

Woman dies in crash

A 27-year-old Markham woman is dead after a single car accident early Saturday morning in Stouffville.

York Regional Police said Oi-Lin (Irene) Chiu, was driving her '98 Honda Civic eastbound on Bethesda Sideroad, just west of Warden Ave.

She was travelling at a high rate of speed, still undetermined, and

lost control. Her car rolled several times before coming to a rest on its roof.

Chiu was ejected from the vehicle and sustained life-threatening injuries.

Const. Brad Joice said it appears that excessive speed caused the accident, but said the investigation is continuing.

Chiu was transported to Sunny-

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brook Health Sciences Centre Saturday where she remained in critical condition. She succumbed to her injuries early Monday afternoon.

She was not wearing a seat belt.

~ Kathleen Griffin

Club honours youth

If you know a young person who deserves special recognition, the Optimist Club of Stouffville would like to hear from you.

The club plans to present two new youth awards at this year's Strawberry Festival, said Doug Benedict. "One will be for community contribution and achieve-

ment and the other will be for a young person who has overcome some type of adversity."

To be eligible, nominees must be 18 or younger and residents of Stouffville. Plaques will be presented to the winners at the festival's annual awards ceremony Friday, June 26, said Benedict. "We

hope this will be the first of many such awards."

Nominations, which should include a brief summary of why you support the nominee, can be sent to him at P.O. Box 55, Stouffville Post Office, Stouffville, L4A 1A0. For more information, call 640-8109.

New name for former Latcham

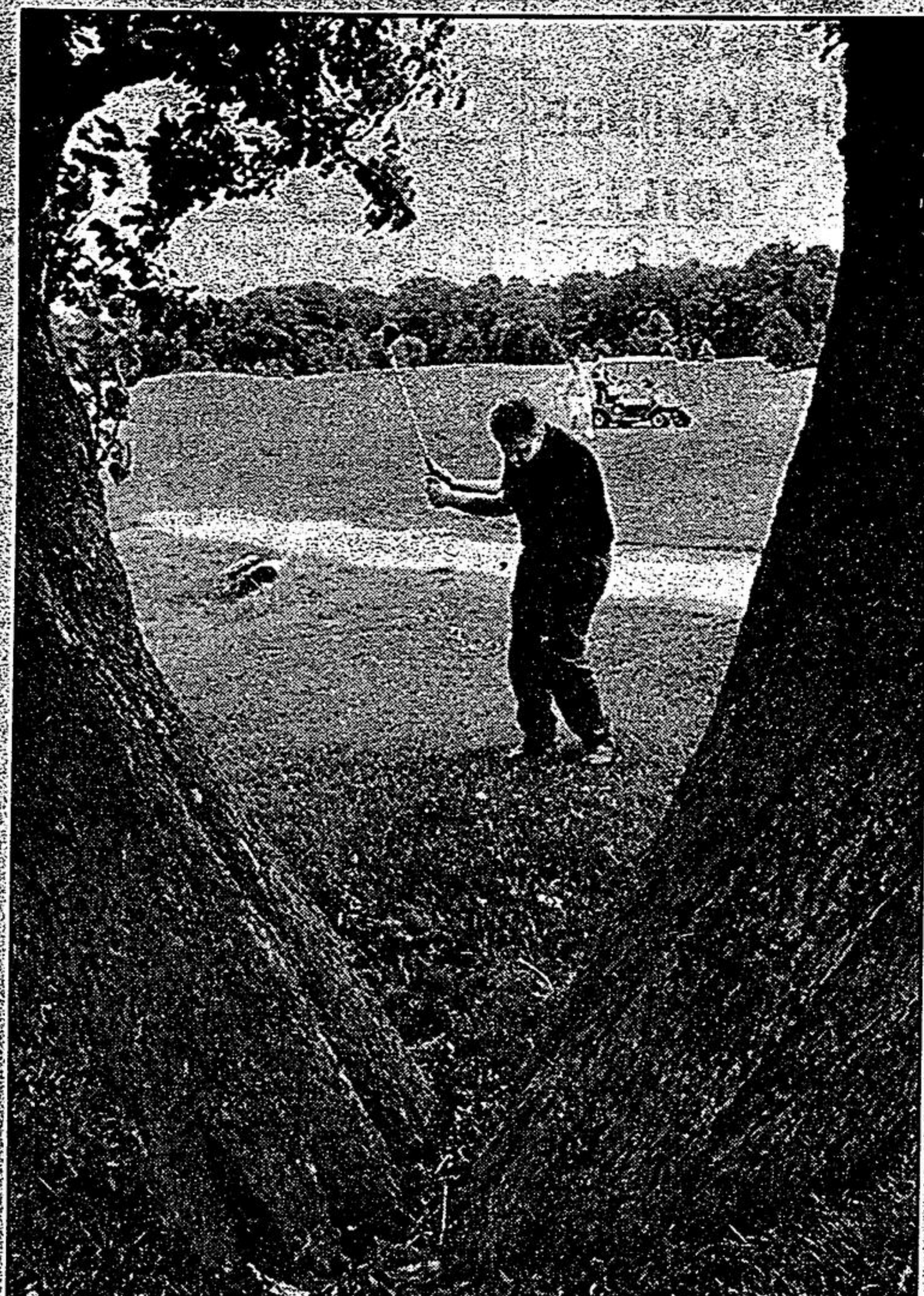
The Latcham Gallery's former space at Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library has been renamed the Art Latcham Cultural Centre.

