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BRIEFLY

Think spring at garden seminar

Winter weather depressing? The first of Goodwood Gardens' free seminar series takes place on Saturday in the greenhouse at 378 Hwy. 47, east of Goodwood. Well-known television personality and garden designer Denis Flanagan of Home & Garden Television headlines the series. The Stouffville resident hosts *The Indoor Gardener* and *One Garden Two Looks* on HGTV. For further details call (905) 640-4852.

NHL employee has dream job

Stouffville's Dave Baker is paid to watch a lot of NHL hockey games on TV. The league's technical manager of officiating works out of the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. He watches the replays and lines up the man when he takes in a game, not the goal scorers. See story on page 12.



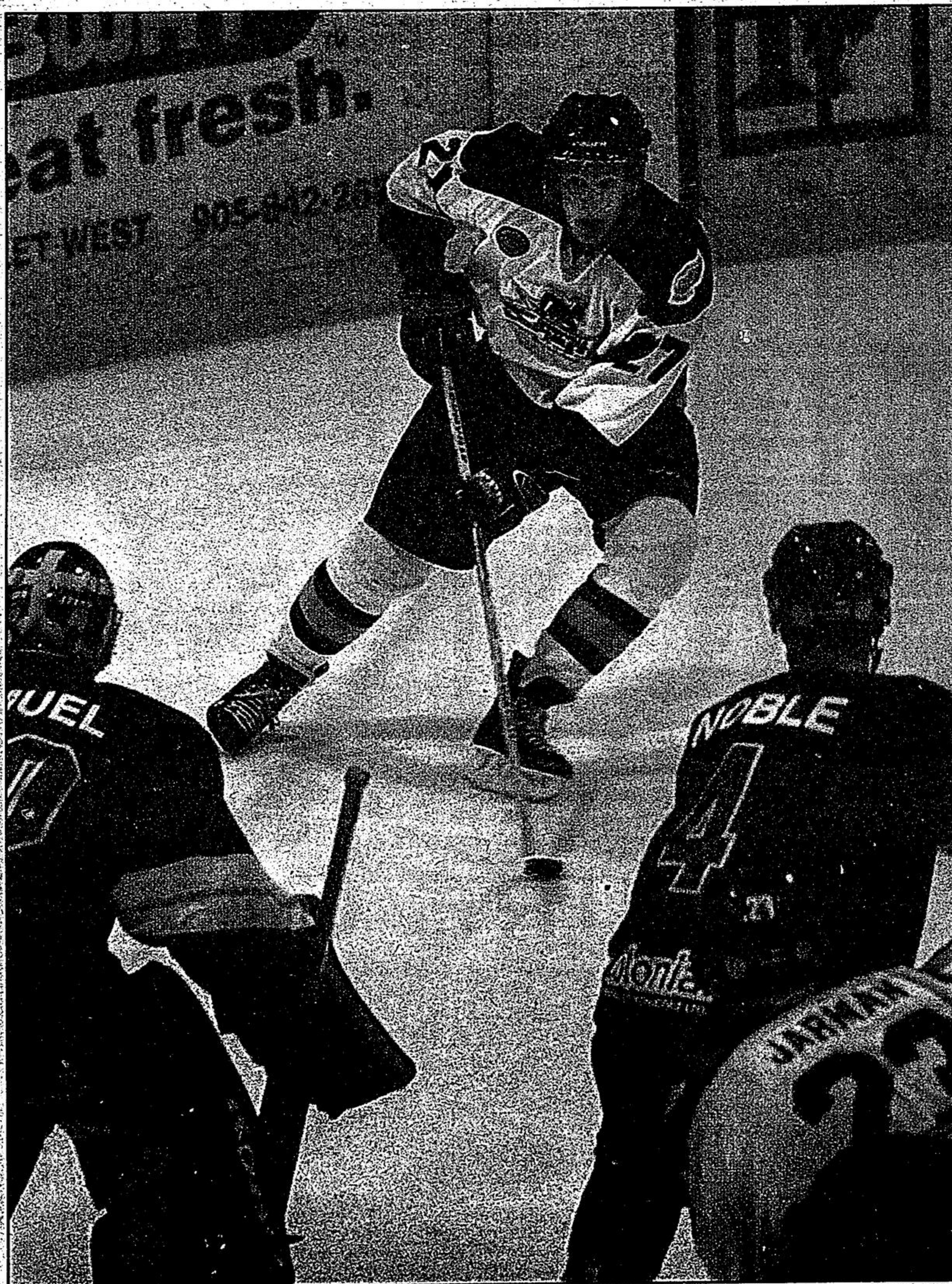
DAVE BAKER

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The snow was where it shouldn't be."
Bruce Gilbert of France Auto Service on the wet and slushy. See page 5.

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ZEROING IN: Stouffville Spirit forward Mike Sullivan (27) goes for the net against Newmarket Hurricanes goalie Sean Samuel and Logan Noble during playoff action at Stouffville Arena Saturday. Spirit teammate Kevin Jarman looks for a rebound. The Spirit won 3-2 Saturday and 5-2 Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game four goes tonight at 8:30 at the Stouffville Arena.

