

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What is the most important issue in the Oct. 2 Ontario election?

— Asked in Stouffville

Julie BOULIANNE



There should not be teachers' strikes during the school year. Put more money into school books, supplies and extra-curricular activities.

Jerry AUGUSTINE



I want to have public hospitals. That means public money to build and service them. I am against privatizing any aspect of health care.

Mimi FORREST

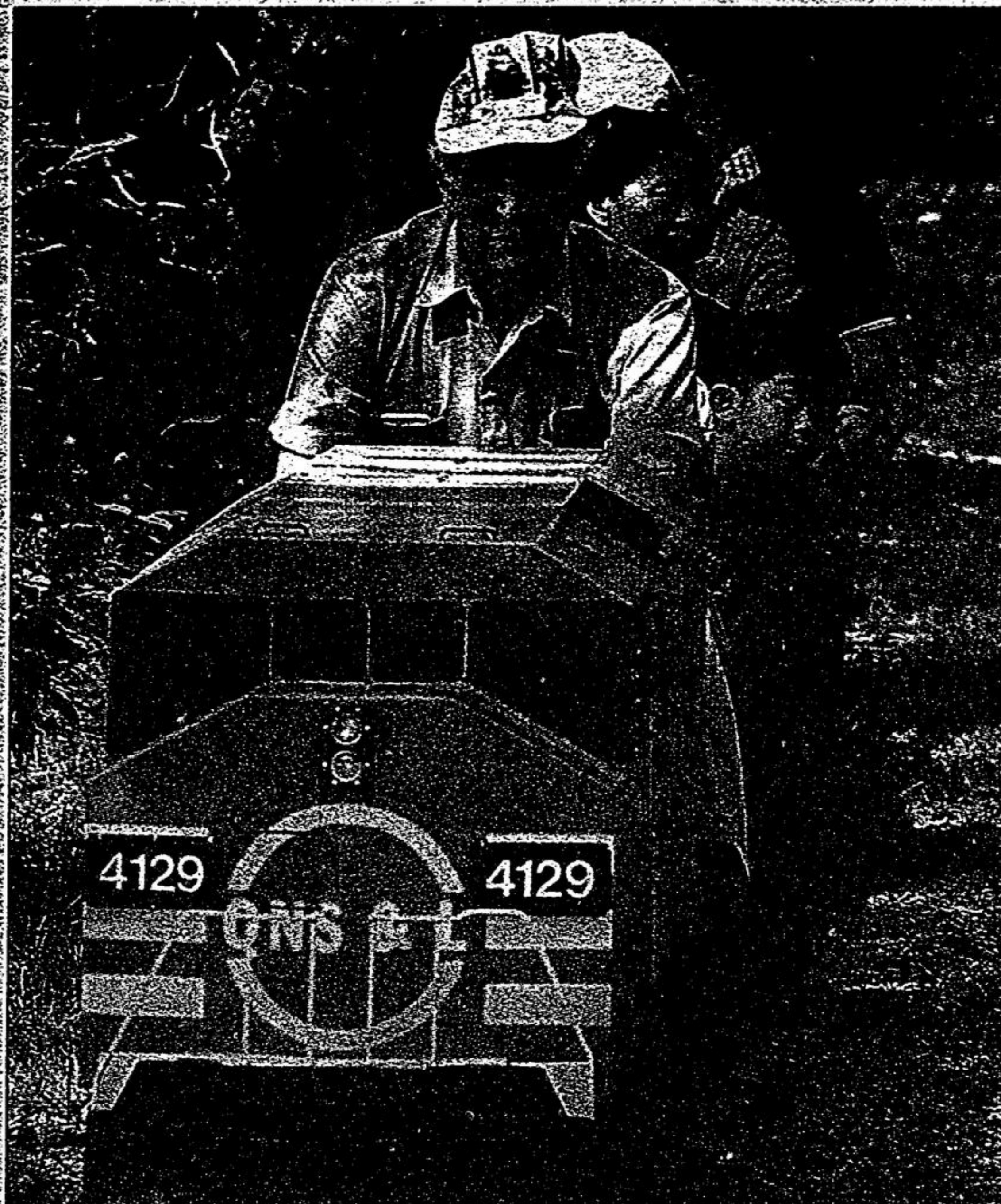


As a former teacher, education is important to me. The government should support and encourage teachers.