When the Art Latcham Foundation made its generous financial contribution towards the new library building in 1977, it was

with the proviso that a portion of the space be named after the donor. Since the library board voted to cease operation of the gallery earlier this year, however, the latter facility is now run by an independent group and is no longer located in the library build-

ing. The gallery is occupying space at the new Stouffville station until a permanent location can be found. A membership drive is under way and forms and information are available at the station.

~ Kate Gilderdale



DIFFERENT STROKES: Albert Miller cracks a shot from around a tree at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club last Thursday afternoon during the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce annual fundraiser golf tournament.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Storm spares Stouffville

KATE GILDERDALE
Correspondent

Fallen hydro wires resulted in a rash of emergency calls to the Stouffville Fire Department Sunday, said fire chief Bill Brown.

"It was just one of those weekends. There was major damage to the lines, so many went down we couldn't keep count." According to Ontario Hydro spokesman John Earl, "The storms that

went through Sunday made quite a swath across Orangeville, Newmarket and up to Barrie. There was a lot of tree damage and a lot of trees falling into the lines." Some rural customers were still without power Monday, he said. "Most of our main lines in the area are back up but there could still be customer outages in the rural areas." No injuries or major property damage were reported in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Earl said that barring unforeseen circumstances, power should now be restored to all affected areas.

Board invests \$1.8M to improve student performance

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this. They've really picked this up and ran with it. Everyone's telling me it's unheard of to ask for something and get it six months later," he said. "And obviously, the north embodies a lot of the problems identified here. I expect the schools will be relieved they will be provided the support they deserve."

Called Performance-Plus, the program was conceived in January when the board struck a steering committee to advise on the special needs of particular schools.

The team of 27 educators and board staff reviewed the Gr. 3 test results and identified 18 schools performing below the norm.

They then looked at an analysis of these schools to identify common community characteristics

that could influence student outcomes.

In one instance, Sixteenth Avenue Public School principal Sherry Hoshizaki, a member of the Performance-Plus committee, told the board a child was discovered who hadn't eaten in five days.

And while it was the results of last year's Grade 3 EQAO which prompted the call for action, test results will be just one of the items considered when determining if a school is at risk.

"Just as in an effective classroom, some students still need extra help, there may be communities that need extra support," explained Whitchurch-Highlands Public School principal Gord Killer, also a member of the committee.

And the program will go beyond school-age children, says Killer.

"We have to start thinking outside of the box and how we deliver programs to kids who aren't even our students yet," he said.

Pre-school early literacy programs may include a plan for staff to offer courses at night to assist parents and encourage them to work with their children.

The bulk of the \$1.8 million will be used to pay for 20 teachers and support staff to be directed to the Performance-Plus program.

"It was nice to be able to go after that money so people couldn't say 'You're taking it from somebody else,'" said Killer.

Other criteria used in evaluating a school will include income, the level of education of parents, English as Second Language and how single parent families live in the community. That information will be gathered from Statistics Canada data.

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