

**YORK REGION**

# Career Fair features more than 70 companies

Anyone with ambitions of climbing the career ladder will find something of interest at next week's career fair.

The event will be held Wednesday at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel at Hwy. 7 and Leslie Street in Richmond Hill.

More than 70 companies and agencies — employment agencies, personnel consultants, training companies, educational representatives and human resource specialists — will be on hand for the day-long affair.

There will be plenty of information for people looking for a job, or to advance in their current job, said Nicole Mathieu, advertising director for the York Region division of Metroland newspapers and organizer of the event.

They can sign up for career training, learn about networking or even meet employment recruiters for some of this area's biggest companies.

The highlight of the fair is an address by networking specialist Donna Messer, president of ConnectUs Communications Canada.

Messer, who has built an international reputation for her networking skills, is also a consultant to several major corporations.

Mathieu said this career fair is the result of the success of the first such event held in the spring at Seneca College in King.

Several thousand people attended that fair and we decided to stage a fall event at a larger venue to attract even more people.

The list of companies taking part includes IBM, Allstate, McDonald's Restaurants, Dylex, Shaw Cablesystems, Wendy's, American Express, Scott's Restaurants, H&R Block, London Life, Manpower, Purolator and Investors Group.

Service agencies, including Community Care Access Centre of York Region, CHATS, Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre, Job Skills and Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services, are also attending.

The fair runs from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call Mathieu at (905) 853-8888.

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

## Free language lessons offered

Free Mandarin and Chinese classes for adults and high school students are being offered in Markham.

Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings at Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy at 14th Avenue and McCowan Road. Classes begin Sept. 27.

Those interested in registering are asked to call Grace at 479-9529 or Pam at 479-7286 as soon as possible.

## Bank hosts United Way fund-raiser

The Bank of Nova Scotia on Main Street, Markham hosts a fund-raising barbecue for the York Region United Way on Friday.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds go to the United Way and food has been provided by Village Grocer.



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## WORK OF ART

Markham and Stouffville Hospital Foundation president Gina Rosen, left, asks Markham Economist & Sun and Stouffville Tribune director of advertising Debra Weller, centre, and the hospital's Julie Ponsford, childlife specialist, to help straighten out the works of art being displayed in the hospital's children's quarter recently. The art was donated by the newspapers along with a cheque for \$5,000. The money was raised at the papers' Art in the Park show which was held in July at Stouffville's Memorial Park.

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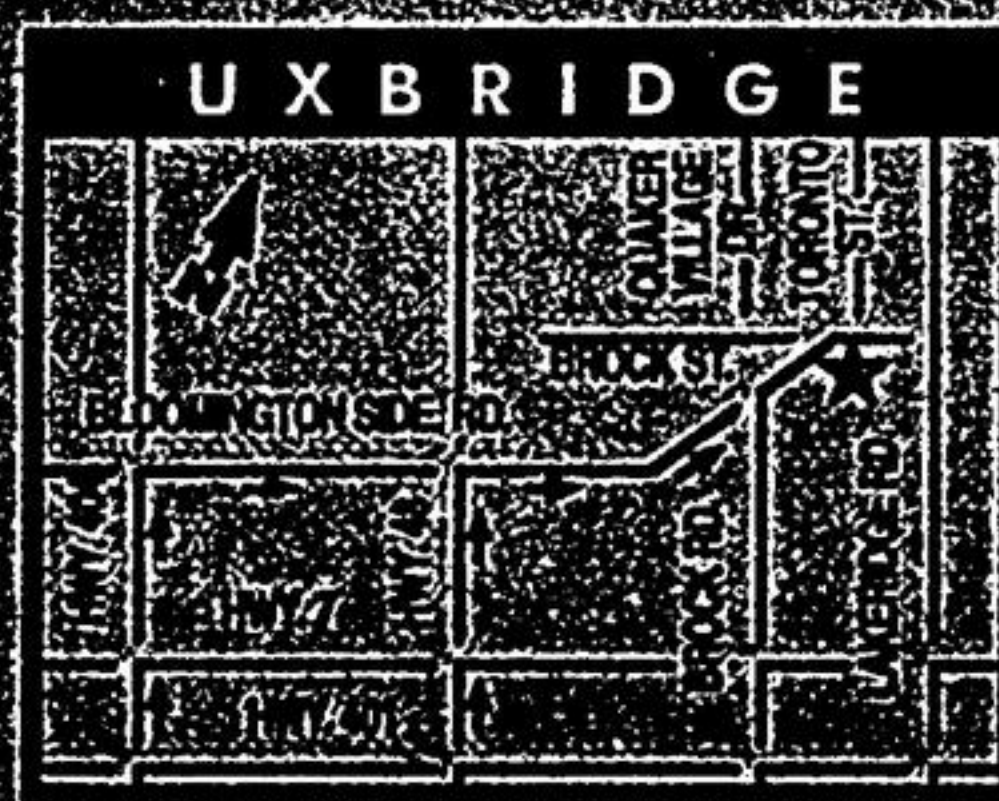
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