BILL ROBERTS PHOTO

Stouffville resident survives tragic trek

By Joan Ransberry
Stouffville Sun

The Markham hockey community along with students and staff of a Scarborough school were shocked to learn a weekend snowmobile accident claimed the life of a coach and their school principal.

A snowmobile plunged through the ice near Parry Sound early Saturday morning, killing Jon Storie of Unionville. Meanwhile, the passenger on the snowmobile, a Stouffville man, managed to pull himself to safety.

Mr. Storie, 52, had taken a break from his job as principal of Scarborough's Glamorgan Jr. Public School and from his coaching duties with the Markham Waxers Bantam A team to join his friend, Brad Raithby, to go snowmobiling in the Parry Sound area.

The weekend get-away turned tragic when the OPP were called to Isabella Lake at 2 a.m. in response to a snowmobile going through the ice, said OPP Sgt. Steve Kramer.

Two persons were riding on a single snowmobile and entered open water at the mouth of the Sequin River at Isabella Lake, said Sgt. Kramer.

One person managed to surface and get himself back on the ice. Efforts to rescue the remaining person were unsuccessful.

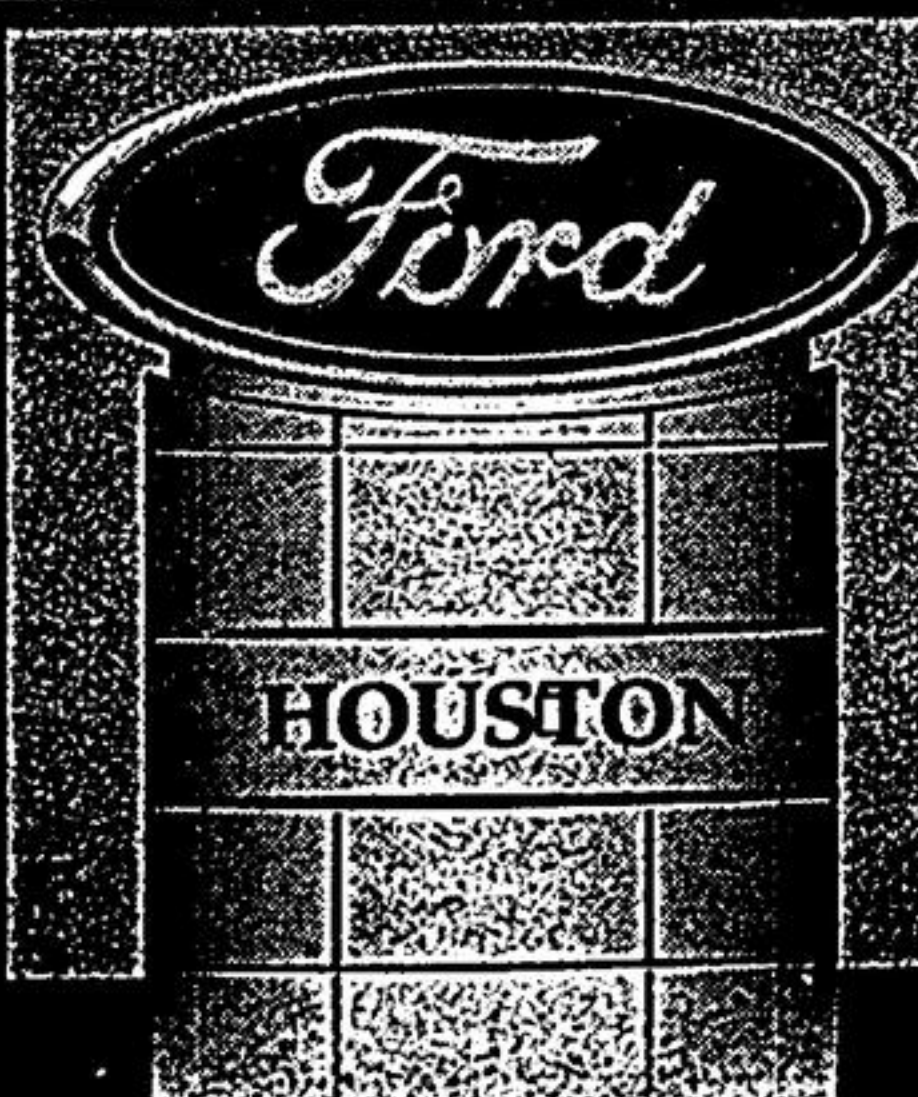
An OPP dive team recovered Mr. Storie's body on Saturday afternoon, while Mr. Raithby, 42, was treated for hypothermia on the lake, located 40 kilometres outside of Parry Sound.

Mr. Raithby is recovering at his Stouffville home.

Mr. Storie will be especially missed by the boys he coached, said Bill Jefferson, past president of the Markham Waxers.

"Jon was well liked and well respected," said Mr. Jefferson. "Jon ran a very good hockey pro-

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