John HUTCHINSON



My major concern is the hydro problems and the fact that we don't have a good handle on where we are going with our hydro system.



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Terry's memory motivates brother

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

The young brother who ran with Terry Fox during his 1980 Marathon of Hope is coming to Stouffville.

Darrell Fox will be at the 21st Stouffville Terry Fox Run that starts 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Stouffville Arena.

He'll see participants ranging from adults who remember a young Terry Fox hop-skipping across the country with an artificial leg, to youngsters who were born years after the Marathon of Hope. It's a sight he has witnessed across Canada. He'll speak to participants at 1 p.m. before taking part in the run.

"Kids react very much to the story and the images of Terry's run. They are inspired by his story," said Mr. Fox, the national director of the Terry Fox Foundation. He travels around the country, talking to community groups and schools.

He calls the Marathon of Hope he joined May 31, 1980 in St. John, New Brunswick, an opportunity to witness what "I think was a miracle." Terry had started April 12 in St. John's, Nfld. "I was with him for three months," Mr. Fox said.

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me 23 years later."

The expressions of the people lining the Marathon of Hope route, with tears of concern and tears of joy for the determined 21-year-old is something Mr. Fox will never forget.

SCHOOLS HOST RUNS

Orchard Park and Glad Park public schools have held their own Terry Fox runs. St. Brigid Catholic School holds its first run this month. About 4,200 Canadian elementary schools host similar events each year.

Residents, businesses, organizations and sports teams keep the Terry Fox Run phenomenon growing. Among them is the Stouffville Spirit junior A hockey team, that hosts a car wash Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Houston Ford.

Craig Ballie of the Lebovic Leisure Centre's fitness centre is challenging members to complete Terry's run from Thunder Bay to Vancouver. Each activity at the fitness centre will be given points toward the total number of miles to be completed.

Stouffville's run has been organized by Sandy Schell Kennedy since 1990 around the time her 18-month-old nephew was diagnosed with Wilms' tumour (cancer of the kidney).

Jeremy Schell is now a healthy 15-year-old.

The Stouffville Terry Fox Run raised close to \$40,000 last year and more than \$400,000 in Stouffville since the run first started here in 1982. In terms of per capita giving, Stouffville ranks near the top across the country, Mr. Fox said.

Over the years, \$320 million has been raised across the country and around the world.

The funds have made a significant difference to today's cancer patients, Mr. Fox believes. If Terry had been diagnosed with his bone cancer today, he wouldn't have had his leg amputated and would probably still be alive today.

"Terry had 18 months of chemotherapy. Now he would have just six months," Mr. Fox said. "It is a gift to be in this position and have this opportunity of eradicating cancer," he added.

Terry Fox Run merchandise is available Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the A & P, Sobey's, Shopper's Drug Mart and the Lebovic centre.

Pledge sheets are available at centre, Stouffville Arena, Schell Lumber and the LCBO. Call 905-640-5528 for more information.

All aboard!

Five-year-old Dawson Li with mom, Fiona, peers around conductor Bernie Shearman aboard a diesel engine Dash 8-40CM during a free ride at the Richmond Hill Steamers at 15922 McCowan Rd., north of Aurora Road near Ballantrae. The non-profit group holds its open house Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission but donations are accepted. Call 416-261-9789 or 905-841-6059. See Our Town, page 15, for more.



Briefly

Getting a haircut for kids, cancer society

Stouffville's Donnie "Newfie" Curtis had his long curly blond hair shorn Sunday at the Royal Canadian Legion in Stouffville to benefit Wigs for Kids and the Canadian Cancer Society. He's challenging residents to come to the legion 6 p.m. to donate their hair. Above, doing a trial run with the scissors is Michael Carcone of Carcone's Auto Recycling. Mr. Curtis has collected around \$2,000 in pledges.

Correction

Canadian Cancer Ride Sept. 20 in forest

The 10th annual Great Canadian Ride for Cancer takes place Saturday, Sept. 20. A different date was published in the Stouffville Sun-Tribune's community calendar.

Sept. 13 is the final day for riders to register. The fee is \$30.

The ride takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the York Regional Forest starting from Al's Tack Shop on Vandorf Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Call 905-830-0447.

The Sun-Tribune regrets the error.

Quoteworthy

"Witnessing Terry running 26 miles a day — that image is with me 23 years later..."

Darrell Fox. See story on this page.

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