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That the thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Unionville Train Station Community Rooms (on Main Street, Unionville just north and west of the railway line)

Followed at 8:30 pm by a presentation by Guest Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Pohlman, Past President, of the Ontario Psychological Association

Topic: "Prescriptions for Family Harmony."

Dated at Markham, the 5th day of June, 2002

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Last year's NHL playoff run hurt hockey Hall of Famer's polo game

At last year's Polo for Heart tournament, former NHL defenceman Larry Robinson scored twice as his Montreal team bowed 9-6 to a Toronto squad.

But Mr. Robinson, assistant coach of the NHL's New Jersey Devils, had some help getting on the score sheet — a 1,200-pound Argentinian thoroughbred horse called Galleta.

Mr. Robinson, a member of hockey's Hall of Fame and a former star defenceman for the Montreal Canadiens and Los Angeles Kings, played forward on a Montreal-based polo team on the final day of the 2002 charity match.

"I think I was the weak link out there," said a modest Mr. Robinson after the game, even though he was named most valuable player for his team.

"They felt sorry for the old guy who hasn't had much chance to ride lately," Mr. Robinson said. "When we go as far as we did in the playoffs — and that's a good thing — it cuts into my polo time."

As coach of the New Jersey Devils, Mr. Robinson was thoroughly occupied by the Stanley Cup playoffs up to the week of Polo for Heart. Mr. Robinson's Devils eventually lost to Colorado in the seventh game of the 2001 Stanley Cup final. "I still think we were the better team," he said, "but we didn't play up to our potential."

Mr. Robinson first began to play polo almost 20 years ago when he was still a member of the high-flying Montreal Canadiens and had made some friends who played the fast-paced game often described as "hockey on horseback".

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"Friends invited me out, loaned me a horse and I was hooked," Mr. Robinson said. The game, in which two teams of four riders compete to knock a wooden ball into the goal, is a "tremendous challenge", he said.

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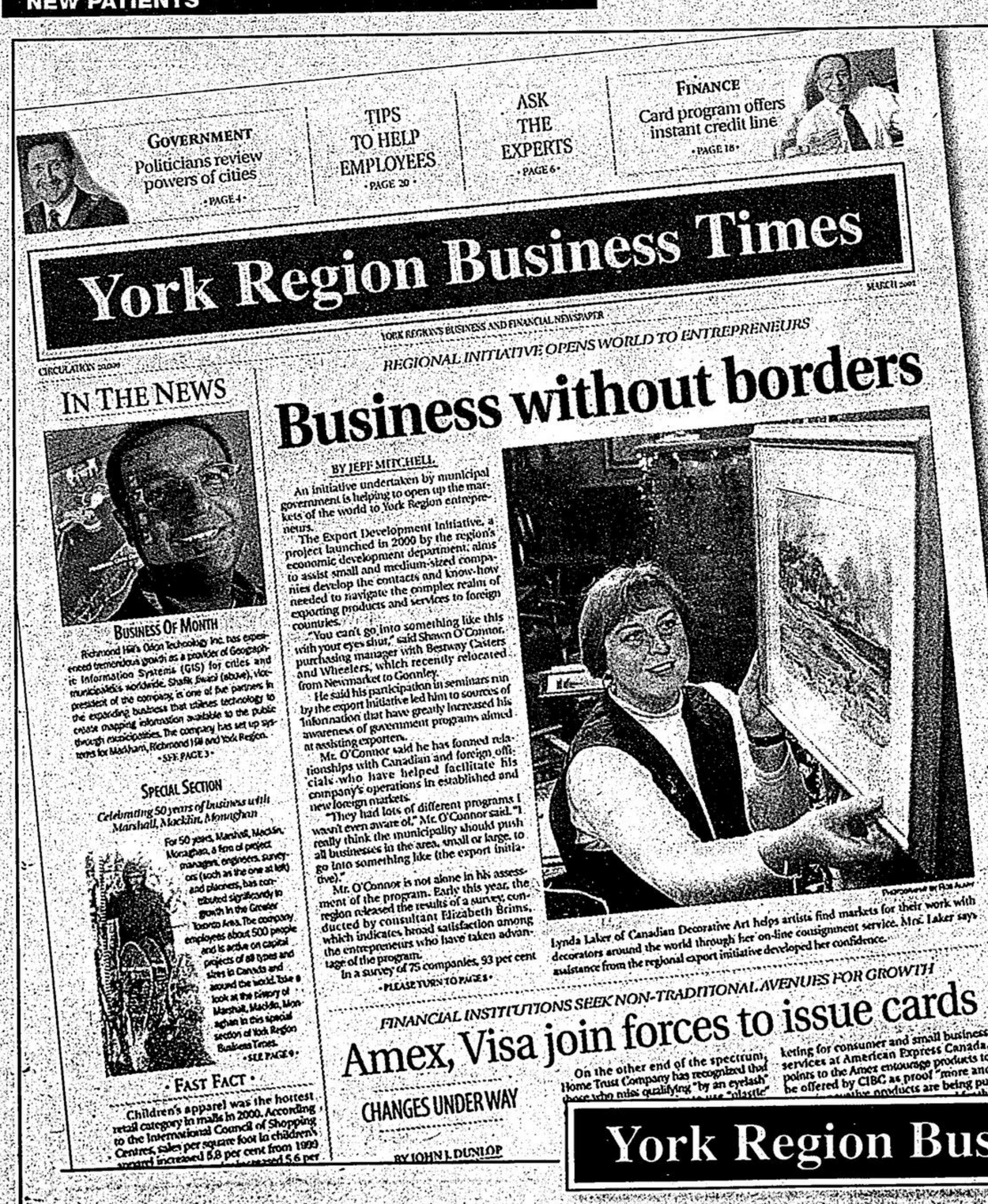
Galleta, the horse Mr. Robinson rode for one of the game's four periods, or "chukkers", won a special award for best playing pony.

Mr. Robinson said he's puzzled why polo is not more popular, since it shares many characteristics with hockey, including rapid action, body contact and shots that can travel more than 100 miles an hour, with polo ponies travelling at 40 mph across the playing field.

Part of the difficulty, he said, is relatively few people play the game, which requires access to a string of at least four polo ponies.

It's also difficult to televise, because the field is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide, the size of nine football fields.

Mr. Robinson must have had a good time at last year's Polo for Heart tournament. He signed up early on the roster for this year's game.



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