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**ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR**

**EVENT:** Adopt-A-Book Day  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2 to 4 p.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
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## Region's bidding process trashed

### Garbage contract up for grabs

BY LISA QUEEN  
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York Region's method of selecting a company to handle its garbage is flawed, according to one garbage firm.

Claude Boucher, spokesperson for HUWS, identified several "red flags" with the process — one of the most important issues on regional council's plate right now.

But Markham Councillor Gord Landon, head of the region's solid waste committee, argued Boucher's criticisms are just sour grapes.

The region is in the process of selecting a private company or consortium to run York's integrated compost, recycling and garbage transfer facility. It will be needed when the Keele Valley dump in Maple closes in three years.

Of the 14 bidders for the multi-million-dollar contract, the region has narrowed the field down to four.

Canada Composting of Newmarket, Groupe Comporec Inc. of Quebec, Miller Waste Systems of Markham and American Ref-Fuel of Texas.

The plant will be built on one of five proposed sites along Hwy. 404.

HUWS responded to the region's request for information, asking companies interested in bidding on the facility to outline their proposals.

Because the region wants an integrated approach, it said it would only consider firms or consortiums that could handle all three aspects of the facility.

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**CRIME:** Horse community bands together to catch person responsible for horse deaths

## Reward could reach \$50K

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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The Stouffville and Markham horse community is mounting a campaign to strengthen a \$15,000 reward offered by the animal protection society, after two horses were shot last December.

The drive, prompted by two more shootings last Monday, is expected to kick off at branches of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tuesday.

The Markham owner of one of the dead horses said campaign organizers hope to raise as much as \$50,000 for information leading to the identity, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the shootings.

York Regional Police are assisting in the campaign and will ensure the protection of the caller.

Investigators, meanwhile, have intensified the probe into the shootings. On Monday, Lucy,

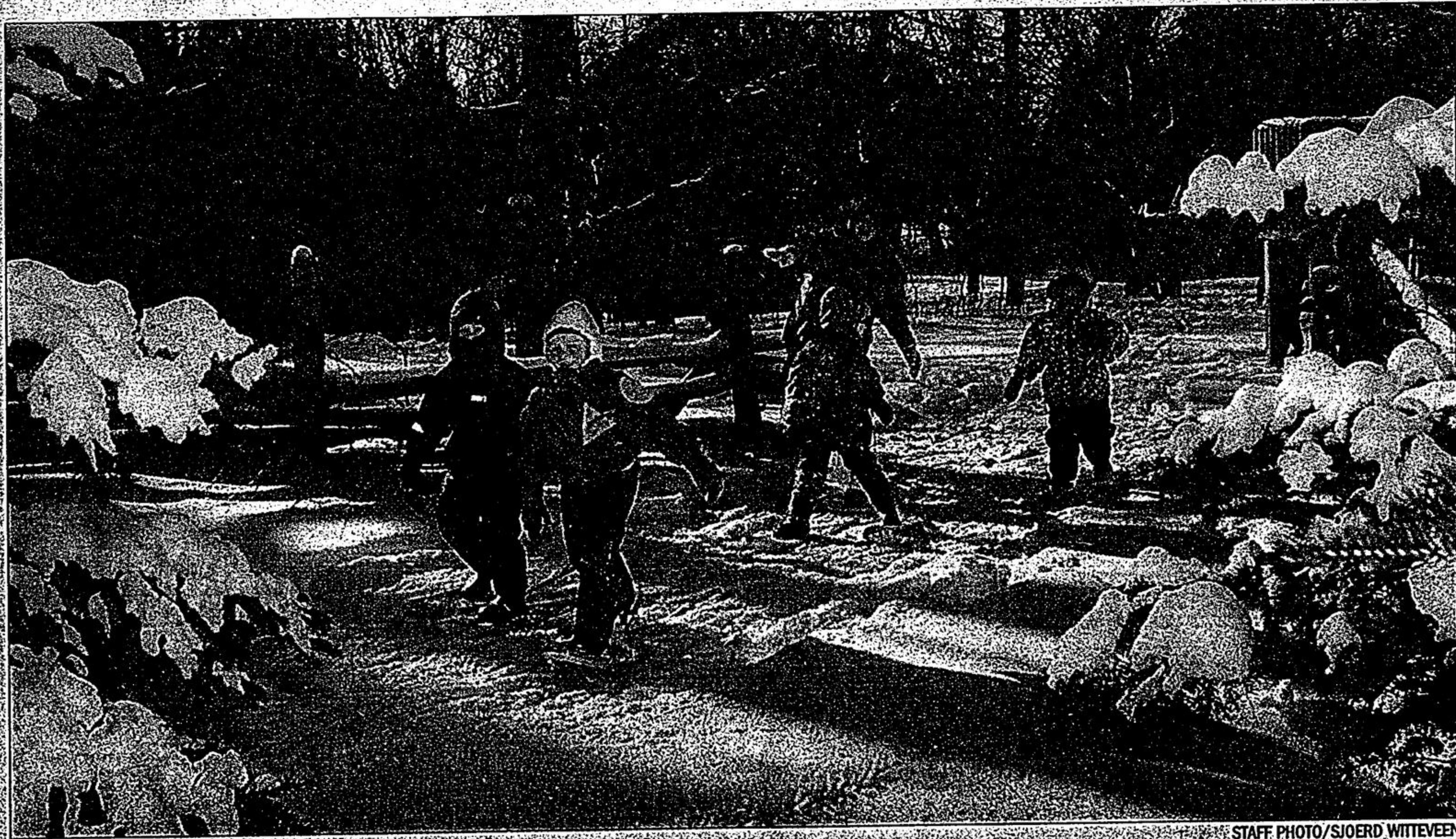
a nine-year-old Hannoverian crossbred mare, was killed by a shotgun blast while in her stall at Greenwinds Farms, located on Bloomington Road at Hwy. 48.

Also shot was Mr. Chips. The five-year-old gelding was rushed to Guelph Animal Hospital with a gunshot wound to the nose. Veterinarians expect a recovery.

On Dec. 14, a gelding and a stallion were shot in the same fashion and in the same barn. In

this week's incident, police speculated that the shooter walked through deep snow to the back of the barn, broke a window, pointed the shotgun through the broken pane and pulled the trigger twice, striking Lucy and Mr. Chips.

Under Section 444 of the Criminal Code of Canada, injuring a horse is a criminal offence subject to a five-year maximum prison sentence.



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## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Students from Willowgrove Public School in Stouffville went on a snowshoe safari last Thursday afternoon. Here, parent volunteer Jackie MacMurchy points the way for students while navigating a trail in the bush behind the country school.

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