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## 'Skimming' victims sought by police

Stouffville woman lost \$3,000 in scam

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*Staff Writer*

High-tech thieves, using a debit card "skimming" device at an undisclosed location in Stouffville, netted more than \$3,000 from one local woman last weekend and other victims are out there, police say.

The woman, who asked not to be named, wants to warn others about the scam that made her "stomach do flip-flops" when she checked her balance Monday morning.

"I went to the bank early to deposit my paycheque and another cheque. I had been to the bank Friday, so I knew what the balance was, but it showed it as being less than I had on Friday, even after the deposit," she said.

She continued on her way to work, but logged on to an on-line banking system when she arrived at her office.

"At that point, I was missing \$2,700. So I changed all my pass codes and contacted the bank. Between the time I did that and the time the teller called up my account, another \$300 was missing on a merchant purchase," she said.

The teller put a capture on the fraudulent card, meaning the machine will destroy it or purchases will be declined the next time it's used. Then the woman called police.

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RECORD REGISTRATION STRESSES STUDENTS, DELAYS START

## Summer school scramble

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Registering for summer school was a lesson in frustration for Gail Tedford.

Although her daughter, who wanted to take a math course, showed up at Markville Secondary School on the first day after school let out, she was told

all spots were taken and placed on a waiting list.

Calls to the board's continuing education department went unanswered, Ms Tedford said, so she called the main office at Markville to ask where to go next.

"I talked to one of the secretaries," she said.

"They're taking the brunt of

this because they're getting all kinds of irate parents not getting the proper response."

That call led to a number for a board superintendent, who, Ms Tedford said, gave her yet another phone number to call. It was that person who "finally got the ball rolling."

In the end, her daughter was

able to enrol in the first of two two-week sessions of summer school.

She started a day-and-a-half into the session, a delay that worries Ms Tedford, given the intensity of the program and the board's emphasis on mandatory attendance.

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### LESSON OF THE LAWN

Alan Badgery, a member of the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club, instructs newcomers to the game at an open house last Saturday. The event raised funds for the Parkview Home building fund. The club, in Memorial Park, hosts its Crossen Memorial Tournament today. See additional photo on page 18.

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