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Ready to spring forward?  
 Daylight Savings Time  
 begins on Sunday at 2  
 a.m.; clocks go ahead one

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**EVENT:** Parade honouring juvenile Clipper champs  
**WHEN:** Today, 4:30 p.m. (see story on page 25)  
**WHERE:** Main Street, from the Stouffville Arena



**20** Dealing with  
 death: Play helps  
 doctors deliver the  
 ultimate in bad news.

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LIBERAL LEADER MCGUINTY VISITS MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL, HIGH SCHOOL

## Health centres the answer

BY JESSICA ROWLANDS  
*Special*

Ontario's current shortage of doctors shouldn't be a hindrance to launching 150 community health centres across Ontario, provincial Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty said in Milliken Thursday.

McGuinty made the proposal before speaking to a group of OAC students at Milliken Mills High

School. Afterwards, he told the media one reason for the current doctor shortage is they're often overworked and lack support.

"(These centres will be a) better environment in which to practice medicine because you (work with a) team," said Mr. McGuinty, who also visited Markham Stouffville Hospital. "They will draw doctors from fee-for-service practices into

these family centre practices."

McGuinty said family doctors will enjoy improved work environments in his centres. By having a team of health care professionals available, patients can consult them all in one visit. His proposal calls for the centres to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They carry a price tag of \$150 million.

"When we have them up and

running, it will take a lot of pressure off our emergencies rooms," said Mr. McGuinty.

"They will not only treat you when you're sick, they keep you well. It's all about health promotion.

"And if we are keeping people healthy, instead of treating them when they are sick, in the long term we will save money."

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## Crimefighting high above York Region inside Air2

Police chopper lights  
 up clubs, drug houses

BY ROGER VARLEY  
*Staff Writer*

A beam of blue light stabbed through the darkness, illuminating the parking lot of a Markham nightclub below.

Slowly, Air2, the York Regional Police helicopter, circled the building. It was before 10 p.m. on Saturday night and there was little activity outside the club.

"It will pick up later," said Const. Dave Saunders. "Usually there are lineups to get in about 3 a.m. That (the searchlight) is just to let them know we're around."

It was the Viva Night Club on Woodbine Avenue near Hwy. 407, the scene of a fatal stabbing last February. The club was one of several Const. Saunders and his civilian pilot, Sebastian Filion, illuminated during the first half of their shift in the Enstrom 480 turbine helicopter.

"Operationally, this is our gig," said Const. Saunders. "Where we go, we decide."

The shift began at a small airport in Holland Landing, where the Air2 unit is based.

Lifting off at 8:15 p.m., the crew's first task was to assist canine handler Const. Bill Charnock in a training exercise as he tried to locate another police officer in the dark fields south of the airport. To the naked eye, the area was pitch black. With the aid

See CHOPPER, page 4.



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

### DRIVE-THRU DAFFODILS

Peter and Doris Robertson of Stouffville try some drive-in sales at the window at the Canadian Cancer Society offices in Markham in preparation for the annual daffodil sale that starts today in Stouffville and Markham.

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