperson Adrian Mann.

The ministry will set a single business education tax rate for York Region, since local school boards no longer have taxing authority.

The rate is intended to collect the same amount as last year, though new assessments could bring tax bills up or down for individual businesses, a spokesperson for the region said.

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Special train run to Uxbridge

The York-Durham Heritage Railway will operate a special train from Stouffville to Uxbridge on May 26.

Spring Fling

SPSS music students present Spring Fling on Tuesday, May 26, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The SPSS music department is proud to present a special concert at the York-Durham Heritage Railway. The concert will feature a variety of musical acts.

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